

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR LAETARE, THE 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

9:00 am Sunday, March 15, 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] *My eyes are ever | •toward• the Lord, || for he will pluck my | feet out of the | net__ . || Consider my affliction | and my •trouble•, || and for- | give__ all my | sins.*

Verse 1: **One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will | I seek •after•: || that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all | the days of my | life__, || to gaze upon the beauty | of the Lord || and to in- | quire__ in his | •temple•.**

Verse 2: *For he will hide me in his shelter in the | day of •trouble•; || he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me | high up- on a | rock__. || And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with | shouts of joy; || I will sing and make | •melo- dy to the | Lord.*

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!**

[Antiphon] *My eyes are ever | •toward• the Lord, || for he will pluck my | feet out of the | net__ . || Consider my affliction | and my •trouble•, || and for- | give__ all my | sins.*

Kyrie



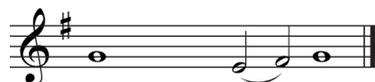
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have



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

Salutation

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir— it.

Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Lent: *Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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..... **Isaiah 42:14-21**

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

Epistle of the Day **Ephesians 5:8-14**

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

[Rise] **Tract**



[Deacon] *For with you is the fountain of life; || in your light do we see light . || Oh, continue your steadfast love to those | who know you, || and your righteousness to | the up- right of | heart!*

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

Holy Gospel St. John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

[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 I Trust, O Christ (Burgundy Hymn 972)



1. I trust, O Christ, in You a - lone; No
 2. My sin and guilt are plagu - ing me; O
 3. Con - firm in us Your Gos - pel, Lord, Your



earth - ly hope a - vails me. You will not see me
 grant me tru con - tri - tion And by Your death up -
 prom - ise of sal - va - tion. And make us lon to



o - ver - thrown When Sa - tan's host as - sails
 on the tree Your par - don and re - mis -
 hear Your Word And fol - low our vo - ca -

me. No hu - man strength, no earth - ly pow'r Can see me
sion. Be - fore the Fa - ther's throne a - bove Re - call Your
tion: To spend our lives in love for You And show Your

through the e - vil hour, For You al -
match - less deed of love That He may
love in all we do. And then, at

lone my strength re - new. I cry__ to You!
lift my dread - ful load, O Son__ of God!
last, when death shall loom, O Sav - ior, come

I trust, O Lord, Your prom - ise true.
I plead the grace Your death be - stowed.
And bear Your loved ones safe - ly home.

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 I Want to Walk Burgundy Hymn 411
Hope of the World Burgundy Hymn 690

[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- tles and the Glo- ry of Thy peo- ple Is - - - ra- el.



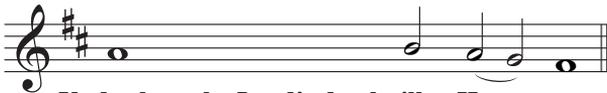
4. Glo— ry__ be to the Father, and to__ the__ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.



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.

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 Who Trusts in God..... Burgundy Hymn 714

Postlude

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Readings for the Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 42:14-21

For a long time I have held my peace;
I have kept still and restrained myself;
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;
I will gasp and pant.
I will lay waste mountains and hills,
and dry up all their vegetation;
I will turn the rivers into islands,
and dry up the pools.
And I will lead the blind
in a way that they do not know,
in paths that they have not known
I will guide them.
I will turn the darkness before them into light,
the rough places into level ground.
These are the things I do,
and I do not forsake them.
They are turned back and utterly put to shame,
who trust in carved idols,
who say to metal images,
“You are our gods.”
Hear, you deaf,
and look, you blind, that you may see!
Who is blind but my servant,
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?
Who is blind as my dedicated one,
or blind as the servant of the LORD?
He sees many things, but does not observe them;
his ears are open, but he does not hear.
The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness’ sake,
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

The Epistle is Ephesians 5:8-14

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do

in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

The Gospel is St. John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. ...

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”...

They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”

Hymns for the Fourth Sunday in Lent

LSB972 I Trust, O Christ, in You Alone

Konrad Hubert

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1. I trust, O Christ, in You alone; No earthly hope avails me.
You will not see me overthrown When Satan's host assails me.
No human strength, no earthly pow'r
Can see me through the evil hour,
For You alone my strength renew. I cry to You!
I trust, O Lord, Your promise true.
2. My sin and guilt are plaguing me; O grant me true contrition
And by Your death upon the tree Your pardon and remission.
Before the Father's throne above
Recall Your matchless deed of love
That He may lift my dreadful load, O Son of God!
I plead the grace Your death bestowed.
3. Confirm in us Your Gospel, Lord, Your promise of salvation.
And make us long to hear Your Word And follow our vocation:
To spend our lives in love for You
And show Your love in all we do.
And then, at last, when death shall loom, O Savior, come
And bear Your loved ones safely home.

