

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR REMINISCERE, THE 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

9:00 am Sunday, March 1, 2026

RECEIVING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT ZION

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

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

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

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

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

[Rise] Invocation

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

The Office of Confession of Sins and Absolution

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

[Kneel]

Our help is in the name of the Lord Who made heaven and earth.
I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord. And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

The Congregation rises, turns towards the entrance of the nave, and faces the Cross of Christ, the reminder of Christ's promise to come and dwell among His people as they are gathered in His name.

Introit of the Day



[Antiphon] *He remembers his cove- | nant for- •ever•, || the word that he commanded, for a | thou- sand ge- ne- | ra- tions, || the covenant that he made with | A- bra- ham, || his sworn | •promise• to I-__ | saac.*

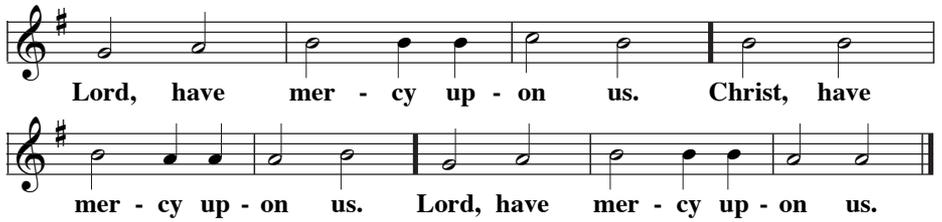
Verse 1: **Seek the Lord | and his strength; || seek his | •presence• con- tin- ual- | ly__!**
|| Remember the wondrous works that | he has done, || his miracles, and the | judg-__ ments he | •uttered•.

Verse 2: *O offspring of Abraham, his | ser-__ vant, || children of | •Jacob•, his cho- sen | ones__! || He is the | Lord our God; || his judgments | are in all the | earth.*

Gloria: **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son: || and | to the Ho- ly | Spir- it; || As it was in the be- | •ginning•, is now, || and will | be for- •ever•. A- | men!**

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Kyrie



Salutation

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir— it.

Collect for the Second Sunday in Lent: *O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



A ——— men!

Collect for Lent: *Merciful and everlasting God, who did not spare Your only Son, but delivered Him up for us all that He might bear our sins upon the cross, grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the same 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..... **Genesis 12:1-9**

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

Epistle of the Day **Romans 4:1-8, 13-17**

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

[Rise] **Tract**



[Deacon] *For God so | loved the world, || that He | gave His on- ly | Son __, || that whoever be- | lieves in Him || should not perish but | have e- ter- nal | life.*

All: **O** come, let us fix our | eyes on •Jesus•, || the founder and per- | fec- tor of our | faith __. || who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame || and is seated at the right hand | of the throne of | God.

Holy Gospel **St. John 3:1-17**

[The Gospel is announced.]

[The Gospel is proclaimed.]



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!



Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)

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

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

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

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

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

[Be Seated] **Hymn of the Day..... Lord, Thee I Love Red Hymn 429 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 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 Lent, 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'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry; Ho - san - na Ho - san - na, Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He, Bless - ed is He, Bless - ed is He that

com - eth in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the highest.

[*Kneel*] **Lord's Prayer**

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

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glo - ry for -

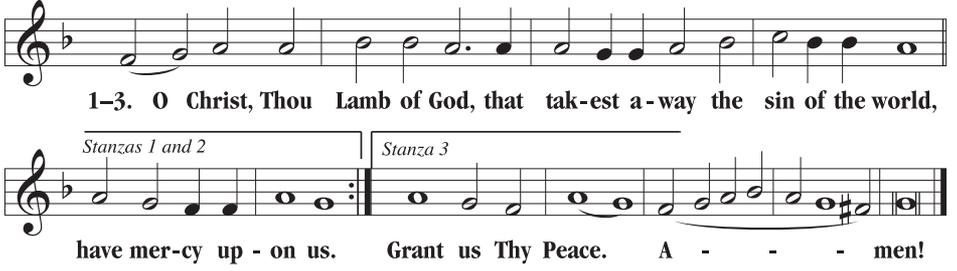
ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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 Jesus, Blessed Lord Burgundy Hymn 632
 The God of Abraham Praise .. Burgundy Hymn 798**

[All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Men alone sing stanzas 3 & 5; Women alone sing stanzas 4 & 6;
 All sing stanzas 7, 8, & 9; Rise for stanza 9.]

