

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am Sunday, October 19, 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.

[Kneel]

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

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

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

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

Introit of the Day



[Antiphon] Remember your | con- gre- •gation•, || which | you have •purchased• of | old, || which you | have re- deemed || to be the tribe | of your her- i- | tage!

Verse 1: Remember this, O Lord, how the | •ene•- my scoffs, || and a foolish | •people• re- viles your | name. || Do not deliver the soul of your dove to the | wild_ beasts; || do not forget the life | of your poor for- | •ever•.

Verse 2: Let not the downtrodden turn | back in shame; || let the poor and | need- y praise your | name. || Have regard for the | cov- e- nant, || Arise, O | God, de- fend your | cause.

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

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Kyrie



Gloria in Excelsis



1. Glory be to God on high: And on earth . . . peace good will •toward• men
2. We praise Thee, we we glorify Thee,
bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee, we give thanks to | Thee, for Thy great •glory•.



3. O Lord God, heav'n- ly King, God, the Fa- ther Al-____ •mighty•,
4. O Lord, the only- O Lord God, begotten Son, Je- sus Christ; Lamb of God, . . . Son____ of the •Father•,



5. That takest away the . . sin •of the • world, have mercy up - - - - - on____ us.
6. Thou that takest away the sin •of the • world, re - - - - - ceive our •prayer•
7. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the •Father•, have mercy up - - - - - on____ us.



8. For Thou •only• art •holy• Thou on - - - ly art the Lord.
9. Thou, only, O art most Christ, with the . . . Ho - - ly Ghost; high in the | •glory• of God the •Father•. A-men.

Salutation

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir— it.

Collect for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost: *O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 **Genesis 32:22-30**

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

Epistle of the Day **2 Timothy 3:14-4:5**

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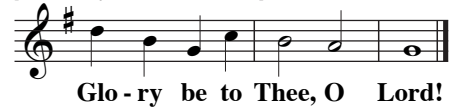
[Rise] **Alleluia Sequence**

[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! “I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” Alleluia!*

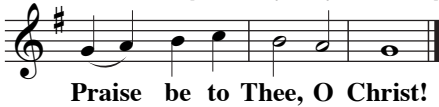


Holy Gospel **St. Luke 18:1-8**

[The Gospel is announced.]



[The Gospel is proclaimed.]



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 I Trust, O Lord, Burgundy Hymn 734

[Rise for Stanza 5.]

[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.

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 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.

[Kneel] 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 **Why Should Cross** **Burgundy Hymn 756**

Entrust Your Days **Burgundy Hymn 754**

[Rise]

Eucharistic Benediction

The Body and Blood of your Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting! ✠ Depart in Peace! Amen!

Post-Communion Canticle The Nunc Dimittis



1. Lord now— lettest Thou Thy
servant, de- part— in — peace, ac- cord-ing to Thy Word.

2. For mine__ eyes have seen
Thy Salvation,
which Thou hast pre- pared__ be— fore the face of all__ people.

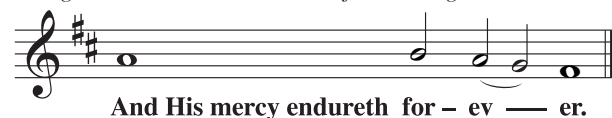


3. a Light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the Glo- ry of Thy peo-ple Is - - - - ra-el.



Post Communion Rite

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



Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



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 Who Trusts in God Burgundy Hymn 714

Postlude

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Readings for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading is Genesis 32:22-30

The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

The Epistle is 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

The Gospel is Luke 18:1-8

[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge

who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’” And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

Hymns for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

LSB734 I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name

Adam Reusner

1. I trust, O Lord, Your holy name;
O let me not be put to shame
Nor let me be confounded.
My faith, O Lord, Be in Your Word Forever firmly grounded.
2. Bow down Your gracious ear to me
And hear my cry, my prayer, my plea;
Make haste for my protection,
For woes and fear Surround me here. Help me in my affliction.
3. You are my strength, my shield, my rock,
My fortress that withstands each shock,
My help, my life, my tower,
My battle sword, Almighty Lord — Who can resist Your power?
4. With You, O Lord, I cast my lot;
O faithful God, forsake me not,
To You my soul commending.
Lord, be my stay, And lead the way Now and when life is ending.
- △ 5. All honor, praise, and majesty
To Father, Son, and Spirit be,
Our God forever glorious,
In whose rich grace We run our race Till we depart victorious.

