

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF ST. MATTHEW

9:00 am Sunday, September 21, 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!**

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



[Antiphon] *"I desire mercy, and not | sa- cri- fice. || For I came not to call the | right- eous, but sin- | ners."*

Verse 1: **It is good to give thanks | to the Lord, || to sing praises to | your name, O Most | High;**

Verse 2: *to declare your steadfast love in the | morn-__ ing, || and your | faith- ful- ness by | night,*

Verse 3: **to the music of the lute | and the harp, || to the | •melo• - dy of the | lyre.**

Verse 4: *For you, O Lord, have made me glad | by your work; || at the works of your | hands I sing for | joy.*

Verse 5: **How great are your | works, O Lord! || Your | thoughts are ve- ry | deep!**

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] **"I desire mercy, and not | sa- cri- fice. || For I came not to call the | right- eous, but sin- | ners."**

Kyrie



Lord, have mer-cy up - on__ us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.



Lord __ have mer - cy up - on __ us.

Gloria



Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will •toward• men.



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 - might - y.



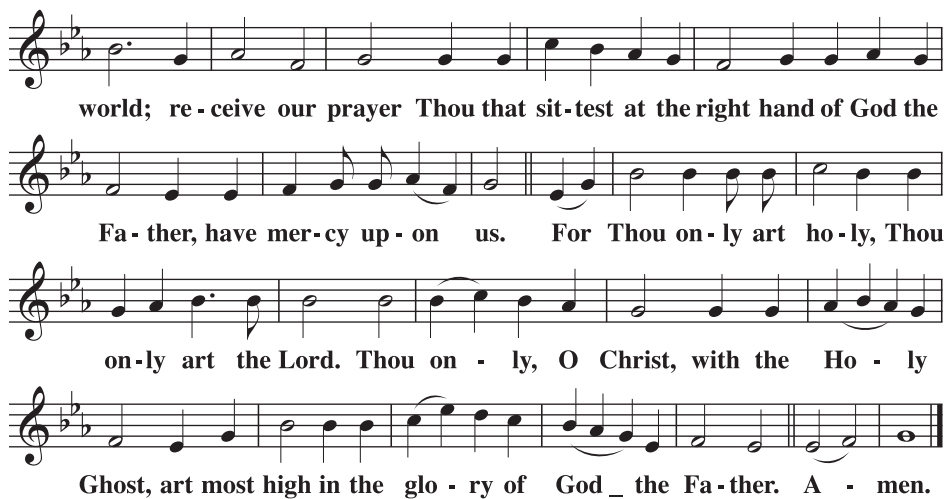
O Lord, the on-ly be - got-ten Son, Je-sus Christ, O Lord God,



Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



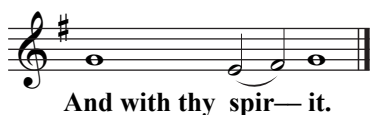
world, have mer-cy up - on _ us: Thou that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world; re - ceive our prayer Thou that sit - test at the right hand of God the
 Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us. For Thou on - ly art ho - ly, Thou
 on - ly art the Lord. Thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Ghost, 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 the Commemoration of St. Matthew: *O Son of God, our blessed Savior Jesus Christ, You called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist. Through his faithful and inspired witness, grant that we also may follow You, leaving behind all covetous desires and love of riches; 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 **Ezekiel 2:8-3:11**

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

Epistle of the Day **Ephesians 4:7-16**

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

[Rise] **Alleluia Sequence**

[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Alleluia!*

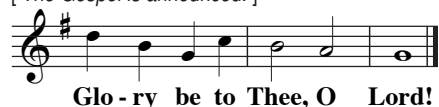


Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

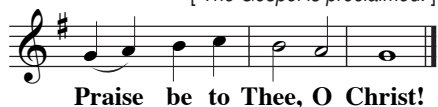
Holy Gospel **St. Matthew 9:9-13**

[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 What Is the World Burgundy Hymn 730

Sermon

[Rise] Prayer of the Church

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

[Be Seated] Offerings, Voluntary

[Rise] OffertoryCreate 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. _

Preface for Apostles, Sanctus

Ho - ly, _ ho - ly, _ ho - ly, _

Lord God of Sab - a-oth; heav - en and — earth are
full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless-ed is — He that com - eth 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

[Vs. 1 & 2] O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the
sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

[Vs. 3] O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the
sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - - men.