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.



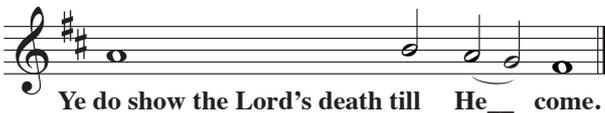
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
 Father, and to__ the __ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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

Post Communion Rite

As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup:



Ye do show the Lord's death till He__ come.

Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



A — men.

The Lord be with you.



Bless we the Lord.



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.



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 God Loved the World Burgundy Hymn 571

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

Postlude

Holy Week Schedule

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Palm Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday Divine Service, 9:00 a.m.

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The Triduum: The Three Day Vigil

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Part I: Holy Thursday, April 2

Divine Service 7:00 p.m.

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Part II: Good Friday, April 3

Divine Service 7:00 p.m.

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Part III: Holy Saturday, April 4

The Great Vigil of Easter

Divine Service 7:00 p.m.

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The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord

Sunday, April 5

Easter Breakfast 7:45 a.m.

Festival Divine Service 9:00 a.m.

(No Sunday School and Adult Bible Class this Sunday)

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Readings for the Second Sunday in Lent

The Old Testament Reading is Genesis 12:1-9

The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

The Epistle is Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;
blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

...

For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the

righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The Gospel is John 3:1-17

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except him who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.”

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Hymns for the Second Sunday in Lent

TLH429 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

Martin Schalling

1. Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;
I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,
With tender mercy cheer me.
Earth has no pleasure I would share,
Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare
If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break,
My trust in Thee no one could shake.
Thou art the Portion I have sought;
Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.
2. Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave
My body, soul, and all I have
In this poor life of labor.
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place
May glorify Thy lavish grace
And serve and help my neighbor.
Let no false doctrine me beguile,
Let Satan not my soul defile.
Give strength and patience unto me
To bear my cross and follow Thee.
Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
In death Thy comfort still afford.
3. Lord, let at last Thine angels come,
To Abram's bosom bear me home,
That I may die unfearing;
And in its narrow chamber keep
My body safe in peaceful sleep
Until Thy reappearing.
And then from death awaken me
That these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, Thy glorious face,
My Savior and my Fount of grace.
Lord Jesus Christ, My prayer attend, my prayer attend,
And I will praise Thee without end.

LSB632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

Thomas Hansen Kingo

1. O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee
My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed
On me Thy body and Thy blood.
2. Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:
What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart:
How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

LSB798 The God of Abraham Praise

Thomas Olivers

1. The God of Abr'ham praise, Who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days And God of love.
Jehovah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name Forever blest.
2. The God of Abr'ham praise, At whose supreme command
From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.
I all on earth forsake, Its wisdom, fame, and pow'r,
And Him my only portion make, My shield and tow'r.
- M 3. The God of Abr'ham praise, Whose all-sufficient grace
Shall guide me all my pilgrim days In all my ways.
He deigns to call me friend; He calls Himself my God.
And He shall save me to the end Through Jesus' blood.
- W 4. He by Himself has sworn; I on His oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, To heav'n ascend.
I shall behold His face; I shall His pow'r adore
And sing the wonders of His grace Forevermore.
- M 5. Though nature's strength decay, And earth and hell withstand,
To Canaan's bounds I urge my way At His command.
The wat'ry deep I pass, With Jesus in my view,
And through the howling wilderness My way pursue.
- W 6. The goodly land I see, With peace and plenty blest:
A land of sacred liberty And endless rest.
There milk and honey flow, And oil and wine abound,
And trees of life forever grow With mercy crowned.
7. There dwells the Lord our king, The Lord our righteousness,
Triumphant o'er the world and sin, The Prince of Peace.

On Zion's sacred height His kingdom He maintains
And glorious with His saints in light Forever reigns.

8. The God who reigns on high The great archangels sing,
And "Holy, holy, holy!" cry, "Almighty King!
Who was and is the same And evermore shall be:
Jehovah, Father, great I AM! We worship Thee!"
- △ 9. The whole triumphant host Give thanks to God on high.
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" They ever cry.
Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays:
All might and majesty are Thine And endless praise!