LSB411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Kathleen Thomerson

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1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus. *Refrain*
- Refrain:* In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
2. I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

LSB690 Hope of the World

Georgia Harkness

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1. Hope of the world, Thou Christ of great compassion;
Speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.
Save us, Thy people, from consuming passion,
Who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
2. Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven,
Bringing to hungry souls the bread of life.
Still let thy Spirit unto us be given
To heal earth's wounds and end our bitter strife.
3. Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways,
Showing to wand'ring souls the path of light,
Walk Thou beside us lest the tempting byways
Lure us away from Thee to endless night.
4. Hope of the world, who by Thy cross didst save us
From death and dark despair, from sin and guilt,
We render back the love Thy mercy gave us;
Take Thou our lives and use them as Thou wilt.
5. Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious,
Who by this sign did conquer grief and pain,
We would be faithful to Thy Gospel glorious.
Thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign!

LSB714 Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode

Joachim Magdeburg

1. Who trusts in God A strong abode In heav'n and earth possesses;
Who looks in love To Christ above, No fear that heart oppresses.
In You alone, dear Lord, we own Sweet hope and consolation,
Our shield from foes, Our balm for woes, Our great and sure salvation.
2. Though Satan's wrath Beset our path And worldly scorn assail us,
While You are near, We shall not fear; Your strength shall never fail us.
Your rod and staff Will keep us safe And guide our steps for ever;
Nor shades of death Nor hell beneath Our lives from You will sever.

3. In all the strife Of mortal life Our feet shall stand securely;
Temptation's hour Will lose its pow'r, For You will guard us surely.
O God, renew With heav'nly dew Our body, soul, and spirit
Until we stand At Your right hand Through Jesus' saving merit.

The Fourth Sunday in Lent



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Zion Lutheran Church is the body of Christ at Hanna and Creighton in Fort Wayne, Indiana that:

- Receives Christ's gifts in Word and Sacraments; and
- Responds to God's love in Christ by
 - Reaching out to those who do not know His love; and
 - Revealing His love in acts of kindness and mercy.

The Pastoral Ministry at Zion

Senior Pastor: Rev. Douglas D. Punke, MDiv (341-5397)
Field Workers: Nathaniel Demlow, Joshua Fuchs

The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

Principal: Amber Bahr (744-0459; www.lsusfw.org)
Teachers: Yvonne Schwantz (8th, MS ELA), Michael Cullen (7th, MS Science),
Chase Mertz (6th, MS Social Studies), Danielle Ramsey (5th), Abbey Kohler (4th),
Rachel Wiegman (3rd), John Fink (2nd), Hannah Fink (1st), Michelle Madden (K),
Natalie Reynolds (Art), Elisa Sawall (Music), Lee Buxton (PE), Cathie Wakeland (Literacy Coach),
Arianna Blake (LSEM), Melissa White (FWCS) & Sarah Wheaton (EACS) (Title I Tutors)

The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music: Michael Hollman, MM
Church Office Manager: Melvia Culpher

PRAYERS FOR TODAY

- + For the church, especially those bearing the cross of persecution, including Bishop Juhana Pohjola and Dr. Päivi Räsänen (case being decided by the Finnish Supreme Court)
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our teachers as they start of another academic year, our fieldworkers Nate Demlow and Josh Fuchs
- + For our nation; for our leaders; for our military, including James Hall & Thaddeus Cody
- + For our schools, especially Lutheran South Unity School, Concordia Lutheran High School, and Concordia Theological Seminary.
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound
- + For those who are on hospice care or nearing death, especially Bob Ockree
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including 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, 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, including Walt Ostermeyer
- + 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 Fourth Sunday in Lent. The Cross Bowl is given in loving memory of Walt Ostermeyer's birthday on March 29th. 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 15, 2026 thru March 21, 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.	5:30 PM	CEA Special Board Meeting	Zoom
TUES.	9:00 AM	Weekly Bible Study	Bauer Hall
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:45 PM	Lenten Supper	Bauer Hall
	7:00 PM	Lenten Vespers	Church
THURS.	10:30 AM	Book of Concord Study	Conference Room
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

March 22, 2026

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.

