

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FESTIVAL OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

9:00 am ..... Sunday, September 28, 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*

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

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#### [ 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!*

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*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.*

## Kyrie



Lord, have mer-cy up - on \_ us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord \_ have mer - cy up - on \_ us.

## Gloria in Excelsis



*Glo-ry 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

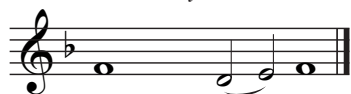
Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us. For Thou on - ly art ho - ly, Thou

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 St. Michael and All Angels:** *Everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted the service of angels and men in a wonderful order. Mercifully grant that, as Your holy angels always serve and worship You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may also help and defend us here on earth; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



A ————— men!

[ Be Seated ]

+ The Office of the Word of God +

**Old Testament Reading..... Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3**

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

**Epistle of the Day ..... Revelation 12:7-12**

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

[ Rise and face the Processional Cross for the Gospel Procession. ]

**Sequence Hymn ..... Praise My Soul ..... Burgundy Hymn 793**

**Holy Gospel ..... St. Luke 10:17-20**

[ The Gospel is announced. ]



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

[ The Gospel is proclaimed. ]



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!

[ After the Gospel has been returned to the Altar following the Creed, the congregation is seated. ]

**Hymn of the Day ..... Lord God, to Thee We All .... Burgundy Hymn 522**

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

## Sermon

Installation of Field Worker

[ Rise ] Prayer of the Church

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

[ Be Seated ] Offerings, Voluntary

[ Rise ] Offertory Hymn ..... Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

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

+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

Preface

The Lord be with you. Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is meet \_ and right so \_ to do. \_

Proper Preface for St. Michael and All Angels, Sanctus

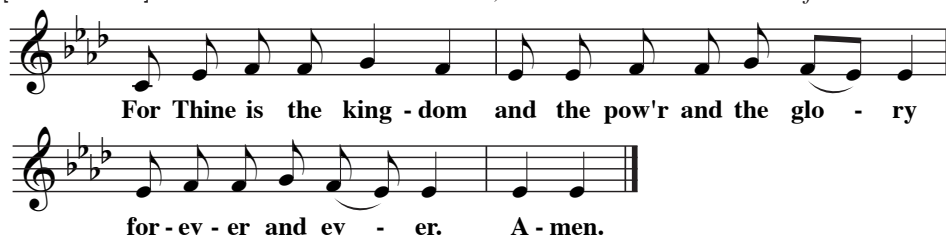
It is truly meet, right and salutary . . . . . ever more praising You and saying:

Ho - ly, \_ ho - ly, \_ ho - ly, \_  
Lord God of Sab - a-oth; heav - 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!



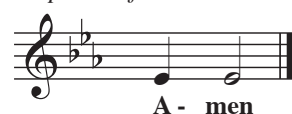
## [ Kneel ] Lord's Prayer

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

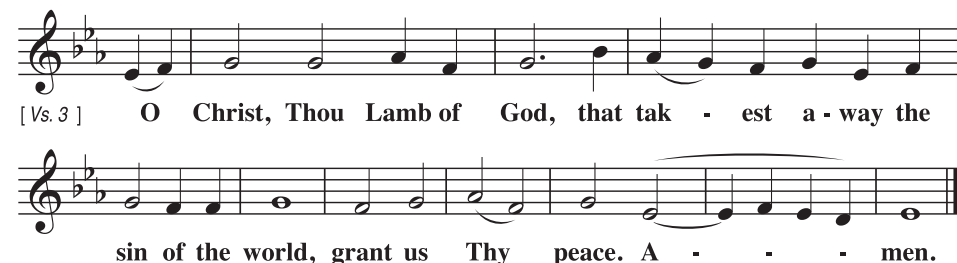
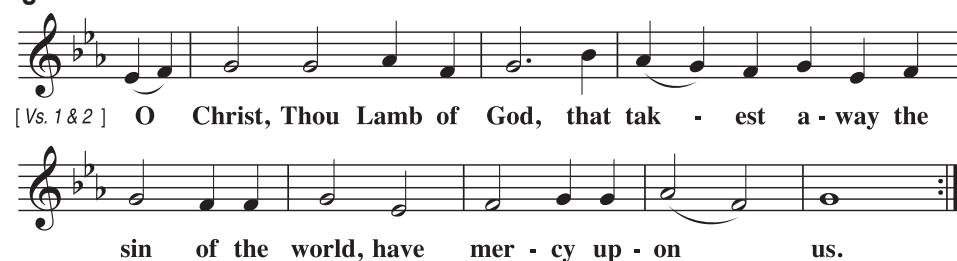