LSB571 God Loved the World So That He Gave *Heiliges Lippen und
Hertzens-Opffer, Stettin*

1. God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.
2. Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone.
- M 3. God would not have the sinner die;
His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.
- W 4. Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood,
Your Baptism grants the highest good.
5. If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.
- △ 6. Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

The Second Sunday in Lent



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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:

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Nathaniel Demlow, Joshua Fuchs

The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

Principal:

Amber Bahr (744-0459; www.lsusfw.org)

Teachers:

Yvonne Schwantz (8th, MS ELA), Michael Cullen (7th, MS Science),
Chase Mertz (6th, MS Social Studies), Danielle Ramsey (5th), Abbey Kohler (4th),
Rachel Wiegman (3rd), John Fink (2nd), Hannah Fink (1st), Michelle Madden (K),
Natalie Reynolds (Art), Elisa Sawall (Music), Lee Buxton (PE), Cathie Wakeland (Literacy Coach),
Arianna Blake (LSEM), Melissa White (FWCS) & Sarah Wheaton (EACS) (Title I Tutors)

The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music:

Michael Hollman, MM

Church Office Manager:

Melvia Culpher

PRAYERS FOR TODAY

- + For the church, especially those bearing the cross of persecution, including Bishop Juhana Pohjola and Dr. Päivi Räsänen (case being decided by the Finnish Supreme Court)
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our teachers as they start of another academic year, our fieldworkers Nate Demlow and Josh Fuchs
- + For our nation; for our leaders; for our military, including James Hall & Thaddeus Cody
- + For our schools, especially Lutheran South Unity School, Concordia Lutheran High School, and Concordia Theological Seminary.
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound
- + For those who are on hospice care or nearing death, especially Bob Ockree
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Henry Williams, Jim Teasdale, Marty Thomas, Darryl Kirtz, Yolanda Turner, Carl Albersmeyer, Estella Ramirez, Dick Hollman, Art Litke, Debra Busche, Bill Weinrich, Dwight Bieberich, Jimmy Coffey, Al McFeter, Mike Ming, Earl Marcel Sisson, Elaine Seifert, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Gary Phillips, David Groth, Gary Castle, Ron Rastl, Robert & Jenny Hobby, the Hernandez family
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages
- + For the gift of life and for length of days and for pregnant mothers Hannah Fink, Rachel Wiegman, and Gabrielle Voss
- + 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 Second Sunday in Lent. 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 1, 2026 thru March 7, 2026

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:45 AM	Adult Bible Class	Bauer Hall
	10:45 AM	Alternate Adult/Youth Bible Class	Conference Room
MON.			
TUES.	9:00 AM	Weekly Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	9:00 AM	Fort Wayne Tri-Circuit winkel	District Office
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:45 PM	Lenten Supper	Bauer Hall
	7:00 PM	Lenten Vespers	Church
THURS.	9:00 AM	Pastors/Principal meeting	LSUS
	7:00 PM	Council of Elders Meeting	Conference Room
FRI.			
SAT.	9:00 AM	LWML Crafting	Bauer Hall
	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

March 8, 2026 (Daylight Saving Time begins)

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

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: today Sem. Josh Fuchs continues with the class on Lutheran Identity in the Conference Room. And the Adult Class is studying St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians led by Pastor Punke and our field workers.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins next Sunday, 2 AM. Sigh! We lose an hour of sleep, and it's easy to be late for church. Turn your clocks ahead 1 hour on Saturday so that won't be you.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS for 2025 are set to expire on March 31, 2026. If you still have 2025 Choice Dollars available, please consider directing them to Zion.

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT: Every Wednesday in Lent is a light supper at 5:45 PM with Vespers to follow at 7:00 PM. The Sacrament is offered in the Chapel after Vespers for those who desire it. This Wednesday, Pastor will proclaim the word of God and Seminarian Fuchs will lead the liturgy. Come and observe Lent in humble repentance and forgiveness.