THE WINE WAS DELIVERED. We're back to our normal wine for Holy Communion.

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, Seminarian Demlow will proclaim the word of God, and Pastor Punke will lead the liturgy. Come and observe Lent in humble repentance and forgiveness.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Ephesians 2:4-5— "God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved." Last week's verse was 1 John 2:2.

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. The estate plan certainly can focus on care for the family to whom you are responsible. But it also plans the distribution of financial assets that have accumulated over the years. Your financial advisor is tremendously valuable bringing to the table your conversations about planning for family, education and retirement. These topics should be factored into your estate plan. Bridging the gap between current financial plans and estate plans is something your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist with. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@fnd.org.

CLHS INVITES YOU to join us for our **Fine Arts Festival on Sunday, March 15, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**, as we celebrate the creativity and talents of our Lutheran schools, from preschool through college. This festival will showcase student art and music, along with food trucks and Concordia's College Fair, making it an engaging afternoon for the whole family. The highlight of the day will be a **festival concert at 2:00 p.m.**, featuring student musicians and ensembles. We look forward to welcoming our school families and community for an afternoon of fellowship, celebration, and the arts. Also, CLHS will host **Twilight Tours** in April, and would like to invite prospective families to join us on **April 9** or **April 16**. These evenings are a great opportunity to explore our campus, meet members of our community, and learn more about life at Concordia.

CTSFW WILL OBSERVE HOLY WEEK with a Passion Choral Vespers featuring Heinrich Schütz's St. Matthew Passion sung by the CTSFW Schola Cantorum and soloists under the direction of Kantor Kevin Hildebrand. The service is open to the public and will take place in Kramer Chapel on Sunday, March 29, at 4:00 p.m. If you cannot attend in person, you can livestream the service at ctsfw.edu/daily-chapel. Also, Alumni, students, community members, and friends of CTSFW are invited to our annual Golf Outing at Noble Hawk Golf Links in Kendallville, Indiana, on May 29, 2026. The event begins with registration and a warm-up at 10:30 a.m. Lunch is provided, followed by a shotgun start at 12:45 p.m., with hole contests and prizes for flight winners. Proceeds from the event will help construct a new Food and Clothing Co-op for students and their families. For more details or to register, visit ctsfw.edu/Golf-Outing.

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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 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39
Mark 12:1-12
Mark 12:13-27
Mark 12:28-44
Mark 13:1-23
Mark 13:24-37
Mark 14:1-11

DAILY LECTIONARY

The Fourth Sunday in Lent
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

Evening Prayer

Isaiah 42:14-21
Genesis 42:1-34, 38
Genesis 43:1-28
Genesis 44:1-18, 32-34
Genesis 45:1-20, 24-28
Genesis 47:1-31
Genesis 49:29–50:7, 14-26

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 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Romans 8:1-11

John 11:17-27, 38-53



What Doctor Luther Says:

About the Hope of Dwelling in the House of the Lord

6. *Goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

Because the devil never stops tormenting the believers — inwardly with terror, outwardly with the wiles of false teachers and the power of the tyrants — the prophet here at the end earnestly asks that God, who has given him this treasure, would also keep him in it to the end. He says: “Oh, may the dear God grant His grace that goodness and mercy might follow me all the days of my life and that He might soon make manifest what He calls goodness and mercy,” that is, that he might dwell in the house of the Lord forever. It is as though he would say: “Lord, Thou hast begun the matter. Thou hast given me Thy holy Word and received me among those who are Thy people, who know Thee, praise and magnify Thee. Continue to give Thy grace, that I may remain with the Word and nevermore be separated from Thy holy Christendom.” Thus he also prays in the Twenty-seventh Psalm (Ps. 27:4): “One thing,” he says, “I ask of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beautiful worship of the Lord, and to visit His temple.”

Thus the prophet here teaches and admonishes all believers by his example not to become smug, proud, or presumptuous, but to fear and pray that they may not lose their treasure. Such an earnest admonition ... should truly arouse us and awake us to pray diligently. ... We ... ought much more to awake and to pray with all earnestness and diligence that we may remain in the house of the Lord all the days of our life, that is, that we may hear God’s Word, through it receive the many kinds of blessings and fruit that were shown us above, and endure therein unto the end. May Christ, our only Shepherd and Savior, grant us this! Amen.