[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns **Chief of Sinners** **Burgundy Hymn 611**
God of the Prophets **Burgundy Hymn 682**

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.



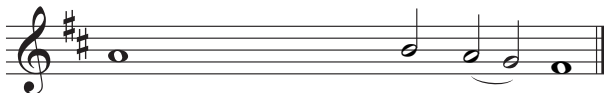
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the __ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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 Glorious Things of You See Insert

Postlude

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Readings for St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

The Old Testament Reading is Ezekiel 2:8–3:11

“But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you.” And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. And he spread it before me. And it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation and mourning and woe.

And he said to me, “Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.” So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat. And he said to me, “Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it.” Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey.

And he said to me, “Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with my words to them. For you are not sent to a people of foreign speech and a hard language, but to the house of Israel—not to many peoples of foreign speech and a hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to such, they would listen to you. But the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me: because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart. Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces, and your forehead as hard as their foreheads. Like emery harder than flint have I made your forehead. Fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house.” Moreover, he said to me, “Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears. And go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD,’ whether they hear or refuse to hear.”

The Epistle is Ephesians 4:7-16

But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,
and he gave gifts to men.”

(In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all

things.) And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

The Gospel is Matthew 9:9-13

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Glorious Things of You Are Spoken



1. Glor - ious things of You are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y
2. See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, Spring - ing from e -
3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov'-ring, See the cloud and
4. Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a



of our God; He whose word can - not be bro - ken
 ter - nal love, Well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters
 fire ap - pear For a glo - ry and a cov'-ring,
 mem - ber am, Let the world de - ride or pit - y,



Formed you for his own a - bode. On the Rock of
 And all fear of want re - move. Who can faint while
 Show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing
 I will glo - ry in your name. Fad - ing are the



A - ges found - ed, What can shake your sure re - pose?
 such a riv - er Ev - er will their thirst as - suage
 from their ban - ner Light by night and shade by day,
 world's vain plea - sures All their boast - ed pomp and show;



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, You may
 Grace, which like the Lord, the giv - er, Nev - er
 Safe they feed up - on the man - na Which God
 Sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sures None but



smile at all your foes.
 fails from age to age.
 gives them on their way.
 Zi - on's child - ren know.

Festival of St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist



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 Case (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 fieldworker Nate Demlow, and vicars Matthew Harrison and Paul Mroczenski (Paul vicaring in Puerto Rico)
- + For our nation; for our leaders; for our military, including James Hall
- + For our schools, especially Lutheran South Unity School, Concordia Lutheran High School, and Concordia Theological Seminary.
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound
- + For those who are on hospice care or nearing death, especially Bob Ockree, Chrys Caragounis
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Art Litke, Debra Busche, Sarah Hollman, Mike Carson, Frank Jackson, Richard Lammert, Phyllis Lattimore, Nate Demlow, Carl Albersmeyer, Connie Houser, Estella Ramirez, Bill Weinrich, Dwight Bieberich, Willodean Bates, Dick Hollman, Earl Marcel Sisson, Elaine Seifert, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Marlow Hogan, Marissia White, Gary Phillips, David Groth, Gary Castle, Ron Rastl, Robert & Jenny Hobby
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages
- + For the gift of life and for length of days especially for pregnant mothers Jennifer Wessel, Marie Bahr, and Hannah Fink
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, especially Jill Stokes
- + 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 Festival of St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist. The Cross Bowl is given in loving memory of his beloved wife Jill Stokes by Clarence Stokes. 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