LWML: this Saturday, March 7th, will be the first "Crafting Saturday." The ladies will be crafting inside of Bauer Hall from 9AM-12PM. Feel free to join in anytime. Whether you have a craft project that you are working on or not, join in on this bonding experience. If you are willing to learn, the ladies can show you. Melvia has the March LWML calendar on the table in the Great Hall.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: 1 Peter 2:24— "He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed." Last week's verse was Romans 5:8.

WE LIVE IN AN "I CAN DO IT MYSELF" CULTURE. The truth is that with creating a Christian estate plan, we need an entire team, to assist us to make sure that our plan is well grounded. Having a good attorney is essential to this process, as they bring expertise to know how to document your plans legally and clearly in your will or trust, especially accounting for unique challenges. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you organize your information and goals so you are ready to work with your attorney. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfnf.org.

JOIN RIGHT TO LIFE OF NORTHEAST INDIANA: Sidewalk Advocates for Life training will take place in the RLNI conference room at 3106 Lake Ave, March 11, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. If you are interested, please send an email to: Jordyn@ichooselife.org or Chase@ichooselife.org.

LSUS is looking for people to host an after-school club. You can pick any grade level to work with; you choose the topic and how many students can attend. But you can't choose Tuesdays to do it that day is reserved for the teachers. If you do choose to host a club, you are responsible for all materials needed for your club. Contact Danielle Ramsey at dramsey@lsusfw.org to schedule your club.

CLHS is blessed to be experiencing significant enrollment growth resulting in the need to add a number of new full-time teaching positions for the 2026–2027 school year. We invite passionate educators to consider joining our growing team. To learn more about the available positions or to apply, visit our employment page at clhscadets.com/apps/pages/employment.

CLHS: Freshmen Scheduling Night, March 2 and 5 at 6:15 p.m. We are excited to welcome our incoming Concordia Lutheran High School families as we prepare for the 2026–27 school year. Parents of eighth grade students who will be attending Concordia this fall are invited to join us for Freshmen Scheduling Night on March 2 or March 5, beginning at 6:15 p.m.

CAMP LUTHERHAVEN registration for Summer Camp is now open! While winter lingers, summer at camp will be here before you know it. Campers will spend their days swimming, hiking, creating, and playing classic camp games like Capture the Flag—all while growing in faith, community, and confidence. Programs are available for students from kindergarten through high school, with options for families as well. Register online at lutherhaven.org or call 260.636.7101 for more information.

ST. JOHN-EMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL is having a Craft Show at 9909 Wayne Trace. It will be held on March 7 from 9 AM - 2 PM. Come visit the booths of 40 different local vendors to shop for handcrafted items, gifts, and other goodies. Concessions will be available for purchase.

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

John 3:1-17
Mark 6:14-34
Mark 6: 35-56
Mark 7:1-23
Mark 7:24-37
Mark 8:1-21
Mark 8:22-38

DAILY LECTIONARY

The Second Sunday in Lent
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

Evening Prayer

Genesis 12:1-9
Genesis 18:1-15
Genesis 21:1-21
Genesis 22:1-19
Genesis 24:1-31
Genesis 24:32-52, 61-67
Genesis 27:1-29

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 Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7

Romans 5:1-8

John 4:5-30, 39-42



What Doctor Luther Says:

About the Life of a Saint

1. *Hear my prayer, O Lord.*

The life of a saint is more a taking from God than a giving; more a desiring than a having; more a becoming pious than a being pious. Thus St. Augustine says that faith obtains what the Law demands. Hence imploring, desiring, searching is the true essence of the inner man, as in Ps. 34:10: “Those who seek the Lord lack no good thing,” and in Ps. 105:4: “Seek His presence continually.” Again, Ps. 14:8 says of the proud saints: “There is none that seeks after God” — they have already found Him.

Give ear to my supplications because of Thy faith!

Not on account of the work I do, but on account of the faith Thou givest me.

Answer me in Thy righteousness.

Not on account of my righteousness, for that is sin and unrighteousness. He would say: Give me faith, and make me righteous by grace; for I see some who claim to be right and want to stand because of their own works and righteousness. Preserve me from this. They want to be something, whereas they are nothing, vain, fools, and sinners. Here it should be noted that the little words “Thy faith” and “Thy righteousness” do not refer to the faith and the righteousness with which God believes and is righteous, as some have thought, but to the grace whereby God works faith in us and makes us righteous. Thus the apostle Paul in Rom. 1, 2, and 3 speaks of the righteousness and the faith of God given to us by the grace of Christ.

