

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

9:00 am ..... Sunday, March 2, 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.*

*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.*

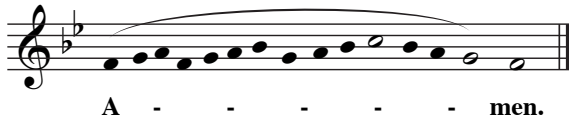
**Entrance Hymn ..... 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here ..... Burgundy Hymn 414**

## 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.



**Salutation**

*The Lord be with you.*



And with thy spir— it.

**Collect for the Transfiguration of Our Lord:** *O God, in the glorious Transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King of His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



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

**Old Testament Reading..... Deuteronomy 34:1-12**

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

**Epistle of the Day ..... Hebrews 3:1-6**

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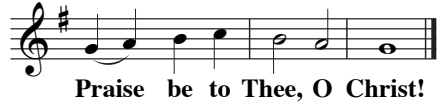
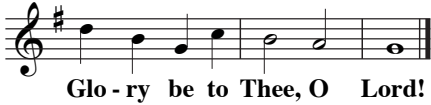
[ Rise and face the Processional Cross for the Gospel Procession. ]

**Sequence Hymn ..... Jesus on the Mountain Peak ..... Burgundy Hymn 415**

**Holy Gospel ..... St. Luke 9:28-36**

[ The Gospel is announced. ]

[ The Gospel is proclaimed. ]



**Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

[ Bow ] And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man;

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sits at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one Holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen!

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

# Hymn of the Day ..... Oh, Wondrous Type! ..... Burgundy Hymn 413

[ Rise for stanza 5. ]

[ Be Seated ] **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 ] **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.

### Proper Preface for the Transfiguration, 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.

### Lord's Prayer

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

For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo - ry  
for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

### Words of Institution, Pax Domini

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

A - men.

### Agnus Dei

1-3. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,  
have mer-cy up - on us. Grant us Thy Peace. A - - - men!

[ Be Seated ]

### Distribution Hymns ..... O Morning Star ..... Burgundy Hymn 395

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

### Swiftly Pass ..... Burgundy Hymn 416

### [ Rise ] Eucharistic Benediction

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

### Post-Communion Canticle ..... The Nunc Dimittis

1. Lord now— lettest Thou Thy  
servant, de— part— in — peace, ac— cord— ing to Thy Word.
2. For mine\_\_ eyes have seen  
Thy Salvation,  
which Thou hast pre— pared\_\_ be— fore the face of all\_\_ people.

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



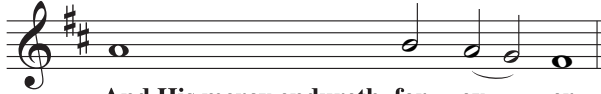
4. Glo—ry be to the  
Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost.



5. As it was in the  
beginning, is  
now, and e-ver shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

### Post Communion Rite

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



And His mercy endureth for — ev — er.

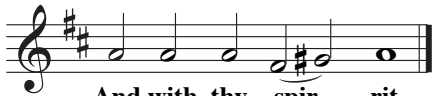
### Prayer of Thanksgiving ...now and forever.



A — men.

*The Lord be with you.*

*Bless we the Lord.*



And with thy spir — rit.



Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

*The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.*



A - men, A - men, A - men.

### Putting Away of The "Alleluia" in Preparation for Lent

- Alleluia! Enclose and seal up the word. .... Alleluia!*
- Let it remain in the secret place of your heart. .... Alleluia!*
- Let it remain there until the appointed time. .... Alleluia!*
- You shall say it with great joy when that day comes! .... Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*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 ..... Alleluia, Song of Gladness ..... Burgundy Hymn 417

### Postlude

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*This morning, at the close of the service, we prepare for Lent by participating in The Ambrosian Rite of Putting Away of The "Alleluia", an observance, originating under the influence of St. Ambrose (340-397 A.D.), Bishop of Milan, which marks the end of the use of the "Alleluia" response in the Services until The Great Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday night, Easter Eve.*

## **Readings for the Transfiguration of Our Lord Last Sunday after the Epiphany**

### **The Old Testament Reading is Deuteronomy 34:1-12**

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. And the LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, ‘I will give it to your offspring.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there.” So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

### **The Epistle is Hebrews 3:1-6**

Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God’s house. For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) Now Moses was faithful in all God’s house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, but Christ is faithful over God’s house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

## **The Gospel is Luke 9:28-36**

Now about eight days after these sayings [Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah”— not knowing what he said. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

