

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

9:00 am Sunday, November 23, 2025

RECEIVING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT ZION

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

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

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

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

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

[Rise] **Invocation**

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

The Office of Confession of Sins and Absolution

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

[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] *Let all the earth | fear the Lord __ ; || let all the inhabitants of the world | stand in awe of | him! || May the Lord bless | you from Zi- on, || he | who made •heaven• and | earth!*

Verse 1: **Come, bless the Lord, all you servants | of the Lord__, || who stand by night in the | house__ of the | Lord! || Lift up your hands to the | ho- ly place__ || and | bless__ the__ | Lord!**

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



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 Last Sunday of the Church Year: *Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

A ——— men!

[Be Seated] + **The Office of the Word of God** +

Old Testament Reading..... **Malachi 3:13-18**

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

Epistle of the Day **Colossians 1:13-20**

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

[Rise] **Alleluia Sequence**

[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” Alleluia!*

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

Holy Gospel **St. Luke 23:27-43**

[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 Lord, Enthroned In Heav'nly Burgundy Hymn 534

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 Oh, What Their Joy Wm. Harris

[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 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.*

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 The Head that Once Burgundy Hymn 532

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

The Death of Jesus Burgundy Hymn 634

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

[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.



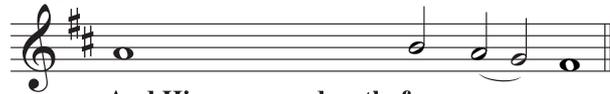
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the __ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.



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 Wake, Awake Burgundy Hymn 516

Postlude

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Readings for the Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

The Last Sunday of the Church Year

The Old Testament Reading is Malachi 3:13-18

“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’”

Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. “They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.”

The Epistle is Colossians 1:13-20

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

The Gospel is Luke 23:27-43

There followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore

and the breasts that never nursed!’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Hymns for the Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

The Last Sunday of the Church Year

LSB534 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor **George H. Bourne**

1. Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendor, First-begotten from the dead,
You alone, our strong defender, Lifting up Your people's head.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Jesus, true and living bread!
Jesus, true and living bread!
2. Though the lowliest form now veil You As of old in Bethlehem,
Here as there Your angels hail You, Branch and flow'r of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! We in worship join with them;
We in worship join with them.
3. Paschal Lamb, Your off'ring, finished Once for all when You were slain,
In its fullness undiminished Shall forevermore remain.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain;
Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain.
4. Life imparting heav'nly manna, Stricken rock with streaming side,
Heav'n and earth with loud hosanna Worship You, the Lamb who died.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Ris'n, ascended, glorified!
Ris'n, ascended, glorified!

LSB532 The Head that Once Was Crowned **Thomas Kelly**

1. The Head that once was crowned with thorns Is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns The mighty Victor's brow.
2. The highest place that heav'n affords Is His, is His by right,
The King of kings and Lord of lords, And heav'n's eternal Light;
3. The Joy of all who dwell above, The Joy of all below
To whom He manifests His love And grants His name to know.
4. To them the cross, with all its shame, With all its grace, is giv'n;
Their name an everlasting name, Their joy the joy of heav'n.
5. They suffer with their Lord below, They reign with Him above,
Their profit and their joy to know The myst'ry of His love.
6. The cross He bore is life and health, Though shame and death to Him:
His people's hope, His people's wealth, Their everlasting theme.

LSB634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

Haquin Spegel

1. The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord, We celebrate with one accord;
It is our comfort in distress, Our heart's sweet joy and happiness.
2. He blotted out with His own blood The judgment that against us stood;
For us He full atonement made, And all our debt He fully paid.
3. That this forever true shall be He gives a solemn guarantee:
In this His holy Supper here We taste His love so sweet, so near.
4. His Word proclaims and we believe That in this Supper we receive
His very body, as He said, His very blood for sinners shed.
5. We dare not ask how this can be, But simply hold the mystery
And trust this word where life begins; "Given and shed for all your sins."
6. They who this word do not believe This food unworthily receive,
Salvation here will never find—May we this warning keep in mind!
7. But blest is each believing guest Who in these promises finds rest;
For Jesus shall in love remain With all who here His grace obtain.
8. Help us sincerely to believe That we may worthily receive
Your Supper and in You find rest. Amen! They who believe are blest.