Luther's Works, 14:196.



COME CREATE

THE LADIES OF ZION WILL BE HOLDING CRAFTING SATURDAY'S STARTING **MARCH 7, 2026 AT 9AM-12PM. DO YOU HAVE A CRAFT IDEA TO SHARE? DO YOU WANT TO GET TOGETHER AND LEARN SOMETHING NEW? WOULD YOU LIKE TO HANG OUT WITH THE LADIES HERE AT ZION INSIDE OF BAUER HALL. BRING A PROJECT TO WORK ON AND A SNACK TO SHARE. COFFEE, LEMONADE, AND DOUGHNUTS WILL BE PROVIDED. ONCE AGAIN, EVERYONE IS WELCOME WHETHER YOU HAVE A PROJECT OR NOT! BRING A FRIEND, TOO!**

ZION LADIES OF LWML



SECOND-HAND

CLOTHING DONATION

**STARTING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026
EVERY 3RD SUNDAY OF THE
MONTH**

**DROP-OFF POINT:
TABLE IN GREAT HALL**

**ALL DONATIONS
WILL GO TO CTSFW
SEMINARY STUDENTS**

**PLEASE DONATE
CLOTHES THAT
ARE...**

CLEAN & FRESH

Recently washed, free of odors.

GENTLY WORN

No major stains, tears, or fading.

FULLY FUNCTIONAL

Zippers, buttons, and snaps must work.



LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!

Please pray for these students/staff:

Riley

Ezra S

Holly

Summer

Paislee

Kennedy

Da'Marion

Jaylon

Kendall



We celebrated National Lutheran Schools Week the last week of January. NLSW celebrates more than 1,800 preschools through high schools of The LCMS highlighting God's work in Lutheran education and the opportunity to provide both excellent academics and the life-changing message of Jesus' love to students and families. This year's theme, "Let's Make a Joyful Noise," based on Psalm 98:4, was brought to life through decorating their classroom doors and fun dress-up days like Pajama Day, Mismatch Day, and "Dress Like an LSUS Teacher," along with meaningful service projects such as creating thank-you cards for community helpers and making prayer chains. NLSW reminds us of the powerful educational and spiritual impact of Lutheran schools as Christ-centered communities that nurture students in both faith and learning



Chapel Partner Group Project Challenge

During the month of February, LSUS students are asked to bring in items for the Charis' House/Rescue Mission. Chapel partner groups are competing to see who can bring in the the most items by the end of February. The winners will receive a fun reward!

You can help us collect items as well! Please bring these NEW items to your church or the school.



- Gloves (adult or kids)
- Hats (adult or kids)
- Travel size deodorant & shampoo



These items, along with our chapel offerings, will be given to the Charis's House/Rescue Mission in our chapel service on Feb. 26th.

Thanks for showing Jesus to others in need!

Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and praises! — Psalms 98:4



MARCH EVENT SCHEDULE

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

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MARCH 2026

MEETUP: LIVE MUSIC

7 PM THE CLUB ROOM @ THE CLYDE
CAROLYN & DAVE MARTIN
FLATBREAD SPECIAL!

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MARCH 2026

THE PORCH NIGHT: SERIES ON VANITY

7 PM THE HOLY CROSS YOUTH CENTER
3420 N ANTHONY BLVD

17

MARCH 2026

BRIDGE SKATE NIGHT

8-10:30PM BELL'S SKATI&I RINK
7009 IN-930 FT WAYNE

\$10 ADMISSION & SKATE RENTAL
WEAR YOUR GREEN!

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MARCH 2026

LENTEN EXPERIENCE WITH PASTOR CHAD

7 PM THE GREENHAUS
3504 N. ANTHONY BLVD
FOLLOWED BY FELLOWSHIP & FUN!

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MARCH 2026

NO BRIDGE 20/30
CLOSED FOR SPRING BREAK

The Bach Institute AT VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

SPRING 2026 OUTREACH TOUR

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY CHORALE & CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

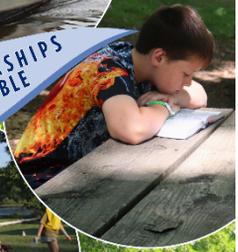


March 6, 2026 | 7:00 p.m. Concert | Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School
3425 Crescent Ave, Fort Wayne
with Concordia Lutheran High School A Cappella and Holy Cross Angelis & Junior Choirs
Free and open to the public.