September 21, 2025 thru September 27, 2025

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| SUN. | 9:00 AM | Divine Service | Church |
| | 10:45 AM | Adult Bible Study | Bauer Hall |
| | 10:45 AM | Alternate Adult/Teen Class | Conference Room |
| MON. | | | |
| TUES. | 9:00 AM | Weekday Bible Study | Bauer Hall |
| | 10:30 AM | Administrative Council | Conference Room |
| | 1:00 PM | Groundbreaking | CLHS |
| WED. | 9:30 AM | Men of Zion Bible Study | Conference Room |
| | 5:30 PM | Wednesday Divine Service | Church |
| THURS. | 9:00 AM | LSCM Breakfast and Meeting | Bauer Hall |
| FRI. | | | |
| SAT. | 11:00 AM | Private Confession | Church |
| | 1:30 PM | Everyone His Witness workshop | Conference Room |

September 21, 2025

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

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

WELCOME to Joshua (Josh) Fuchs and family ... wife Hannah, daughter Susanne, and sons John & Patrick. Josh is Zion's new fieldworker. You'll be hearing more about him the weeks ahead.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Isaiah 64:8—"But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.." Last week's verse was 1 Corinthians 1:18.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: The fall 40 Days campaign opening rally is on September 23, 2025 at 5:30 PM, with opening prayer given by Pastor David Reed. Pastor Mike Bahr has coordinated our participation date, which is October 1st 8AM-8PM, and is now calling for volunteers to pray for life. Information and sign up sheets are on the round table in the Great Hall. *"I have set before you life and death ... choose life"* (Deut. 30:19).

RLNI: please join us also at RLNI's Fall Banquet on Tuesday, October 14th at 5:30 pm at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum with **keynote speaker Kirk Cameron! Pastor Bahr has reserved a table or two for Zion. The cost is \$50 per person. If interested, see Pastor Bahr or make your check out to Zion and put RLNI in the memo line.**

LWML: You are warmly invited to our LWML Fort Wayne South Zone Fall Gathering on Saturday, October 11, 2025, 8:30–11:30 AM at The Shepherd's Hand Outreach, 1231 South Anthony Blvd, Fort Wayne. Registration: \$7 (includes a light continental breakfast) RSVP: by Wednesday, October 1 to Lisa Kanning — 260-446-6700 | kanninglisa@gmail.com.

BIG NEWS FROM CLHS! Groundbreaking is this Thursday, Sept. 23rd (1 PM). The **A Bold Step** capital campaign, renovating the academic building and auditorium, has reached a major milestone with financing secured and construction on Project 1 set to begin after Labor Day. But we're not done yet: campaign fundraising continues so that Project 2, the auditorium renovation, can be included in this historic effort. In the coming weeks, Concordia will host public meetings in congregations and community venues to share how this campaign will bless generations to come, and your attendance and participation will make the difference—pray, attend, and spread the word!

CLHS: Join in the homecoming festivities on September 26th, with everyone from the Concordia Lutheran High School family! Festivities, including the Alumni Social, start at Zollner Stadium at 5:30 p.m. Then, root on the Football Cadets as they take on Bishop Luers in the homecoming game, which starts at 7 p.m. Following the homecoming game, enjoy yourselves at the Alumni After-Party at Fort Wayne Turners beginning at 8:30 p.m. Come have some food, fun and fellowship with fellow members of the Concordia Lutheran High School family!

CLHS FALL DRAMA: On Saturday, October 4 at 7:30 PM and Sunday, October 5 at 2:00 pm, Mr. Chris Murphy will be directing "Dial M for Murder." Ticket prices are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students in high school or younger. The school address is 1601 St. Joe River Drive. Also, Saturday, October 11 at 7:30 PM, one act plays "Cut," directed by Mrs. Noelle Mickelini, and "Knock, Knock," directed by Ms. Hannah Mundt will be presented.

WE CAN FACE COMPETING PRIORITIES when we think about planning our estates someday. A big decision about estate gifts centers on whether they should be given all at once or spread over time. Ministry leaders are often interested in lump sum, unrestricted gifts that allow "today" funding in pursuit of ministry vision. A simple bequest can assist and facilitate this if you are confident in a lump sum ministry gift. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in choosing the most appropriate asset to direct to this gift, being especially mindful of avoiding unnecessary taxes. For help, contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfnfnd.org.

CONCORDIA CEMETERY is in need of grounds keepers (mowing, trimming, digging graves and assisting with burials, etc.). Call Don Remenschneider if interested: 260-438-1045.