## Words of Institution, Pax Domini

*The peace of the Lord be with you always!*



## Agnus Dei



[ Be Seated ]

## Distribution Hymn ..... Christ, the Lord of Hosts..... Burgundy Hymn 521

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

## Jesus, Brightness of the Father..... RED Hymn 257

[ Rise for stanza 3. ]

## 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



2. For mine\_\_ eyes have seen  
Thy Salvation,  
which Thou hast pre— pared\_\_ be— fore the face of all\_\_ people.





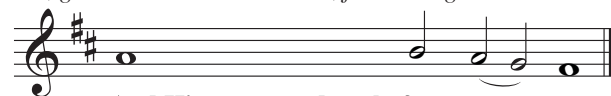
4. Glo—ry be to the  
Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost.



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.*



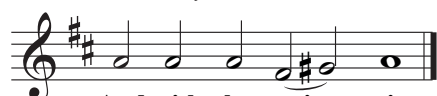
And His mercy endureth for — ev — er.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



A — men.

*The Lord be with you.*



And with thy spir — rit.

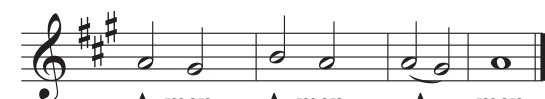
*Bless we the Lord.*



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 ..... Around the Throne of God ..... RED Hymn 256

## Postlude

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## **Readings for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels**

### **The Old Testament Reading is Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3**

And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. And he said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you.” And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. Then he said to me, “Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come.” ...

“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

### **The Epistle is Revelation 12:7-12**

Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

## **The Gospel is Luke 10:17-20**

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

# Hymns for the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels

## LSB520 Stars of the Morning

Joseph the Hymnographer

1. Stars of the morning, so gloriously bright,  
Angels in heaven, resplendent in light,  
These, where no darkness the glory can dim,  
Praise the Thrice Holy One, serving but Him.
2. These are Your ministers, these are Your own,  
Lord God of Sabaoth, nearest Your throne;  
These are Your messengers, these whom You send,  
Helping Your helpless ones, Helper and Friend.
3. Then, when the earth was first poised in mid space,  
Then, when the planets first sped on their race,  
Then, when were ended the six days' employ,  
Then all the sons of God shouted for joy.
4. Still let them aid us and still let them fight,  
Lord of angelic hosts, battling for right,  
Till, where their anthems they ceaselessly pour,  
We with the angels may bow and adore.

## LSB793 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Henry F. Lyte

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1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To His feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore His praises sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.
2. Praise Him for His grace and favor To His people in distress;  
Praise Him still the same as ever, Slow to chide and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.
3. Father-like He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hand He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.
4. Angels, help us to adore Him; You behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, All who dwell in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

1. Lord God, to Thee we give all praise,  
With grateful hearts our voices raise,  
That angel hosts Thou didst create  
Around Thy glorious throne to wait.
2. They shine with light and heav'nly grace  
And constantly behold Thy face;  
They heed Thy voice, they know it well,  
In godly wisdom they excel.
- M 3. They never rest nor sleep as we;  
Their whole delight is but to be  
With Thee, Lord Jesus, and to keep  
Thy little flock, Thy lambs and sheep.
- W 4. The ancient dragon is their foe;  
His envy and his wrath they know.  
It always is his aim and pride  
Thy Christian people to divide.
- M 5. As he of old deceived the world  
And into sin and death has hurled,  
So now he subtly lies in wait  
To undermine both Church and state.
- W 6. A roaring lion, round he goes,  
No halt nor rest he ever knows;  
He seeks the Christians to devour  
And slay them in his dreadful pow'r.
7. But watchful is the angel band  
That follows Christ on ev'ry hand  
To guard His people where they go  
And break the counsel of the foe.
8. For this, now and in days to be,  
Our praise shall rise, O Lord, to Thee,  
Whom all the angel hosts adore  
With grateful songs forevermore.