## Hymns for the Transfiguration of Our Lord

### LSB414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

James Montgomery

3. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy glory fills the night;  
Thy face and garments, like the sun, Shine with unborrowed light.
4. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy beauty to behold  
Where Moses and Elijah stand, Thy messengers of old.
5. Fulfiller of the past And hope of things to be,  
We hail Thy body glorified And our redemption see.
6. Before we taste of death, We see Thy kingdom come;  
We long to hold the vision bright And make this hill our home.
7. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;  
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

### LSB415 Jesus on the Mountain Peak

Brian Wren

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1. Jesus on the mountain peak Stands alone in glory blazing;  
Let us, if we dare to speak, Join the saints and angels praising.  
Alleluia!
2. Trembling at zhis feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking.  
All the prophets and the law Shout through them their joyful greeting:  
Alleluia!
3. Swift the cloud of glory came: God proclaiming in its thunder  
Jesus as the Son by name! Nations, cry aloud in wonder,  
Alleluia!
4. This is God's beloved Son! Law and prophets sing before Him,  
First and Last and only One. All creation shall adore him!  
Alleluia!

### LSB413 Oh, Wondrous Type!

*Sarum Breviary, Salisbury*

1. O wondrous type! O vision fair  
Of glory that the Church may share,  
Which Christ upon the mountain shows,  
Where brighter than the sun He glows!

2. With Moses and Elijah nigh  
The incarnate Lord holds converse high;  
And from the cloud the Holy One  
Bears record to the only Son.
  3. With shining face and bright array  
Christ deigns to manifest today  
What glory shall be theirs above  
Who joy in God with perfect love.
  4. And faithful hearts are raised on high  
By this great vision's mystery,  
For which in joyful strains we raise  
The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
- △ 5. O Father, with the eternal Son  
And Holy Spirit ever one,  
We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace  
To see Thy glory face to face.

### **LSB395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright**

**Philipp Nicolai**

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1. O Morning Star, how fair and bright!  
You shine with God's own truth and light,  
Aglow with grace and mercy!  
Of Jacob's race, King David's Son,  
Our Lord and Master, You have won  
Our hearts to serve You only!  
Lowly, holy!  
Great and glorious, all victorious. Rich in blessing!  
Rule and might o'er all possessing!
2. Come, heav'nly Bridegroom, Light divine,  
And deep within our hearts now shine;  
There light a flame undying!  
In Your one body let us be  
As living branches of a tree,  
Your life our lives supplying.  
Now, though daily  
Earth's deep sadness May perplex us And distress us,  
Yet with heav'nly joy You bless us.

- W 3. Lord, when You look on us in love.  
At once there falls from God above  
A ray of purest pleasure.  
Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood  
Refresh our souls with heav'nly food.  
You are our dearest treasure!  
Let Your mercy  
Warm and cheer us! O draw near us! For You teach us  
God's own love through You has reached us.
- M 4. Almighty Father, in Your Son  
You loved us, when not yet begun  
Was this old earth's foundation!  
Your Son has ransomed us in love  
To live in Him here and above:  
This is Your great salvation.  
Alleluia!  
Christ the living, to us giving Life forever,  
Keeps us Yours and fails us never!
5. O let the harps break forth in sound!  
Our joy be all with music crowned,  
Our voices gladly blending!  
For Christ goes with us all the way—  
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
His love is never ending!  
Sing out! Ring out!  
Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story!  
Great is He, the King of Glory!
6. What joy to know, when life is past,  
The Lord we love is first and last,  
The end and the beginning!  
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,  
Transport us to that happy place  
Beyond all tears and sinning!  
Amen! Amen!  
Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness! We are yearning  
For the day of Your returning!