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

Matthew 9:9-13

1 Timothy 5:1-16

1 Timothy 5:17-6:2

1 Timothy 6:3-21

Matthew 3:1-17

Matthew 4:1-11

Matthew 4:12-25

DAILY LECTIONARY

St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Evening Prayer

Ezekiel 2:8-3:11

Nehemiah 4:7-23

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Malachi 1:1-14

Malachi 2:1-3:5

Malachi 3:6-4:6

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

St. Michael and All Angels (transferred)

Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3

Revelation 12:7-12

Luke 10:17-20



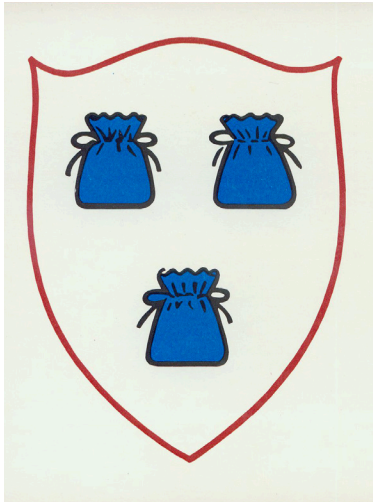
What Doctor Luther Says:

About Our Deliverance from Ungodly Teachings

3. *For he will deliver me from the snare of the hunters.* ... [The psalmist] seems here to be speaking about those who hunt souls, for the whole psalm speaks in spirit and not only in metaphor. ... For whoever captures or tries to capture another through guile is hunting metaphorically. But here he speaks about the capture of souls. Hence, as the Gospel and the Scriptures are St. Peter's nets (Luke 5:11), so the ungodly teachings are the nets of the Jews, Pharisees, and heretics cast out to catch souls. So St. Paul and the whole primitive church were liberated from them. Hence what follows, *and from the sharp word*, comes down to the same thing, for such teaching is hard in spirit, bitter, poisonous, death-dealing, and harmful and evil in every respect, though outwardly it may appear gentle, sweet, sound, life-giving, and good in every respect. By it man irritates God. For that reason the synagogues of the people are called "a provoking house" in Ezek. 2:5; 3:9, 26; 12:2. Again, by it they assail, blaspheme, and curse holy teaching. Those who are zealous for their own things have a mouth full of bitterness and a heart hard against the truth. And so it is truly a sharp word which irritates them and causes them to act and speak sharply against the truth. Besides, it also irritates God and calls forth the sharpest judgment upon itself. The Hebrew reads "and from death by ambush," and the meaning is the same. For through such death-dealing doctrine souls are cunningly captured when they outwardly appear to be good and are evil underneath. Thus "with their tongues they acted deceitfully, and the poison of asps is under their lips. Their mouth is full of cursing and bitterness" (Ps. 13:3, Vulgate). But if the ungodly do this against the truth in this life, how much more will they have a sharp word against God in the coming damnation. From this the Most High has liberated His people.

Luther's Works, 11:212-13.

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist



Two examples of the shield of St. Matthew, Apostle, the one to the right from Wyneken Hall on the Concordia Theological Seminary campus.

Symbol of Saint Matthew (Levi), the Apostle

Because Saint Matthew was a tax collector when Jesus called him, he has the three money bags assigned as his symbol.

Other emblems for Saint Matthew are the money chest and the battle axe. The color of his shield is white; the border red and the bags blue (some-times gold).

Saint Matthew with most of the other apostles was martyred. "Roman Martyrology describes his martyrdom as having taken place 'in Ethiopia,' but in the Hieronymianum he is said to have suffered 'in Persia ...' His day has consistently been celebrated on September 21.



Two examples of the shield of St. Matthew, Evangelist, the one to the right from Wyneken Hall on the Concordia Theological Seminary campus.

Symbol of Saint Matthew, the Evangelist

Saint Matthew is the Evangelist who points to Jesus as a True Man, therefore, he is shown as a man with wings.

The color of the shield is blood-red; the color of the man and his wings is gold. Saint Matthew's day is September 21.



