

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am Sunday, November 16, 2025

RECEIVING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT ZION

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

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

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

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

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] Truly, I | say to you __, || this generation will not pass away until | all has tak- en | place. || Heaven and earth will | pass a- way __, || but my words | will not pass a- | way.

Verse 1: I lift up my eyes | to the hills __. || From | where does my help | come? || My help comes | from the Lord __, || who | made __ •heaven• and | earth.

Verse 2: The LORD | is your keep- er; || the LORD is your | shade on your right | hand. || The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will | keep your life __. || The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth | and for- ev- er- | more.

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!

[Antiphon] Truly, I | say to you __, || this generation will not pass away until | all has tak- en | place. || Heaven and earth will | pass a- way __, || but my words | will not pass a- | way.

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.
 A - - - - - men.

Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir— it.

Collect for Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost: *O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, 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..... **Malachi 4:1-6**

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

Epistle of the Day **2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

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

[Rise] **Alleluia Sequence**

[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! “Straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” Alleluia!*

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

Holy Gospel **St. Luke 21:5-28**

[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 The Day Is Surely Drawing Burgundy Hymn 508

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

Sermon

Installation of Council of Elders Committee Members

[Rise] Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs: [After each petition]:..., Lord, in Your mercy: Hear our prayer.

[After the final prayer]:..., one God, now and forever Amen.

[Be Seated] Offerings, Voluntary

[Rise] Offertory 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.

And with thy spir - it.

Lift up your hearts.

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.



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!



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 O Savior, Rend Burgundy Hymn 355

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

Christ is Surely Coming .. Burgundy Hymn 509

[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.



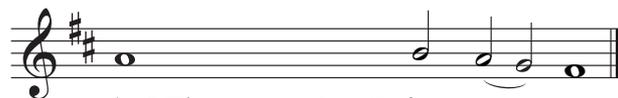
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the __ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.

Bless we the Lord.



And with thy spir — rit.



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 Lo! He Comes Burgundy Hymn 336

Postlude

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Readings for the Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading is Malachi 4:1-6

“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

The Epistle is 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone’s bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

The Gospel is Luke 21:5-28

While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, “As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things

are about to take place?” And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.”

Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.

“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Hymns for the Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

LSB508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

Bartholomäus Ringwaldt

1. The day is surely drawing near When Jesus, God's anointed,
In all His power shall appear As judge whom God appointed.
Then fright shall banish idle mirth, And flames on flames shall ravage earth
As Scripture long has warned us.
2. The final trumpet then shall sound And all the earth be shaken,
And all who rest beneath the ground Shall from their sleep awaken.
But all who live will in that hour, By God's almighty, boundless pow'r,
Be changed at His commanding.
- M 3. The books are opened then to all, A record truly telling
What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was dwelling,
And ev'ry heart be clearly seen, And all be known as they have been
In thoughts and words and actions.
- W 4. Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but carnal pleasures,
Who here despised His precious Word And loved their earthly treasures!
With shame and trembling they will stand And at the judge's stern command
To Satan be delivered.
- M 5. My Savior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free, And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!
- W 6. May Christ our intercessor be And through His blood and merit
Read from His book that we are free With all who life inherit.
Then we shall see Him face to face, With all His saints in that blest place
Which He has purchased for us.
7. O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way In fear and tribulation.
O hear and grant our fervent plea; Come, mighty judge, and make us free
From death and ev'ry evil.

LSB355 O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide

Friedrich von Spee

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1. O Savior, rend the heavens wide;
Come down, come down with mighty stride;
Unlock the gates, the doors break down;
Unbar the way to heaven's crown.

2. O Father, light from heaven send;
As morning dew, O Son, descend.
Drop down, you clouds, the life of spring;
To Jacob's line rain down the King.
3. O earth, in flow'ring bud be seen;
Clothe hill and dale in garb of green.
Bring forth, O earth, a blossom rare,
Our Savior, sprung from meadow fair.
4. O Fount of hope, how long, low long?
When will You come with comfort strong?
O come, O come, Your throne forego;
Console us in our vale of woe.
5. O Morning Star, O radiant Sun,
When will our hearts behold Your dawn?
O Sun, arise; without Your light
We grope in gloom and dark of night.
6. Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies;
Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.
O come, lead us with mighty hand
From exile to our promised land.
7. There shall we all our praises bring
And sing to You, our Savior King;
There shall we laud You and adore
Forever and forevermore.