## LSB416 Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

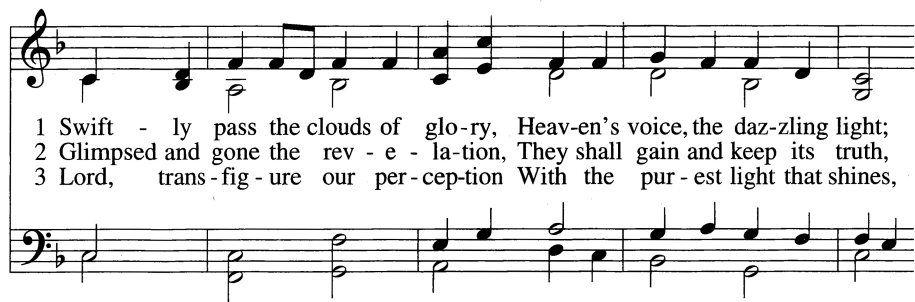
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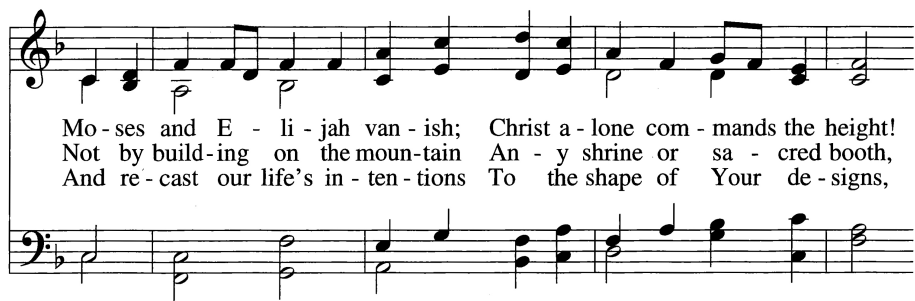
1. Swiftly pass the clouds of glory,  
Heaven's voice, the dazzling light;  
Moses and Elijah vanish;  
Christ alone commands the height!  
Peter, James, and John fall silent,  
Turning from the summit's rise  
Downward toward the shadowed valley  
Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.
2. Glimpsed and gone the revelation,  
They shall gain and keep its truth,  
Not by building on the mountain  
Any shrine or sacred booth,  
But by following the Savior  
Through the valley to the cross  
And by testing faith's resilience  
Through betrayal, pain, and loss.
3. Lord, transfigure our perception  
With the purest light that shines,  
And recast our life's intentions  
To the shape of Your designs,  
Till we seek no other glory  
Than what lies past Calv'ry's hill  
And our living and our dying  
And our rising by Your will.



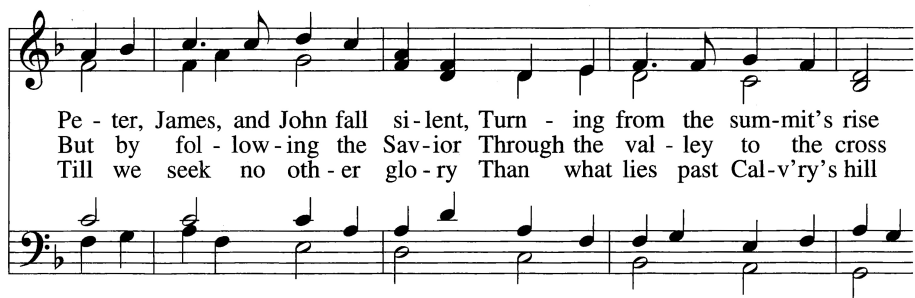
## 416 Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory



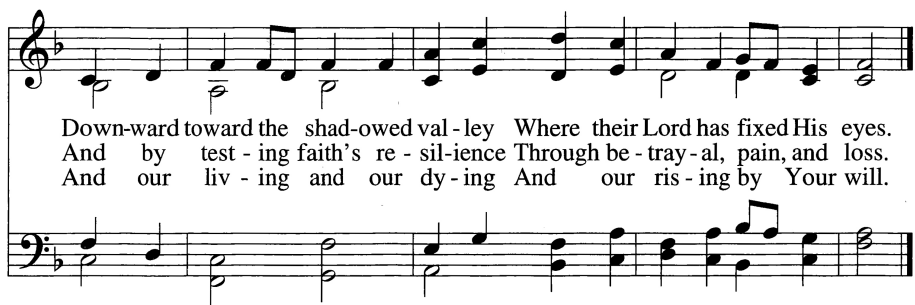
1 Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo-ry, Heav-en's voice, the daz-zling light;  
 2 Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la-tion, They shall gain and keep its truth,  
 3 Lord, trans - fig - ure our per - cep-tion With the pur - est light that shines,



Mo - ses and E - li - jah van - ish; Christ a - lone com - mands the height!  
 Not by build - ing on the moun-tain An - y shrine or sa - cred booth,  
 And re - cast our life's in - ten - tions To the shape of Your de - signs,



Pe - ter, James, and John fall si - lent, Turn - ing from the sum-mit's rise  
 But by fol - low - ing the Sav - ior Through the val - ley to the cross  
 Till we seek no oth - er glo - ry Than what lies past Cal - v'ry's hill



Down-ward toward the shad-owed val-ley Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.  
 And by test - ing faith's re - sil - ience Through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.  
 And our liv - ing and our dy - ing And our ris - ing by Your will.

## LSB417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness

Latin, c. 11th cent.