LSB756 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

Paul Gerhardt

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1. Why should cross and trial grieve me?
Christ is near With His cheer; Never will He leave me.
Who can rob me of the heaven
That God's Son For me won When His life was given?
2. When life's troubles rise to meet me,
Though their weight May be great, They will not defeat me.
God, my loving Savior, sends them;
He who knows All my woes Knows how best to end them.
3. God gives me my days of gladness,
And I will Trust Him still When He send me sadness.

God is good; His love attends me
Day by day, Come what may, Guides me and defends me.

4. From God's joy can nothing sever,
For I am His dear lamb, He, my Shepherd ever;
I am His because He gave me
His own blood For my good, By His death to save me.
5. Now in Christ, death cannot slay me,
Though it might, Day and night, Trouble and dismay me.
Christ has made my death a portal
From the strife Of this life To His joy immortal!

LSB754 Entrust Your Days and Burdens

Paul Gerhardt

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1. Entrust your days and burdens To God's most loving hand;
He cares for you while ruling The sky, the sea, the land.
For He who guides the tempests Along their thund'rous ways
Will find for you a pathway And guide you all your days.
2. Rely on God your Savior And find your life secure.
Make His work your foundation That your work may endure.
No anxious thought, no worry, No self-tormenting care
Can win your Father's favor; His heart is moved by prayer.
3. Take heart, have hope, my spirit, And do not be dismayed;
God helps in ev'ry trial And makes you unafraid.
Await His time with patience Through darkest hours of night
Until the sun you hoped for Delights your eager sight.
4. Leave all to His direction; His wisdom rules for you
In ways to rouse your wonder At all His love can do.
Soon He, His promise keeping, With wonder-working pow'rs
Will banish from your spirit What gave you troubled hours.
5. O blessed heir of heaven, You'll hear the song resound
Of endless jubilation When you with life are crowned.
In your right hand your maker Will place the victor's palm,
And you will thank Him gladly With heaven's joyful psalm.
6. Our hands and feet, Lord, strengthen; With joy our spirits bless"
Until we see the ending Of all our life's distress.
And so throughout our lifetime Keep us within Your care
And at our end then bring us To heav'n to praise You there.

1. Who trusts in God A strong abode In heav'n and earth possesses;
Who looks in love To Christ above, No fear that heart oppresses.
In You alone, dear Lord, we own Sweet hope and consolation,
Our shield from foes, Our balm for woes, Our great and sure salvation.
2. Though Satan's wrath Beset our path And worldly scorn assail us,
While You are near, We shall not fear; Your strength shall never fail us.
Your rod and staff Will keep us safe And guide our steps for ever;
Nor shades of death Nor hell beneath Our lives from You will sever.
3. In all the strife Of mortal life Our feet shall stand securely;
Temptation's hour Will lose its pow'r, For You will guard us surely.
O God, renew With heav'nly dew Our body, soul, and spirit
Until we stand At Your right hand Through Jesus' saving merit.

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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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 and Bob Ockree
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Estella Ramirez, Ruth Reid, Dick Hollman, Art Litke, Henry Williams Debra Busche, Sarah Hollman, Richard Lammert, 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
- + For the gift of life and for length of days especially for the healthy birth of Ruth Elizabeth Bahr to Nathaniel and Marie Bahr, and for pregnant mothers Jennifer Wessel, Hannah Fink, and Rachel Wiegman
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones, especially the Willodean Bates family
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Willodean Bates
- + 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 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Altar Vases are given in celebration of the 21st birthday of Hailey Brooks and the 18th birthday Amelia Brooks by their grandparents Janeen and Dave Kaiser. Please complete an attendance communion card, including the names of all children, and indicate if you are communing. Non-members, please read the back of the card.