LSB516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

Philipp Nicolai

1. "Wake, awake, for night is flying,"
The watchmen on the heights are crying;
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
Midnight hears the welcome voices
And at the thrilling cry rejoices;
"Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes, awake!
Your lamps with gladness take! Alleluia!
With bridal care Yourselves prepare
To meet the Bridegroom, who is near."
2. Zion hears the watchmen singing,
And all her heart with joy is springing;
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious;
Her star is ris'n, her light is come.
Now come, Thou Blessed One,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son, Hail! Hosanna!

We enter all The wedding hall
To eat the Supper at Thy call.

3. Now let all the heav'ns adore Thee,
Let saints and angels sing before Thee
With harp and cymbals' clearest tone.
Of one pearl each shining portal,
Where, joining with the choir immortal,
We gather round Thy radiant throne.
No eye has seen the light,
No ear has heard the might Of Thy glory;
Therefore will we Eternally
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

The Last Sunday of the Church Year



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 (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, Dick Hollman, Art Litke, Henry Williams, Debra Busche, Richard Lammert, Carl Albersmeyer, Connie Houser, Bill Weinrich, Dwight Bieberich, Mike Ming, Kent & Angela Becker, 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 Michele Gordon & Nikki Wideman, 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, including the family of Larry Myers
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Dr. Robert & Katherine Leininger and 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 Last Sunday of the Church Year. The Cross Bowl is given in loving memory of Dr. Robert & Katherine Leininger by Kevin & Maribeth Leininger. The Altar Vases are given in celebration of the birthdays of Michele Gordon & Nikki Wideman by their mother Charlene Young. 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 23, 2025 thru November 29, 2025

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:45 AM	Adult study – Lutheran Identity study	Bauer Hall
MON.	5:30 PM	CEA Board Meeting	CLHS
TUES.	9:00 AM	Weekday Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	12 NOON	Administrative Council Meeting	Conference Room
WED.	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS.	9:00 AM	Thanksgiving Day Service	Church
FRI.	9:00 AM	Decorating for Advent/Christmas	Church
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

November 30, 2025

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service – First Sunday in Advent	Church
	10:45 AM	Education Hour	Various

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: Dr. Voelz is out of again this Sunday. Sem. Josh Fuchs will bring the alternate adult/teenage class on Lutheran Identity into Bauer Hall for study and discussion.

HELP NEEDED: If you have a couple hours to spare every couple of months, the trustees would like your assistance to keep Zion beautiful. Because some of our volunteers are no longer physically able to do light cleaning and other chores as needed, we are looking to add people to our weekend rotation schedule. If you're willing and able to help or need more information, talk to Kevin Leininger or call him at 615-9896. Thanks.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Revelation 2:10—"Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life." Last week's verse was 1 Thessalonians 5:23.

INGATHERING FOR SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP continues until December 7th. As you are able, please purchase suggested items and bring them to church, and Pastor or Melvia will get them to the seminary. Thanks for supporting the students and their families.

THANKSGIVING is this Thursday, and we will have a Thanksgiving Matins prayer office that day, 9 AM. Celebrate your Thanksgiving Day right by offering thanks to God first, and then gorging on food and football.

ADVENT begins next Sunday, which means we have some decorating to do before that. If you can help us get the church ready for the holiday season, please come to church this Friday 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@lfnd.org or 260-241-4845.

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.

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.

RLNI Join the National March for Life in Washington DC, January 21st–24th, 2026. This trip is open to high school and college-age students who want to grow in their understanding of the pro-life movement, explore the nation's capital, and stand with hundreds of thousands of others who believe every life deserves protection. Registration is due by December 10; sign up or learn more at ichooselife.org and click on "Upcoming Events." You can also call 260-471-1849 or email Phoebe@ichooselife.org.

TRINITY CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL: Join us for our 2nd annual Christmas Festival on Saturday, November 29th from 9A-3P. We have a day of fun events planned: craft fair, live music, food (Apple Pancake Roll Ups), a cookie walk, and Santa will join us from 10-2. Free admission. We look forward to seeing you at Trinity Lutheran, 1636 St. Mary's Ave.