1. Alleluia, song of gladness, Voice of joy that cannot die;  
Alleluia is the anthem Ever raised by choirs on high;  
In the house of God abiding Thus they sing eternally.
2. Alleluia, thou resoundest, True Jerusalem and free;  
Alleluia, joyful mother, All thy children sing with thee,  
But by Babylon's sad waters Mourning exiles now are we.
3. Alleluia cannot always Be our song while here below;  
Alleluia, our transgressions Make us for a while for-go;  
For the solemn time is coming When our tears for sin must flow.
4. Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, blessed Trinity,  
At the last to keep Thine Easter With Thy faithful saints on high;  
There to Thee for ever singing Alleluia joyfully.

# The Transfiguration of Our Lord The Last Sunday after the Epiphany



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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

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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 fieldworkers Matthew Harrison and Nate Demlow, and for Paul Mroczenski 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, especially Janice Grim
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Debra Busche, Jerry Seifert, Carl Albersmeyer, Sarah Hollman, Richard Lammert, Connie Houser, Estella Ramirez, Bill Weinrich, Dwight Bieberich, Willodean Bates, Dick Hollman, Elaine Seifert, Bob Ockree, 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, including Bill Weinrich (80 on March 1)
- + 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, including Paul Zinter & Joseph Hennessy
- + 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 Transfiguration of Our Lord. The Altar Vases are giving in memory of my two uncles, Paul August Zinter, born 2 March 1908 (died 25 January 1988 at age 79) and Joseph Daniel Hennessy, born 2 March 1916 (died 19 June 1962 at age 46) by Jim Crouse. 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

### **March 2, 2025 thru March 8, 2025**

|               |                |                               |                   |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>SUN.</b>   | <b>9:00 AM</b> | <b>Divine Service</b>         | <b>Bauer Hall</b> |
|               | 10:30 AM       | LWML Meeting                  | Conference Room   |
| <b>MON.</b>   |                |                               |                   |
| <b>TUES.</b>  |                |                               |                   |
| <b>WED.</b>   | 9:30 AM        | Men of Zion                   | Conference Room   |
|               | <b>7:00 PM</b> | <b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>  | <b>Bauer Hall</b> |
| <b>THURS.</b> | 7:00 PM        | Council of Elders             | Conference Room   |
| <b>FRI.</b>   |                |                               |                   |
| <b>SAT.</b>   | 8:30 AM        | 23rd Annual Legislative Forum | Indiana Tech      |
|               | 11:00 AM       | Private Confession            | Bauer Hall        |

### **March 9, 2025 (Daylight Saving Time begins)**

|             |                |                       |                   |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| <b>SUN.</b> | <b>9:00 AM</b> | <b>Divine Service</b> | <b>Bauer Hall</b> |
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## **ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EDUCATION HOUR** is on “summer break” during our beautification/renovation project in church. We hope to be able to pick things back up in April, after the Easter feast.

**ATTENDANCE AND COMMUNION REGISTRATION** in being done the Great Hall. Please fill out a card, indicate who is here and who is communing, and place it in the offering plate.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** is this Wednesday, which begins our observance of a holy Lent. Please come to Ash Wednesday Divine Service (7 PM) in order to start this penitential season off right ... with repentance. There will be NO Lenten meals before our Lenten services this year.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS:** March 9<sup>th</sup> begins Daylight Saving time. Turn your unsynchronized clocks forward 1 hour at bedtime and lose an hour of sleep. Sorry, but we don’t want you to be late for church.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** Colossians 3:16—“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” Last week’s verse was Deuteronomy 31:6.

**LUTHERAN SPECIAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES** continues to look for a full-time resource room teacher for a position at Lutheran South Unity School. Interested applicants looking for more information or wishing to submit a resume are asked to contact Richard Schumacher at (734) 748-5253 or email him at [rschumacher@luthsped.org](mailto:rschumacher@luthsped.org).

**INDIANA DISTRICT LCMS** has a full-time opening for the position of Education Administrative Assistant. Qualifications include, but are not limited to, a servant attitude, effective communication skills, clerical skills, strong technical skills, self-motivation, a willingness to learn, and an eye for details. All resumes should be submitted as soon as possible. Interested individuals should submit their information either by email at [lisa.slack@in.lcms.org](mailto:lisa.slack@in.lcms.org) or Indiana District–LCMS, Attn: Lisa Slack, 1145 S Barr St, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

**WE CAN FACE COMPETING PRIORITIES** when we think about planning our estates someday. Part of that tension flows from immediate needs versus long-term needs in our lives. In our culture, it is the “immediate” that receives the attention, resulting in us failing to plan for long-term needs. For example, if you are going to put an estate plan in place, it will cost money working with an attorney. Maybe you need new tires instead and that wins the contest. To deal with the long term, we need to plan for it and prioritize. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can meet with you, without cost, to begin thinking about the value of this long-range planning. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or [mark.muehl@lfnf.org](mailto:mark.muehl@lfnf.org).