CALENDAR

October 19, 2025 thru October 25, 2025

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service (CLHS Orchestra)	Church
	10:45 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:45 AM	Alternate Adult/Teen Class	Conference Room
MON.	All Day	Pastor at Pastors' Conference	Noblesville
TUES.	9:00 AM	Weekday Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	All Day	Pastor at Pastors' Conference	Noblesville
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion Bible Study	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS.			
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
	3:00 PM	Trunk or Treat	Parking lot

October 26, 2025 (Reformation, transferred)

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:45 AM	Education Council	Church
	10:45 AM	Education Hour	

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: Genesis 15:6—“And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness. ” Last week’s verse was 1 John 4:2.

PASTOR PUNKE will be at a Pastors’ Conference on Monday and Tuesday. For pastoral care, call the office and Melvia will dispatch an elder to pray with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH has been prepared and will be prayed today by Fieldworker Nate Demlow. He will also pray the post-communion collect.

WELCOME to the CLHS orchestra under the direction of Mr. Brandon Eiler, Concordia families, and any teachers and administrators. We’re glad you’re here and look forward to the orchestra’s contribution to the Divine Service. A brief presentation by CLHS will take place during announcements. We do have the Lord’s Supper at Zion today as we do every Lord’s Day. Members of LCMS churches are welcome to receive the Lord’s Supper. Members of non-LCMS churches are welcome to receive a baptismal blessing; please indicate that by crossing your arms across your chest.

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.”

LSUS: if you have any fall/harvest decorations that you aren’t using, please consider donating them to LSUS by November 3rd. Contact Erica Pearson (260-744-0459) for more info.

WE CAN FACE COMPETING PRIORITIES when we think about planning our estates someday. To work on your Christian Estate Plan today, you must decide if you are more controlled by past goals or future desires. What does your family look like today? How does that compare to what it looked like twenty years ago? You might have more children, or the presence of grandchildren. God may have called some family members home. Marriage may have changed circumstances of family. Some family members might be facing a health crisis, a financial crisis or mental health challenge that wasn’t present before. Your estate plans may need to change as a result. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you begin taking account of these changes, helping you to begin thinking of modifications needed for your estate plan. Contact Mark Muehl at mark.muehl@lfnf.org or 260-241-4845.

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 in the Great Hall on the round table.

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.

WORSHIP ANEW is seeking seniors to read devotions for seniors. Worship Anew records each of its daily Hope-Full Living devotions to air online and on our app. We are seeking senior males and females for the audio recordings. Times are flexible. The process will begin with a test session. Please contact 260-471-5683 or thomas@worshipanew.org if interested.

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 18:1-8

Matthew 15:1-20

Matthew 15:21-39

Matthew 16:1-12

Matthew 16:13-28

Matthew 17:1-13

Matthew 17:14-27

DAILY LECTIONARY

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Evening Prayer

Genesis 32:22-30

Deuteronomy 19:1-20

Deuteronomy 20:1-20

Deuteronomy 21:1-23

Deuteronomy 24:10-25:10

Deuteronomy 25:17-26:19

Deuteronomy 27:1-26

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

Reformation Day

Revelation 14:6-7

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Faith that Wrestles with God, But Doesn't Let Go

I will not let you go, unless you bless me.

Why do you not let him go? Your thigh is hurt and you are already lame; what will you do? "I feel no weakness," says Jacob. Who is strengthening you? "Faith, the promise, and indeed, this weakness of faith." In this manner God is conquered when faith does not leave off, is not wearied, and does not cease but presses and urges on. ...

Such examples teach us that faith should not yield or cease urging or pressing on even when it is already feeling God's wrath and not only death and sin. This is the power and strength of the Spirit. Christ, while still wrestling with Jacob and with His omnipotence concealed, wants to be dismissed, but Jacob replies: "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ...

This was assuredly a beautiful and illustrious faith and an outstanding example which shows the method and skill of striving with God. For we should not immediately cast aside courage and all hope at the first blow but press on, pray, seek, and knock. Even though He is already thinking of leaving, do not cease but keep on following Him ...

Even if He hides Himself in a room in the house and does not want access to be given to anyone, do not draw back but follow. If He does not want to listen, knock at the door of the room; raise a shout! For this is the highest sacrifice, not to cease praying and seeking until we conquer Him. He has already surrendered Himself to us so that we may be certain of victory, for He has bound Himself to His promises and pledged His faithfulness with an oath, saying (John 16:23): "Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father, He will give it to you in My name."