LSB509 Christ Is Surely Coming

Christopher M. Idle

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1. Christ is surely coming Bringing His reward,
Alpha and Omega, First and Last and Lord:
Root and stem of David, Brilliant Morning Star:
Meet your Judge and Savior, Nations near and far!
2. See the holy city! There they enter in,
All by Christ made holy, Washed from ev'ry sin:
Thirsty ones, desiring All he loves to give,
Come for living water, Freely drink, and live!

3. Grace be with God's people! Praise His holy name!
Father, Son, and Spirit, Evermore the same;
Hear the certain promise From the eternal home:
"Surely I come quickly! Come, Lord Jesus, come!"

LSB336 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

Charles Wesley

1. Lo! He comes with clouds descending, Once for ev'ry sinner slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending Swell the triumph of His train;
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.
2. Ev'ry eye shall now behold Him Robed in glorious majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold Him, Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall their true Messiah see.
3. Those dear tokens of His passion Still His dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation To His ransomed worshipers.
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!
4. Yea, amen, let all adore Thee, High on Thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory, Claim the kingdom as Thine own.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and Thou alone!

The Twenty-third 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 (case being decided by the Finnish Supreme Court)
- + 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 Bob Ockree
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Estella Ramirez, Darryl Kirtz, Ruth Reid, Dick Hollman, Art Litke, Henry Williams, Debra Busche, 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 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, including the family of Larry Myers
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Larry Myers
- + 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 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given to the glory of God by Pastor and Marge Punke. 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

November 16, 2025 thru November 22, 2025

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:45 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:45 AM	Lutheran Identity study	Conference Room
MON.			
TUES.	9:00 AM	Weekday Bible Study	Bauer Hall
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 Study	Conference Room
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

November 23 2025

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service — The Last Sunday of the Church Year	Church
	10:45 AM	Education Hour	Various

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: Dr. Voelz is back and continues today in the Gospel according to St. Mark, in Bauer Hall. Sem. Josh Fuchs is leading the alternate adult/teenage class on Lutheran Identity, in the Conference Room..

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Ephesians 3:20-21—“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” Last week’s verse was 1 Thessalonians 5:23.

INGATHERING FOR SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP has begun, and people have been bringing in food for the seminary Food Co-op. There’s a table in the Great Hall with a list of food needs along with brown grocery bags for you to use as needed. As you are able, please purchase suggested items and bring them to church, and Pastor or Melvia will get them to the seminary. Our food collection will run until Dec 7th. Thanks for supporting the students and their families.

FALL CLEAN-UP: Thanks to everyone who helped with our fall cleanup, both inside and outside of the church. Your hard work is much appreciated.

THANKSGIVING is just eleven days away — November 27. We will have a Thanksgiving Matins prayer office that day, 9 AM. Put that on your calendar, and start your Thanksgiving Day right by offering thanks to God. Then, on Friday, we will be decorating for Advent and Christmas in church (Advent begins on November 30). Put that on your calendar, also. If you can help us get the church ready for the holiday season, please come at 9 AM. If all goes well, we should be done by around noon.

WE CAN FACE COMPETING PRIORITIES when we think about planning our estates someday. The big decision to make is whether an estate plan is merely a legal/financial activity or is it an activity of faith. Your will can include a Christian preamble, a statement of faith captured in permanent record, meant to give confession of your faith and encouragement for beneficiaries of your estate to practice faithful stewardship, just as you have. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor has samples to share with you to get you started. Contact Mark Muehl at mark.muehl@lfn.org or 260-241-4845.

CTSFW is seeking an advancement officer to represent our mission and vision to donors and supporters. Our ideal candidate is a relationship builder with strong interpersonal skills and deep care for donors’ faith, values, and legacy. Learn more at ctsfw.edu/employment.