**RLNI:** Right to Life of Northeast Indiana will begin its spring 40 Days for Life campaign this Tuesday, March 4th at 5:30 PM in front of Planned Parenthood with a brief prayer and message. Planned Parenthood is located at 2930 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46805. Parking is available at the Right to Life office at 3106 Lake Ave. The spring campaign runs from March 4th to April 13<sup>th</sup>. For more info, please visit [www.ichooselife.org/40days](http://www.ichooselife.org/40days) or call 260-471-1849.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK TO A LEGISLATIVE MEMBER:** Join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM for breakfast and our 23rd Annual Legislative Forum to hear updates on pro-life legislation from elected officials. The Forum will be held at Indiana Tech University in the Multi-Flex Theater, 1600 E Washington Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46803. For more information please visit [ichooselife.org/forum](http://ichooselife.org/forum) or call 260-471-1849.

**LADIES, MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** The Lenten Devotion A Word to the Disciples will be held at Ascension Lutheran Church, 8811 Saint Joe Road, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 15. Please join us for a morning of worship, fellowship, and a light lunch. So that we may plan accordingly for bulletins and food, please respond with an approximate number by Sunday, March 9, to [barbhamm@frontier.com](mailto:barbhamm@frontier.com) or 489-9724. (If you provide names, we can have nametags prepared in advance.)

**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**  
**The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

**Evening Prayer**

Luke 9:28-36

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

John 11:17-37

Monday

Job 34:10-33

John 11:38-57

Tuesday

Job 36:1-21

Mark 1:1-13

Wednesday

Genesis 1:1-19

Mark 1:14-28

Thursday

Genesis 1:20-2:3

Mark 1:29-45

Friday

Genesis 2:4-25

Mark 2:1-17

Saturday

Genesis 3:1-24

**THE DAILY PETITIONS OF THE CHURCH**

[Daily] **O Lord, have mercy upon us. O Christ, have mercy upon us. O Lord, have mercy upon us.** Let us pray:

[S] For the joy of the Resurrection among us; for true and godly worship throughout the world; for diligent preaching and hearing of God's Word of Law and Gospel; for our pastors; for the teachers and students of our Sunday School; for our Bible Class leaders and their students; for our catechumens; Lord, in Your mercy, .....**hear our prayer. Amen!**

[M] For workers; for the unemployed; for farmers; for seasonable weather; for businesses small and large; for our leaders, federal, state and local; for the economic welfare of the nations on earth; for peace in our world; Lord, in Your mercy, ..... **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[T] For the tempted; for the addicted and despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; for the lonely; for the sick, the hospitalized, and the needy; Lord, in Your mercy, ..... **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[W] For fathers, mothers, and families; for those adults who must rear their children alone; the teachers and students of Lutheran South Unity School and Concordia Lutheran High School; Lord, in Your mercy, ..... **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[T] For the Church and her pastors; for the training of ministers of the Word; for missionaries of the Church; for the leaders of the Church, including Matthew, our synod president, and Richard, our district president; for those who have not heard the Gospel; for the fruitful use of the blessed Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood; Lord, in Your mercy, ..... **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[F] For the preaching of the Cross; for those persecuted for the sake of Gospel; the confession of the orthodox Lutheran faith in our community; Lord, in Your mercy, ..... **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[Sat] For faithfulness unto life's earthly end; for the revival of those who have withered in the faith or fallen away; for the dying; Lord, in Your mercy, ..... **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[Daily] **The Our Father**

**TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

**The First Sunday in Lent**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## About Moses Giving Way to Christ—Law to Gospel

1. *And Moses went up from the plains of Moab.*

That [Moses'] grave is not found by man (v.6) is properly said to have been done to keep the Jews from making an idol of him. But more than this, it means that when the light of the Gospel came, the ministry of the Law was removed so that the Jews can neither find nor ever restore it.

Moses is described as having such vigor that his eyes were not dim and the appearance of his face had not changed when he died ...

The endurance of sight and strength in Moses signifies, according to the allegorical meaning, that the power of the Law does not grow less through length of days or magnitude of deeds; but it always oppresses and rouses guilty consciences until it dies, that is, until it is done away with through Christ and the new ministry of grace is established. But when Christ came, the old Law was close to its end, according to the passage in Hebrews (8:13): "What is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away."