Luther's Works, 6:139-40.

Summary of meeting of the Council of Elders, October 2, 2025
(The following summary is being provided in accordance with the congregation's bylaws, §VIII)

Attendance:

Elders present: R. Lammert (chairman), A. Litke (secretary), F. Jackson, W. Krause.

Elder absent: T. Muehl, J. Teasdale, K. Vlot.

Pastor present: Pr. Punke.

Pastor Punke led the elders in a devotion by continuing the reading of Article V of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession.

In his pastor's report, Pastor Punke reported on an upcoming baptism and a transfer of member to Zion, on health and other concerns among Zion's members, on expectant mothers, on the installation of the new seminary field worker, and on Zion's 40 Days for Life prayer day. He also reported on LSUS, on CLHS, and on issues related to repairs necessitated by the lightning strike in April. Pastor Punke reported that he and Jim Crouse are Zion's delegates to the Circuit Forum on October 9.

The elders reviewed Pillar 1, Goal #1: "In the current quarter of the calendar year, Zion will experience a 10% increase in average worship attendance over the same quarter of the previous year." Generally at the date of the elders' meeting (the first Tuesday of the month) statistics for the previous month's attendance at the Divine Service are not yet available. Thus, the elders will usually be a month behind in assessing progress on the goal. At the November meeting of the council, the elders will review numbers for October of this year and last year. Also at the November meeting, the elders will begin working with Pastor o how and when to make contact with the longer-term

inactive members (those who have not attended for more than four weeks).

The elders reviewed Pillar 2, Goal #1: “In January of 2025, Zion will commence an annual opportunity for providing resources and training for members to gain confidence in inviting neighbors to Zion.” The *Every One His Witness* workshop scheduled to begin on September 20 was canceled for lack of sufficient participants. The elders will work on scheduling another workshop in early 2026.

The elders reviewed Pillar 2, Goal #4: “The Council of Elders will work through an ad-hoc committee with the Administrative Council and Education Council to determine whether to proceed and how to proceed to respond to the results of the CADDs survey, with a report by October 31, 2025.” The ad-hoc committee was not able to finish their work by the end of September; the date to achieve the goal has been extended to the end of October.

The elders finished reviewing and amending the congregational document *The Wedding Service at Zion*, last updated on August 8, 2015. The document was approved by the council. Pastor Punke will prepare the document in a printed format similar to the previous document.

The meeting was closed by praying Compline.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard A. Lammert, Chairman

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

Built Up...with Christ at the Center



Concordia Lutheran High School's growth is seen in our students — their love for the community, their academic vigor, their leadership, and their commitment to the Gospel. This year, our theme is "Built Up...with Christ at the Center." It is based on the verses Colossians 2:6-7.

It is the support of Zion Lutheran Church that helps these students and so many more like them succeed at CLHS. Your students receive \$1,200 through your congregational scholarship in addition to other financial aid. Your gifts ensure the success of our students. We thank you for all that you do.

Meet your students at CLHS



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Magdalina Bahr, 12



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Christmas at the Embassy

Christ is Born:
The World in Stillness Lay

December 14, 2025 | 4:00 p.m.

At the Historic Embassy Theatre



Concordia Lutheran
High School

LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!

Please pray for these students/staff:

Anthony	Ja'veah
Jariah	Cain
Joy	Caleb
Estrella	Mrs. Wiegman
Ade	Miss Case
DaMonica	Nurse Beverly



Smiles, Snow Cones, and Service!



Seventh graders recently visited Lutheran Life Villages, a senior living community bringing joy and building connections with elderly residents through fun, meaningful activities.

The visit included classic games, cheerful conversations, and even a mini spa session where students painted residents' fingernails. In another area, students prepared and handed out snow cones, much to the delight of residents and staff alike. Laughter and excitement filled the room during a lively balloon toss in the Memory Care unit, a simple yet joyful activity that encouraged movement and interaction.



The experience wasn't just enriching for the residents. Many students came away from the visit feeling inspired and grateful. LSUS hopes to continue

building on this partnership with Lutheran Life Villages, reinforcing the values of compassion, service, and community in the hearts of its students.





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**



Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you. — Acts 3:19-20