CADETS IN CADENCE DINNER AUCTION: CLHS’s Cadets in Cadence Dinner Auction will be held on December 6, and now is the perfect time to get your tickets! This year’s theme, *Beneath the Stars, Beside the Waves*, promises an evening of elegance, fun, and fellowship. Visit www.CadetsInCadence.com for more information, to purchase tickets, or to explore sponsorship opportunities. Don’t wait, tickets often sell out quickly! We look forward to seeing you at this year’s Cadets in Cadence Dinner Auction.

SHARING PEACE CAFÉ: Peace Lutheran Church at 4900 Fairfield Ave is seeking a part-time café manager. This position has flexible hours and targets 15 hours per week. Café hours are currently 8 am–1 pm, Monday through Thursday, and 8:30 am–11 am, Sunday. If you are interested or have questions, please contact the café via email (cafeministry@peacelutheranfw.org), phone (260-458-9382), or call the church office (260-744-3869)

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH’S Men’s Club will once again be selling Christmas trees and wreaths this year to help fund the church and school. The tree lot is located at the Church-School, 4245 Lake Avenue. Christmas tree sales will begin on Saturday, November 23rd. The lot will be open 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturdays, and 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sundays. The proceeds from this fundraiser are used to support various projects and functions of the Concordia Church and school. A selection can be made from Scotch Pine, Douglas Fir, Fraser Fir, and Blue Spruce. Decorated wreaths are also available. Please assist us in this effort by purchasing your Christmas tree from the Concordia Men’s Club. Your patronage would be greatly appreciated.

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

DAILY LECTIONARY

Evening Prayer

Luke 21:5-28

**The Twenty-third Sunday
after Pentecost**

Malachi 4:1-6

Matthew 27:11-32

Monday

Jeremiah 33:1-22

Matthew 27:33-56

Tuesday

Jeremiah 37:1-21

Matthew 27:57-66

Wednesday

Jeremiah 38:1-28

Matthew 28:1-20

Thursday

Daniel 1:1-21

Revelation 18:1-24

Friday

Daniel 2:1-23

Revelation 19:1-21

Saturday

Daniel 2:24-49

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 Last Sunday of the Church Year

Malachi 3:13-18

Colossians 1:13-20

Luke 23:27-43



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Illumination and Protection in Christ

2. *And [the Sun of righteousness] will rise for you who fear.* In the Mosaic kingdom there is pure darkness. All things are hidden in mystery and are confused. Then the wicked will be separated from the righteous by something shining—obviously, by the open truth of God through the Gospel of Christ. Here you see the kingdom of Christ again described in such a way that it is the ministry of the Word. He is saying: “Indeed, a new Sun will shine.... It is the Sun of righteousness, who justifies, who sends out the sort of rays that make men righteous and free from their sins, who drives out every harmful attitude of fleshly lust. Those rays are the Word of the Gospel, which penetrates hearts and is seen as that Sun only by the eyes of the heart, that is, by faith. ... You see, it shines by the Holy Spirit. It shines day and night. Clouds do not hinder it. It is always rising. ‘It will rise for those of you who fear’ — who fear the name of God, obviously; that is, the humble, those who are not presumptuous, those who do not trust in their own works but recognize that they are sinners.”

With healing in His wings. Here you clearly see that we cannot explain this as the Last Day, when judgment will come. But now there will be salvation and protection under the shadow of Christ. Such, then, is the rule of Christ that He Himself is the Mediator and Protector, the way a hen protects her chicks from the hawk. Therefore, let everyone who wants to be safe from the wrath and judgment of God seek refuge under the wings of Christ. This is what the Law urges. Under the Law there is weakness and condemnation; under the wings of Christ, under the Gospel, there is strength and salvation. The Sun rises when the Gospel is preached. One hides under the wings when he believes. Therefore, although you may be a sinner, yet you will be safe when you flee for refuge under His wings.

Luther's Works, 18:417-18.

Summary of meeting of the Council of Elders, Nov. 6, 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, J. Teasdale.