Finally, Moses is praised for his greatness (vv. 10 ff.). After him no one equaled the great signs done in Egypt and in the desert through him. Especially did he stand out, however, because the Lord knew him face to face; that is, he lived and talked familiarly with God. This is not said for all time, but for as long as Moses' ministry lasted. For all his successors taught what Moses taught and were taught by him and from him, as the lesser ones. At the same time it remains true, as is said in chapter 18:18, that after Moses Another was to be raised up like Moses, namely, Christ; to Him the great Moses yielded, as to One far greater in worth and power, as we saw there. It also signifies this, that nothing greater can be taught and transmitted, so far as laws are concerned, than the Law of Moses. For all things reach their climax in him, except that the great Law was to give way to the even greater Gospel.

*Luther's Works*, 9:310-11.

## LSUS NOTES

### Praying for You!

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

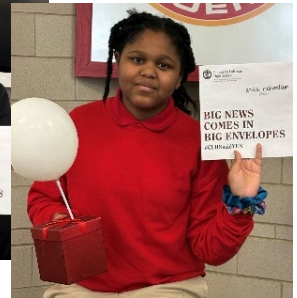
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| Adonis    | Ivan    |
| Gabriella | Max     |
| Vachellia | Michael |
| Dontae    | Daylen  |
| Khloe     | De'Cora |



### Future Concordia Cadets

Congratulations to these 8th grade students, Sophia, Keh Ter Re, Maiya, Josef, Jayden, and Ariza, who have been accepted at Concordia Lutheran

High school! Next year this group of students will embark on an exciting new chapter as future Cadets. These future Cadets will participate in a supportive and engaging environment where they can cultivate their talents, build lifelong friendships, and deepen their understanding of Christian values.



### Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

—Romans 8:38-39



# WELCOME Kindergarten Roundup

Lutheran South Unity School

March 6th, 2025

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm



What to Expect: Children welcome to come!

- Kindergarten Scavenger Hunt
- Tour of the building
- Learn about the program
- Meet the teachers and principal



We are looking forward to hearing from your family!

Register with the QR code or call the office.  
260-744-0459



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260-744-0459

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Conductor**

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**Friday,  
March 7  
7 p.m.**

**Suburban Bethlehem  
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LIFE NEWS—MARCH 2025



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## Life Newsbytes

**Alex Schadenberg:** On December 11, 2024, Canada's Ministry of Health released the Fifth Annual Report on Medical Assistance in Dying, which found that there were 15,343 reported euthanasia deaths, representing 4.7% of all deaths in 2023. The number of Canadian euthanasia deaths was up from 13,241 in 2022 and 10,092 in 2021. Based on the 2024 MAiD data from Ontario and Alberta, I predict that there were approximately 16,600 Canadian euthanasia deaths in 2024. How did I make my prediction? The Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario released the December 2024 MAiD data, which indicated that there were 4,957 reported euthanasia deaths in 2024, which is up from 4,641 in 2023 and 3,934 in 2022. Ontario represents almost 40% of Canada's population. The data indicates that, as of December 31, 2024, there have been 23,333 Ontario euthanasia deaths since legalization. The city of Alliston had a population of 23,253 in 2021. Alberta Health Services released their MAiD data, indicating that there were 1,116 reported euthanasia deaths in 2024, which is up from 977 in 2023 and 836 in 2022 ... [We] will be trying to obtain the provincial euthanasia data to provide insight into Canada's experience with killing. (Read more: [www.lifenews.com/2025/02/12/almost-5-of-all-canadians-who-died-in-2023-were-euthanized](http://www.lifenews.com/2025/02/12/almost-5-of-all-canadians-who-died-in-2023-were-euthanized).)

## Speaking up For Life

"[W]e were made for light and life. God's Word and Sacraments cast darkness aside in our lives; they draw us closer to Him and make us strong unto salvation ... Cling to the promises of Christ. May we recognize that we are blessed For Life even when we are surrounded by darkness, and may we in our darkest seasons, through the work of the Holy Spirit, lean toward the Son for light and for hope." *Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life*

"With gentleness and respect, we witness to our faith in Jesus so that others will come to believe in Him and eagerly await His return. All who confess Jesus as Lord look forward to His Second Coming with a joy far greater than idle mirth. We are encouraged as we remind each other that our Savior is coming back, and we pray that He would 'hear and grant our fervent plea.' Come, Lord Jesus!" *Dr. Carol Geisler*

"God loves everybody. God loves people that are big and small. God loves people that are every age. God loves people no matter where we live. All people are special to God. The Bible says, 'For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand' (Ephesians 2:10). God has good things for each of us." *Timothy, a sixth grader from southern Minnesota, who has Down syndrome*

# Lutherans For Life | Love Life | House of Refuge

by Pastor Michael Salemink



Lutherans For Life is delighted to announce an exciting new opportunity! Save the date for spring 2025, because we'll be inviting your congregation to participate in the House of Refuge initiative.