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 23:27-43

The Last Sunday of the Church Year

Malachi 3:13-18

Revelation 21:1-8

Monday

Daniel 4:1-37

Revelation 21:9-27

Tuesday

Daniel 5:1-30

Revelation 22:1-21

Wednesday

Daniel 6:1-28

1 Peter 1:1-12

Thursday

Isaiah 1:1-28

1 Peter 1:13-25

Friday

Isaiah 2:1-22

1 Peter 2:1-12

Saturday

Isaiah 5:1-25

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

First Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 21:1-11



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Praising God for His Gracious Gift of Baptism

19. If ... the holy sacrament of baptism is a matter so great, gracious, and full of comfort, we should diligently see to it that we ceaselessly, joyfully, and from the heart thank, praise, and honor God for it. For I fear that by our thanklessness we have deserved our blindness and become unworthy of recognizing such grace. The whole world was, and still is, full of baptism and the grace of God. But we have been led astray into our own anxious works, and then into indulgences and other similar false comforts. We have thought that we are not to trust God until we are righteous and have made satisfaction for our sin, as though we would buy God's grace from him or pay him for it.

In truth, he who does not see in God's grace how it bears with him as a sinner and will make him blessed, he who looks forward only to God's judgment, will never be joyful in God, and can neither love nor praise him. But if we hear and firmly believe that in the covenant of baptism God receives us sinners, spares us, and makes us pure from day to day, then our heart must be joyful, and love and praise God. Thus God says through the prophet, "I will spare them as a man spares his son" [Mal. 3:17]. Wherefore it is needful that we give thanks to the Blessed Majesty, who shows himself so gracious and merciful toward us poor condemned worms. And the work itself we must magnify and acknowledge.

Luther's Works, 35:42.



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:

Diviniti	Kaylen
Dakota	Nycole
Santino	James
Amira	Mr. Lee Jordan
Daleyza	Nurse Jordan
Kennedy	Mr. Bolton



Fall Fun and Learning at LSUS

There has been plenty of excitement and hands-on learning happening at LSUS this fall! Our students have been exploring beyond the classroom through a variety of field trips. Kindergarten - 2nd grade enjoyed a fall day at the pumpkin patch, picking out their favorite pumpkins. 3rd graders visited the Survive Alive House, where they learned valuable fire safety skills. 8th graders attended Concordia Day at Concordia Lutheran High School, getting a glimpse of high school life and the opportunities that await them.

In the classrooms, learning has been just as exciting. 5th grade students studied the Ancient Maya, Aztec, and Inca civilizations. Students wrote informative paragraphs about these civilizations and then turned them into an ancient codex. 1st graders participated in lessons about Día de los Muertos, discovering the meaning behind this special celebration and creating projects that honored family and cultural heritage.



Kindergarten and 3rd grade students are also in the middle of an exciting 5-week journey with Junior Achievement, learning about community, careers, and financial literacy through fun, interactive lessons.





We are proud of our students' curiosity, enthusiasm, and love of learning as they continue to grow both academically and spiritually at LSUS.



To Us a Child
Is Born

**K-8th LSUS
Christmas Service**

**Save-The-
Date:**

Join us at
Zion to
celebrate
the birth of
Jesus!

Tuesday, December 16

6:30PM

at Zion Lutheran Church

Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in His holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.— Psalm 33:20-22

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**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



December Event Schedule

FACEBOOK: BRIDGE 20/30 GROUP FT. WAYNE

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DEC 2025

ADVENT SERIES "WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?"
WITH PASTOR CHAD VANMETER

7 PM THE GREENHAUS
3504 N. ANTHONY BLVD

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WITH PASTOR CHAD VANMETER

7 PM THE GREENHAUS
3504 N. ANTHONY BLVD

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DEC 2025

UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER PARTY

7 PM THE GARDEN
3308 N. ANTHONY BLVD

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DEC 2025

MEETUP: ICE SKATING @ HEADWATERS

7 PM 333 S. CLINTON STREET
HEADWATERS PARK
ADMISSION: \$7 SKATES: \$4