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LIFE NEWS—MARCH 2026



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Life Newsbytes

Canada is about to kill its 100,000th citizen through Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) this spring. Not in a war. Not on a battlefield. Not in a medical accident. Killed by policy, by a government that wants them dead. Let's say this by name, call it the truth. A systemic failure dressed up as compassion. MAiD was sold as a narrow option for the terminally ill, a rare mercy. That fiction collapsed long ago. Today, assisted death is a routine outcome for people struggling with disability, isolation, poverty, and mental health challenges, and when the world looked at what we're doing, it didn't nod approvingly. It recoiled. The United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities didn't mince words: Canada must repeal "Track 2" MAiD, the legal pathway that allows people whose deaths are not reasonably foreseeable to receive assisted dying. It called Track 2 "extremely concerning." It said the law rests on "negative, ableist perceptions of the quality and value of the life of persons with disabilities," suggesting it assumes suffering is inherent to disability rather than a product of social inequality and discrimination. This is not fluff from ivory-tower bureaucrats. This is the authoritative UN body charged with monitoring Canada's compliance with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, a treaty Canada ratified in 2010. (Read more: Kelsi Sheren – <https://tinyurl.com/3r7wr78j>)

Speaking up For Life

"Brothers and sisters, in Christ you are God's masterpiece. You were created for a purpose. You are the hands and feet of Christ demonstrating His love in a world that desperately needs it. Live out that purpose in the strength that comes from Him and wait joyfully for the day where we get to see His finished product." *Rev. Adam Osier, Dean, Free Lutheran Bible College, Plymouth, Minnesota*

"Think of how important we as human beings must be in the eyes of God, if He—as the almighty Creator and Lord of the entire universe—was willing to take on human flesh and become one of us. God loves the human race so much He decided to become our brother." *Thomas P. Nass, CELC President*

"Our Lord dwelt among us for quite some time without anyone seeing or meeting Him. Yet in this span, He consecrated and sanctified every human life from its very beginning at the moment of fertilization. And He demonstrated that neither age nor appearance nor ability—nor any lack thereof—improves or impairs anyone's worth. God creates, redeems, and calls each one as His own to start with." *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life*

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THE SEASON OF LENT

BY REV. DR. ARIC FENSKE



It seems like Christmas was just a week or two ago, and yet here we are again at the beginning of the season of Lent! And while it seems like we have just jumped from one special season of the Church year to another, this is good for us. The Christian Church has historically observed the season of Lent as a season of repentance. We are encouraged to engage in careful self-reflection and increased devotion upon the Word of God. The two go hand in hand. As we spend more time in God's Word and reflect on our lives in light of that Word, we should (if we are honest with ourselves) come to a deeper understanding of our sins and our desperate need for Jesus' forgiveness and salvation.

That realization, in turn, increases our desire for Jesus and helps us to grow in our appreciation for all that He has done and continues to do for us, as He leads us through this life of sin and toward our eternal home with Him. It also motivates us to celebrate Jesus' death on Good Friday and His resurrection on Easter morning with renewed zeal and excitement.

But in addition to increasing our faith in Christ, there is another by-product from this time of increased devotion and self-reflection: our love for one another increases.

As we contemplate our sinful condition, we are, by default, recognizing all the ways that we've failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. And the Holy Spirit, working true repentance in us through the Word of God, motivates us to want to do better.

Which, of course, is a great thing as we continue to work toward defending the sanctity of every person's life. It's easy (and tempting) to always direct our attention to what others are doing or not doing regarding life issues. But it is good for us to take some time now and again to reflect on how we have failed or what we could be doing better to love and serve those who need our help.

It is my prayer for you that this Lenten season provides you with just such an opportunity to reflect and grow, for the sake of your own spiritual growth and for the sake of your neighbors, both inside and outside of the womb.

Please know that I am thankful for you and that Christ has washed you in His blood and called you into His service. May you be abundantly blessed this Lent as we move toward the yearly commemoration of our Lord's suffering and dying for the life of the world.