We're collaborating with our friends at a fellow sanctity-of-life ministry known as **Love Life**, who developed the **House of Refuge** project. The House of Refuge represents a brilliantly simple Gospel-motivated witness and service to our communities. A House of Refuge congregation commits publicly and lovingly to active surrounding and ongoing supporting of neighbors experiencing surprise pregnancies.

They undertake this by:

- registering their leadership's consent to readiness and pastoral endorsement of it with Lutherans For Life;
- declaring the House of Refuge pledge in the worshiping assembly at least twice annually and displaying it in a prominent location in their facility;
- designating a parish House of Refuge ambassador;
- publicizing their contact information on Love Life's online nationwide House of Refuge locator;
- and preparing access to material, emotional, social, and spiritual assistance in the event that a community member accepts the House of Refuge invitation. (This may include companionship and mentoring, pastoral counsel, referrals to aid agencies, transportation and housing arrangements, facilitating medical care, and the like.)

The House of Refuge pledge promises to anyone undergoing surprise pregnancy that this congregation regards the condition as a blessing instead of a sin and the child as a privilege rather than a punishment. The congregation affirms they hold precious both the child's life and the welfare of the parents and asserts they will unite their efforts toward whatever it takes to help mother and father carry and care for the little one. The congregation also vows not to subject mother or father to gossip or shame or pressure toward abortion. The congregation devotes themselves to sympathy and solidarity for mothers, to encouraging and commending, and to holding men accountable for their God-given vocations. And the congregation insists on extending the Heavenly Father's forgiveness and healing in Christ Jesus to any who mourn already having aborted their own children.

We believe that formally and frequently proclaiming this pledge makes churches safe places. Rather than running from the household of faith when surprise pregnancy occurs, neighbors both within and without the Body of Christ will turn to them as a first resort. Young people will come of age formed to know that this security awaits them should they fall into such a situation, and the fellowship will gain a public reputation for the kind of compassion that renders abortion unnecessary. And we hope this gentle and winsome entrance into sanctity-of-life advocacy, devoid of any political dimensions, will lead to greater courage for both the entire congregation and individual members to voice their convictions about these matters.

We are currently completing the process of finalizing program parameters and preparing orientation materials and support resources. Please begin getting ready by informing your congregation that House of Refuge is forthcoming and monitoring Lutherans For Life communications for further details!

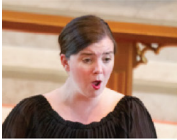


For tickets and more information visit  
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## 2024-2025 Season

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Sarah Shafer



Daniel McGrew



Edward Vogel



Ashlee Bickley



Brad Tatum



Leighann Daihl Ragusa

### Sun Nov 10 at 4 pm – Concert I Zion Lutheran Church, 2313 S. Hanna St., Fort Wayne

Ashlee Bickley, *mezzo-soprano*

Daniel McGrew, *tenor*

Edward Vogel, *baritone*

Leighann Daihl Ragusa, *flauto traverso*

Sung Lee, *oboe/oboe d'amore*

**J.S. Bach:** *Ich lasse dich nicht, du segnest mich den*, BWV 157

**J.S. Bach:** *Ich armer Mensch, ich Sündenknecht*, BWV 55

**J. Brahms:** *Warum ist das Licht gegeben dem Mühseligen*, Op. 74, No. 1 [a cappella]

**J.S. Bach:** *Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin*, BWV 125

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### Sun Dec 1 at 2 pm – *Messiah* Sing-Along Queen of Angels Catholic Church, 1500 W. State St., Fort Wayne

The joy of singing *Messiah* is open for everyone in our annual *Messiah* Sing-Along, with **Thomas Remenschneider** directing. Bring your own score or borrow a copy we will have available. Holiday cookies will be served.