## **LSB521 Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken**

**Peter M. Prange**

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1. Christ, the Lord of hosts, unshaken By the devil's seething rage,  
Thwarts the plan of Satan's minions; Wins the strife from age to age;  
Conquers sin and death forever; Slams them in their steely cage.
2. Michael fought the heav'nly battle, Godly angels by his side;  
Warred against the ancient serpent, Foiled the beast, so full of pride,  
Cast him earthbound with his angels; Now he prowls, unsatisfied.
- W 3. Long on earth the battle rages, Since the serpent's first deceit;  
Twisted God's command to Adam, Made forbidden fruit look sweet.  
Then the curse of God was spoken: "You'll lie crushed beneath His feet!"
- M 4. Jesus came, this word fulfilling, Trampled Satan, death defied;  
Bore the brunt of our temptation, On the wretched tree He died.  
Yet to life was raised victorious; By His life our life supplied.
5. Swift as lightning falls the tyrant From his heav'nly perch on high,  
As the word of Jesus' vict'ry Floods the earth and fills the sky.  
Wounded by a wound eternal Now his judgment has drawn nigh!
6. Jesus, send Your angel legions When the foe would us enslave.  
Hold us fast when sin assaults us; Come, then, Lord, Your people save.  
Overthrow at last the dragon; Send him to his fiery grave.

## **TLH257 Jesus, Brightness of the Father**

**Rhabanus Maurus**

1. Jesus, Brightness of the Father, Life and Strength of all who live,  
For creating guardian angels Glory to Thy name we give  
And Thy wondrous praise rehearse, Singing in harmonious verse.
2. Blessed Lord, by their protection Shelter us from harm this day;  
Keep us pure in flesh and spirit, Save us from the Foe, we pray,  
And vouchsafe us by Thy grace In Thy Paradise a place.
- △ 3. Glory to th'almighty Father Sing we with the heav'nly host;  
Glory to the great Redeemer, Glory to the Holy Ghost;  
Three in one and One in Three, Thro'out all eternity!

## **TLH256 Around the Throne of God a Band**

**John M. Neale**

1. Around the throne of God a band  
Of glorious angels ever stand;  
Bright things they see, sweet harps they hold,  
And on their heads are crowns of gold.

2. Some wait around Him, ready still  
To sing His praise and do His will;  
And some, when He commands them, go  
To guard His servants here below.
3. Lord, give Thy angels ev'ry day  
Command to guide us on our way,  
And bid them ev'ry evening keep  
Their watch around us while we sleep.
4. So shall no wicked thing draw near  
To do us harm or cause us fear;  
And we shall dwell, when life is past,  
With angels round Thy throne at last.



# The Festival of St. Michael and All Angels



## 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](http://www.lsusfw.org))

Teachers:

Yvonne Schwantz (8<sup>th</sup>, MS ELA), Michael Cullen (7<sup>th</sup>, MS Science), Chase Mertz (6<sup>th</sup>, MS Social Studies), Danielle Ramsey (5<sup>th</sup>), Abbey Kohler (4<sup>th</sup>), Rachel Wiegman (3<sup>rd</sup>), John Fink (2<sup>nd</sup>), Hannah Fink (1<sup>st</sup>), 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 Larry Myers, Bob Ockree, Chrys Caragounis
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Art Litke, Henry Williams 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, especially Carol & Dwight Bieberich
- + For the gift of life and for length of days especially for pregnant mothers Jennifer Wessel, Marie Bahr, Hannah Fink, and Rachel Wiegman
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed
- + 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 St. Michael and All Angels. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of the 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary of Carol and Dwight Bieberich. 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 28, 2025 thru October 4, 2025**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:45 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:45 AM	Alternate Adult/Teen Class	Conference Room
<b>MON.</b>	5:30 PM	CEA Board meeting	CLHS
<b>TUES.</b>	9:00 AM	Weekday Bible Study	Bauer Hall
<b>WED.</b>	8A – 8P	40 Days for Life Prayers	Planned Parenthood on Lake
	9:30 AM	Men of Zion Bible Study	Conference Room
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Wednesday Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>THURS.</b>	7:00 PM	Elder Council	Conference Room
<b>FRI.</b>			
<b>SAT.</b>	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
	12 NOON	Altar Guild Luncheon & Training	Bauer Hall

### **October 5, 2025**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	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.