Elder absent: T. Muehl, 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 report Pastor Punke updated the elders on a recent baptism and recent deaths/funerals. He reported on Zion's hosting of the Lutheran Senior Care Ministry's annual breakfast and meeting on September 25, on the 40 Days for Life prayers on October 1, and the RLNI banquet on October 14. He informed the elders regarding health issues, injuries, pregnancies, and other concerns among the members and friends of the congregation. Pastor Punke gave the elders an update on the progress of the recovery from the lightning strike last spring. He then reported on the fall pastors' conference, on LSUS and the LSUS board, on CLHS, and on the Circuit Forum on October 9. Finally, Pastor informed the elders that it is now time for the congregation to make nominations for synodical president, first vice president, and regional vice president, and to propose any overtures to the convention.

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." Up-to-date data are not yet available for September; the elders will work on this goal at the November meeting.

The elders reviewed Pillar 2, Goal #1: “The elders will sponsor at least annually an opportunity for providing resources and training for members to gain confidence in inviting neighbors to Zion.” The next Every One His Witness workshop is scheduled to begin on January 17, 2026, and end on February 21, with Pastor Punke as the workshop leader. Advertisement for the workshop will begin in the Advent season.

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 November 30, 2025.” The ad-hoc committee has continued to meet, expecting to complete their report by the end of November.

The elders approved the following members to serve on their respective committees of the Council of Elders:

Pastoral Support and Assistance: George Lange, Rich Schwantz

Stewardship Policy: Julie Ganaway, David Kaiser
Evangelism and Assimilation of New Members: Jessica Krause, Daryl Kirtz

Worship Practices and Assistance: Beth Hollman, Mark Hollman, Michael Hollman, DaVanna Seifert

Communication Policy and Practices: Melvia Culpher, Kevin Leininger

These members will be installed during the Divine Service on November 16.

The meeting was closed by praying Responsive Prayer 1.
Respectfully submitted, Richard A. Lammert, Chairman



Order Your Poinsettia Plants for Christmas 2025!



PLEASE PRINT

NAME _____

DEDICATION _____

___ 8 1/2 inch Poinsettia \$42 each \$ _____

___ 6 1/2 inch Poinsettia \$20 each \$ _____

___ 4 1/2 inch Poinsettia \$10 each \$ _____

___ General Donation \$ _____

___ Pick up plant after Dec 31

___ Give plant to a shut-in

Return this form to the church office by **December 14th**
to have your dedication
printed in the bulletin.



LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!

Please pray for these students/staff:

Colton	Vicente
Azari	Conor
Holly	Mrs. Bahr
Angela	Mr. Jordan
Zamara	Nurse Beverly
Noah	Mrs. Kohler



A Celebration of Effort and Achievement



LSUS recently celebrated First Quarter Medallion Day, recognizing students for their hard work and dedication during the first nine weeks of school. Awards were presented for Perfect Attendance, Honor Roll, and Rise Up Awards, highlighting students who go above and beyond in character and effort. In addition, students were honored with pins for their participation in sports and music, celebrating their involvement and achievements both in and out of the classroom. It was a joyful day of recognition, encouragement, and school spirit!



Phoenix Fire-Up Rally!

We kicked off the JV and Varsity boys' basketball season with our first pep rally of the year last Friday! The cheerleaders brought the energy as they introduced each player and hyped up the crowd with their cheers. Students and staff ended the event with a fun and friendly game of Knockout, filling the gym with excitement as we gear up for a great season ahead.





PHOENIX SPORTS CORNER



WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17TH



CHEERLEADING

GAME:



BOYS BASKETBALL

- Monday, Nov. 17th @ Timothy L. Johnson
 - 5:00pm Varsity only
- Wednesday, Nov. 19th vs. Woodburn @ Bethlehem
 - 4:30pm JV
 - 5:45pm Varsity
- Thursday, Nov. 20th @ Ascension
 - 4:30pm JV only