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### Sun February 16 at 4 pm – Concert II Trinity Lutheran Church, 1636 St. Mary's Ave., Fort Wayne

Sarah Shafer, *soprano*

Ashlee Bickley, *mezzo-soprano*

Jonathan Busarow, *tenor*

Keith Brautigam, *baritone*

Brad Tatum, *cornò da tirarsi*

Sung Lee, *oboe/oboe d'amore*

Luke Conklin, *oboe/oboe d'amore/recorder*

**J.S. Bach:** *Herr, wie du willst, so schick's mit mir*, BWV 73

**J.S. Bach:** *Komm, du süße Todesstunde*, BWV 161

**A. Bruckner:** *Motets; selection* [a cappella]

*Zwei Totenlieder*, No. 1, WAB 47

*Vexilla regis*, WAB 51

*Zwei Totenlieder*, No. 2, WAB 48

**J.S. Bach:** *Christus, der ist mein Leben*, BWV 95

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### Sun April 27 at 4 pm – Concert III Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 917 W. Jefferson Blvd., Ft. Wayne

Sarah Shafer, *soprano*

Ashlee Bickley, *mezzo-soprano*

Mark Vogel, *tenor*

Edward Vogel, *baritone*

Esteban Hernandez Parra, *viola*

Sung Lee, *oboe/oboe d'amore*

Jenni Kirby, *oboe/oboe d'amore*

**J.S. Bach:** *Wer da gläubet und getauft wird*, BWV 37

**J.S. Bach:** *Alles nur nach Gottes Willen*, BWV 72

**U.W.v. Wassenaer:** *Concerto armonico III in A major* [instrumental]

**M. Durufle:** *Tantum ergo*, Op. 10, No. 4 [a cappella]

**T. Kverno:** *Corpus Christi Carol* [a cappella]

**J.S. Bach:** *Mein liebster Jesu ist verloren*, BWV 154

# HURRICANE HELENE UPDATE



**HURRICANE HELENE** made landfall near Perry, Fla., on Sept. 26 as a Category 4 storm. Since that time, it has left a devastating trail of death and destruction across the southeastern United States. The death toll is currently estimated at more than 180 people in six states.

On Sept. 30, the Rev. Dr. Ross Johnson, director of LCMS Disaster Response, departed for a multi-day visit to assess the damage, after which an initial response plan will be developed in cooperation with the districts affected. Other LCMS districts and Recognized Service Organizations are also assisting with the response.

While early reports seemed to indicate the damage would not be extensive, that quickly changed. In Florida, the Tampa and St. Petersburg areas sustained severe flooding, with multiple homes taking in water, making them currently uninhabitable. Meanwhile, south-central Georgia experienced significant tree damage, and western North Carolina — particularly Asheville — remains in dire conditions, with closed roads impeding transportation, and widespread power and cellular outages making communication difficult or impossible.

Johnson encourages everyone in the LCMS to take part in the response as they are able. First, and most important, please pray for those affected by the storms. Second, consider volunteering to assist with the response. Third, consider a gift to LCMS Disaster Response.

## PRAYER

*Lord of heaven and earth, we know that you hold all things and people in Your hands. In your mercy, provide for the needs of those who have been affected, in big ways or small, by Hurricane Helene. Work through the efforts of those who bring relief, aid and comfort, and protect all involved from any further harm. Most of all, help us to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. In His name we pray. Amen.*

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## TO VOLUNTEER

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TEXT “LCMSDISASTERS” to 41444.

CALL the LCMS toll-free gift line between 8 a.m. and 4:10 p.m. Central time at 888-930-4438.

**MAIL** — Make checks payable to “The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod” (or “LCMS”). On the memo line, write “Disaster Response” and mail to the LCMS, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861.

*Gifts are tax-deductible as allowed by law.*



*"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you* always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now," writes St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians (PHIL. 1:3).

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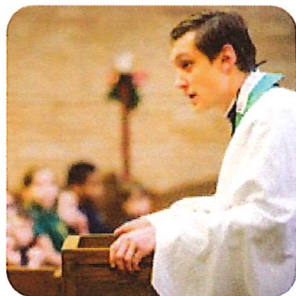
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*be to*  
**God**  
for those  
who work in our  
congregations  
and schools!

**With this same gratitude**, we thank the more than 11,000 church workers who serve our Synod with the Word and mercy of Christ. Throughout this month, congregations and schools are encouraged to show their appreciation for all church workers.

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**For teachers especially** we give thanks, who teach God's Word to our children, dedicate countless hours to the classroom, who love the children of God they teach and who live a life of service to Christ and His church.

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**For all church workers**, from pastors to deaconesses to directors of Christian education, parish music, family life and outreach, who teach God's Word and point us to Christ. Tell them "Thank you!" this month for all they do!

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*Set Apart to Serve* seeks to create an intentional culture of church worker formation and recruitment in every LCMS congregation, school and entity. Visit [resources.lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve](https://resources.lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve) to learn more.

  
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