**Beginning September 7,
CHOIR REHEARSALS
RESUME ON:**

**SUNDAYS
AT 8:05 am**

**In the church balcony.
All are welcome.**

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

LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!

Please pray for these students/staff:

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| Roel | Joshua |
| Aniyah | Da'Marion |
| Ja'maire | Van |
| Reign | Erick |
| Le'Ana | Nurse Jordan |



GATHERING OUTDOORS IN PRAISE



At Lutheran South Unity School, we've been blessed with the chance to enjoy God's beautiful creation by gathering outside for morning devotions and chapel while the gym finishes up construction. Worshiping together in front of the school entrance and across the lawn has filled our days with fresh air, sunshine, and joyful praise. These outdoor moments have reminded us that no matter where we gather, God's presence is with us, drawing

us together as one school family.



Heavy Lifting, Cool Results

Our students had a front-row seat to an exciting moment on campus as the final HVAC unit was lifted into place on the building. With construction in its final stages, several classes were able to step outside and safely watch the crane at work.





This last installation marks an important step toward completing the HVAC project and ensuring updated air conditioning/heat throughout the school. We are grateful for these improvements and look forward to the comfort they will bring to our students and staff for years to come.



PHOENIX SPORTS



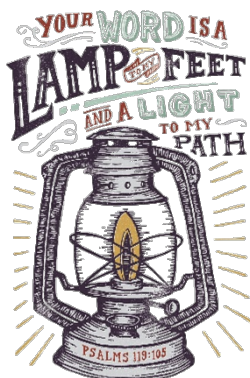
Monday, 9/22 4:30PM
Girls Volleyball Game
@St. Peter's
7810 Maysville Road

Wednesday, 9/24 4:30PM
Girls Volleyball Game
@ Wyneken
1565 North U.S. 27 South
Decatur, IN 46733

Saturday, 9/27 Time TBD
Girls Volleyball Game
@ CLHS
1601 St Joe River Dr

Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

Your word is a lamp to my feet and light to my path.—Psalm 119:105





September Event Schedule

FACEBOOK: BRIDGE 20/30 GROUP FT. WAYNE

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SEPT 2025

🌙 PORCH NIGHT: SERIES ON VANITY: A STUDY OF
THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES
7 PM THE GARDEN
3308 N. ANTHONY BLVD

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SEPT 2025

DEVOTION ANCHOR NIGHT: "FAILURE ISN'T FINAL"
WITH BRIAN LOESEL FOLLOWED BY CARDS & GAMES
7 PM THE GARDEN
3308 N. ANTHONY BLVD

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SEPT 2025

SAND VOLLEYBALL FREE PLAY-CASH BAR
7-9 PM EMPOWERED SPORTS CLUB
12124 LIMA RD

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SEPT 2025

MEETUP
7 PM HOP RIVER BREWING COMPANY
1515 N HARRISON ST.

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SEPT 2025

MEETUP: LIVE MUSIC
7 PM THE CLUB ROOM @ THE CLYDE
TODD HAROLD BAND



Join us for a Men's Retreat!

September 26-28, 2025

Join us for Lutherhaven's Men's Retreat where faith, fellowship and friendly competition meet under the theme of Iron Sharpens Iron.

Callings for Life: God's Plan, Your Purpose

Dr. Jeffrey Leininger

"...brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." Romans 12:1 (ESV)

What is God calling me to do? What is the one thing I was placed on this planet for? How can I discover it? What if I miss it? These questions plague us all, whether we're young and ambitious or retired and asking, "what's next." The truth is, however, there is not one thing that you're meant to do. We have multiple callings, and they are unfolding right now. Pastor Leininger will walk us through the theological teaching on vocation, and apply it to the issues affecting Christian men in an increasingly unchristian world.

Come for the food, fellowship, fun and faith that we share as we dive into a great Topic, Games for guys, engaging Sectionals, Free-time, a Cook Out, and time spent in God's Creation! **Other activities include:** Disc Golf, Basketball, Pickleball, Beach Volleyball, Boating, Self-Guided Hikes, A Game Room, and more.

Register & More Information at:

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