**INSTALLATION:** we welcomed Josh Fuchs and family last Sunday — Josh is our new fieldworker. Today, after the sermon, Josh will be installed as fieldworker.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** 2 Peter 3:15—“His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.” Last week’s verse was Isaiah 64:8.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** prayers for Zion are this Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 8AM-8PM. The weather looks good for it. You can still sign up to pray. Information and sign up sheets are on the round table in the Great Hall. *“I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.”* (Psa. 139:14).

**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 two for Zion, and there are still some seats open. 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.**

**LSUS:** Don’t forget that Zion is hosting a Benefit dinner for LSUS on Nov 1, 2025 at 5:00 PM. There will be live music, photos, food, and fun happening here at Zion.

**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](mailto:kanninglisa@gmail.com).

**MORE FROM CLHS!** Concordia Lutheran High School held a significant even last Tuesday. They broke ground (symbolic) for Project 1 (academic wing) with hopes that Project 2 (auditorium) will also be funded . The **“A Bold Step”** capital campaign has raised \$22 million in donations and pledges in its “quiet campaign.” Now, it’s time for the public phase of the campaign seeking \$12 million more. In the coming weeks, Concordia will host public impact events 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! To learn more, please visit [www.cadetslegacy.org/charitable-giving-strategies/planned-giving/](http://www.cadetslegacy.org/charitable-giving-strategies/planned-giving/), and to find the date and location of a public impact event that you might attend, on that page click on “Find an Impact Event.” Pastor and Marge Punke have made a significant financial pledge to these projects for the sake of the continued focus on salvation in Christ Jesus and for the training up of Christ-centered leaders. Pastor encourages you to attend an impact meeting and prayerfully consider to give.

**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. If you feel led to spread out your estate support of ministry over time, an endowment could be the best option. That might be a personal endowment you fund, or an endowment already established by the ministry to which you add. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you understand your options. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or [mark.muehl@lfnfnd.org](mailto: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

Luke 10:17-20

Matthew 5:21-48

Matthew 6:1-15

Matthew 6:16-34

Matthew 7:1-12

Matthew 7:13-29

Matthew 8:1-17

### DAILY LECTIONARY

**St. Michael and All Angels**

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

### Evening Prayer

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

Deuteronomy 1:19-36

Deuteronomy 1:37-2:15

Deuteronomy 2:16-37

Deuteronomy 3:1-29

Deuteronomy 4:1-20

Deuteronomy 4:21-40

## 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

### Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:1-10



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## *About the Fall of Angels and Man*

It is clear ... that in the serpent there was something worse [than his treacherous imitation of God], something that could properly be called the adversary of God, a lying and murderous spirit, in whom there is the utmost and most awful smugness. He is not afraid to distort the command of God and to urge man on to idolatry, which he knew would result in the destruction of the entire human race. All this is truly horrible when we appraise it properly; and even now, among the papists and other sects, we see instances of a similar smugness, with which they distort the Word of God and lead people astray.

At first Eve resists the tempter admirably. For she is still being led by that Spirit who was lighting her path, just as we showed above that man was created perfect and according to the likeness of God. But in the end she allows herself to be persuaded.

It is uncertain on what day the fall of the angels occurred, whether on the second or on the third. Only this much can be shown from the Gospel, that Satan fell from heaven, inasmuch as Christ declares that He saw him fall from heaven (Luke 10:18). We do not know whether the heavens at that time were finished or still crude and unfinished.

But this discussion is not pertinent to this passage. What is pertinent is that we perceive the utmost villainy, combined with an awful smugness, which makes this spirit unafraid to cast doubt on the command of the Divine Majesty, especially when he knows what great misfortune will follow for the whole human race.

*Luther's Works*, 1:150.

Summary of meeting of the Council of Elders, Sept. 11, 2025  
(The following summary is being provided in accordance with  
the congregation's bylaws, §VIII)

Attendance:

Elders present: R. Lammert (chairman), A. Litke (secretary),  
W. Krause, J. Teasdale, K. Vlot.

Elder absent: F.. Jackson T. Muehl.

Pastor present: Pr. Punke.