To Us a Child
Is Born

K-8th LSUS
Christmas Service

Tuesday, December 16

6:30PM

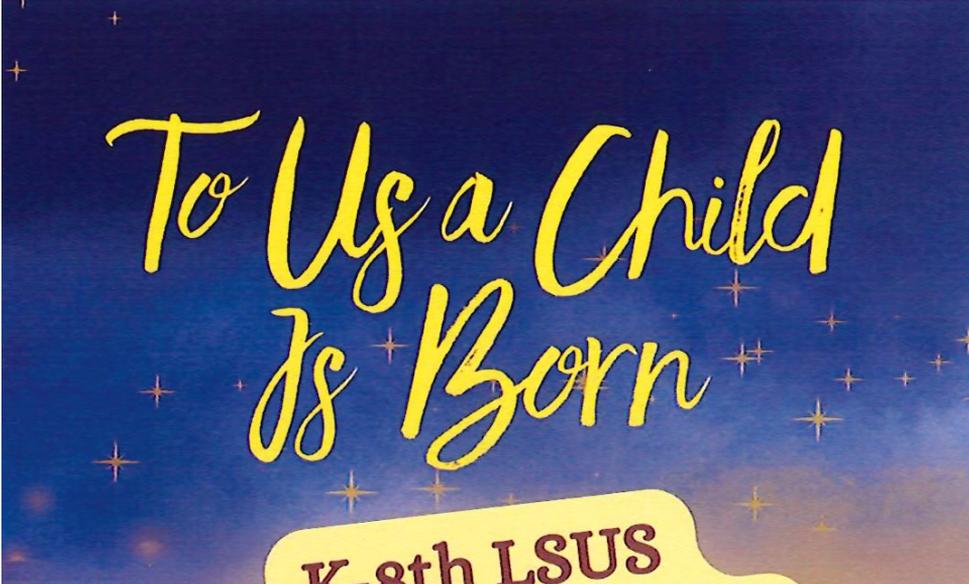
at Zion Lutheran Church

Save-The-Date:

Join us at
Zion to
celebrate
the birth of
Jesus!

Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. — John 13:34



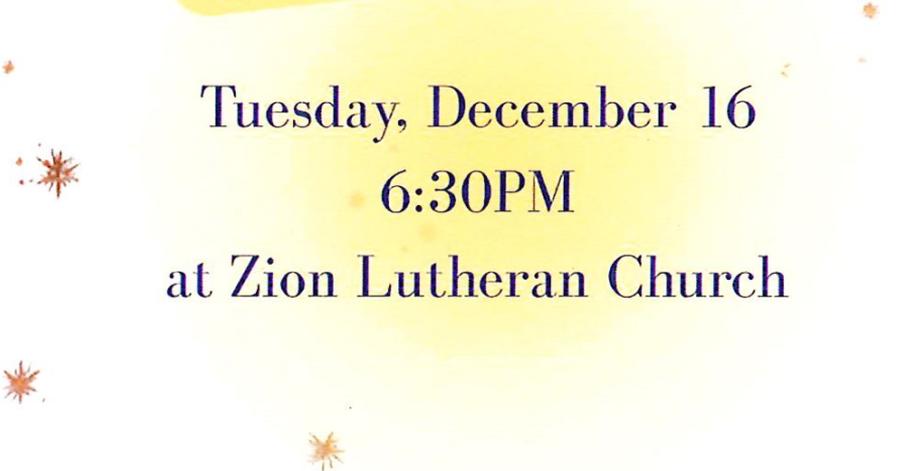
To Us a Child
Is Born

**K-8th LSUS
Christmas Service**

Tuesday, December 16

6:30PM

at Zion Lutheran Church



Christmas at the Embassy

Christ is Born:

The World in Stillness Lay

At the Historic Embassy Theatre

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



Concordia Lutheran
High School



NOVEMBER EVENT SCHEDULE

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

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NOV 2025

MEETUP - RACK & HELEN'S
TRIVIA | TACO TUESDAY

7 PM 525 BROADWAY STREET
NEW HAVEN, IN

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NOV 2025

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

BRING A BLANK T-SHIRT & GET FREE 20/30 BRIDGE
SCREEN PRINT BY ANNIE!

7 PM HOLY CROSS YOUTH CENTER
3420 N. ANTHONY BLVD

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NOV 2025

THANKS & GIVING: PROJECT 216 SERVICE PROJECT

FOOD PACKING EVENT TO FIGHT HUNGER FOLLOWED
BY FELLOWSHIP

7 PM 3020 CONGRESSIONAL
PARKWAY, FT. WAYNE

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NOV 2025

FRIENDSGIVING

BRING A DISH TO SHARE & GRATITUDE DEVOTION

7 PM THE GARDEN
3308 N. ANTHONY BLVD