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

In his pastor's report, Pastor Punke reported on recent confirmations, on recent and upcoming baptisms, on health and other issues among Zion's members, on Christian education opportunities at Zion, on the church picnic, on the diaper giveaway, on the Forty Days for Life prayers, on the Right to Life of Northern Indiana banquet, on our seminary field workers, and on LSUS game night. Pastor Punke reported that he had preached at Kramer Chapel at CTSFW on August 13. He also reported also reported on the Lutheran Schools Association pastors' meeting with representatives of the Lutheran Foundation on LSUS, on CLHS, on repairs of damage caused by the lightning strike in April, and on the upcoming Circuit Forum.

The elders reviewed Pillar 1, Goal #1: "Starting July 1, 2025, Zion will experience a 10% increase in average worship attendance by September 30, 2025." The elders decided to change the goal at the October meeting to compare church attendance in the current quarter year-over-year. An examination of current data showed that this gave a much more reasonable comparison than the current goal of looking at growth only in the cur-

rent quarter. The council should be able to begin working with Pastor at the October meeting on strategizing about contacting the longer-term inactive members (those who have not attended for more than four weeks).

The elders reviewed Pillar 2, Goal #1: "In January of 2025, Zion will commence an annual opportunity for providing resources and training for members to gain confidence in inviting neighbors to Zion." The *Every One His Witness* workshop is scheduled to begin on September 20 at 1:30 pm, meeting for six consecutive Saturdays (about one hour for each session). Pastor Punke will be the moderator for the workshop.

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 September 30, 2025." The ad-hoc committee has met once, developing a document to work through the CADDs report. The committee plans to meet once again before the end of September.

The elders continued reviewing and amending the congregational document *The Wedding Service at Zion*, last updated on August 8, 2015. The review is complete except for one paragraph; the document should be ready for approval at the October meeting.

The meeting was closed by praying Responsive Prayer 1.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard A. Lammert, Chairman

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH WILL BE  
HOLDING IT'S ANNUAL

# TRUNK OR TREAT?

OCTOBER 25, 2025,

3:00 PM UNTIL 5 PM

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

if so please contact Melvia



## LSUS NOTES

### Praying for You!

**Please pray for these students/staff:**

Layla	Avari
Josiah	Donald
Kyu Kyu	Jaylyn
Dontae	Nurse Jordan
Trevion	Mrs. Madden
Nyomi	

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### Little Offerings, Big Impact



At Lutheran South Unity School, students take part in Thursday Chapel Offerings and Jean Day dollar collections. These offerings allow LSUS to extend Christian care beyond the classroom and make an impact both locally and globally.

From September through November, offerings will support two ministries: Rev. Bryan and Deaconess Keah Payne, missionaries to Tanzania,

and the Honor Flight of Northeast Indiana.

Many may remember Keah Payne, who served as financial administrator at LSUS while her husband studied at Concordia Seminary. Their children also attended LSUS during that time. Today, the Paynes serve in Tanzania, where Bryan teaches at a new seminary in Shinyanga to prepare pastors for service in Africa, and Keah partners with deaconesses of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, supporting their professional development.

The Honor Flight of Northeast Indiana provides veterans the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C., to visit memorials that honor their service and sacrifice.

Through their weekly offerings, LSUS students are learning that even small gifts can make a significant difference in the lives of others.



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## **The Johnny Appleseed Blessing:**

Oh, the Lord is good to me,  
And so I thank the Lord  
For giving me the things I need  
The sun, and the rain, and the apple seed.  
The Lord is good to me.

**Zion Lutheran  
Evangelical Church**

**ALTAR GUILD'S  
ANNUAL LUNCHEON &  
TRAINING**



**Please join us on  
Saturday, Oct. 4, 2025 at  
12:00 PM in Bauer Hall.  
Soup, Salad, Subs and  
drinks will be provided.**



# **LWML Fort Wayne South Zone Fall Gathering**

**October 11, 2025**

**8:30 am- 12 pm**

**The Shepherd's Hand Community Outreach  
1231 South Anthony Blvd.**

**Registration: \$7**

**Continental Breakfast**

Theme: Held and Led

John 10:27-28

Speaker Deaconess Jana Peters

In-gathering for the Shephard Hand

Diapers: 4, 5, 6

Pull-ups: 2t-3t, 4t-5t

Baby wipes, Feminine Hygiene Products

(pads in various sizes)

or Monetary Donations

Please RSVP by October 6<sup>th</sup> to

260-446-6700 or email [kanninglisa@gmail.com](mailto:kanninglisa@gmail.com)



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# 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