Luther’s Works, 12:178-9.

**Order Your 2026
Easter Flowers for
Easter Sunday
Now!**

PLEASE PRINT



Name :

Given in Loving Memory Of:

Other Dedication

Qty.	Description	Price Each	Total Amt \$
_____	6" Lilies (1 stem)	\$26.00	_____
_____	6" Tulips	\$20.00	_____
_____	6" Hyacinths	\$20.00	_____
_____	6" Hydrangeas	\$30.00	_____
	General Donation		_____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Pick Up Flowers after 9 am Service on Easter Sunday _____

Give Flowers to a Shut-In _____

*Return this form and monies to the church office by
Wednesday March 31st, to have your dedication
printed in the bulletin.*

2026 LWML Spring Three Zone Gathering

Date: Saturday, April 11, 2026

Power and Glory through Christ based on Ephesians 3:20-21

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church

Address: 2131 Getz Road, Fort Wayne, IN

Registration and Breakfast: 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

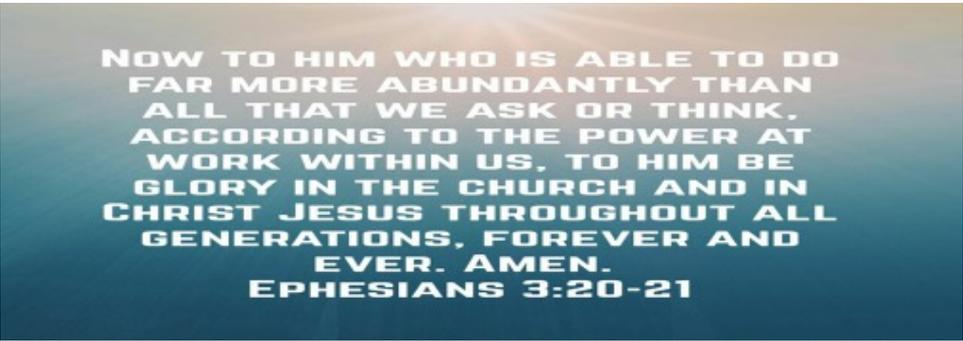
Meeting Begins: 9:00 a.m.

Registration Fee: \$7.00

Speakers: Rev. Jeffrey and Deaconess Gina Teeple

Gifts from the Heart In-Gathering: Monetary Gift in support of Rev. Jeffrey and Deaconess Gina Teeple's mission work in Eurasia and small Biblical children's books, (such as the ARCH books) and Biblical activity and coloring books for use in Missionary Care Packages.

Please RSVP to your congregational representative by April 3,
2026



**NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DO
FAR MORE ABUNDANTLY THAN
ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK,
ACCORDING TO THE POWER AT
WORK WITHIN US, TO HIM BE
GLORY IN THE CHURCH AND IN
CHRIST JESUS THROUGHOUT ALL
GENERATIONS, FOREVER AND
EVER. AMEN.
EPHESIANS 3:20-21**

LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!

Please pray for these students/staff:

Layla	Owynn
Braylee	Lilly
Santino	Royce
Mar'Qiera	Mrs. Fink
Julie	Mr. Fink
Than	Baby Carter Fink



Serving with Faith and Kindness

There has been a wonderful spirit of service and gratitude at Lutheran South Unity recently.

- Students helped create a prayer chain, lifting up prayers for our school, families, and community.
- Our kindergarten students also spread kindness by making thank-you cards for various staff members around the school to show their appreciation.



- Our school community came together to support those in need by donating food to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Food Bank and collecting items for Charis House/Rescue Mission.



These activities are a great reminder of how we can share God's love by serving and caring for others.





Registration is now open at Lutheran South Unity School! We are excited to continue providing a strong academic foundation rooted in Christ-centered values. If you know any families with elementary-aged children who are looking for a nurturing, faith-filled school community, please help us spread the word. Your invitation and support make a meaningful difference as we grow this ministry together!



Early Bird Specials

February 23rd–March 15th –\$60 with maximum of \$120
 March 16th–April 30th \$80 with maximum \$160
 May 1st–May 31st \$100 with maximum \$200
 June 1st–June 30th \$120 with maximum \$240

Enroll Now

Regular Tuition

July 1st–August 15th \$140 with maximum \$280

Registration must be paid within the registration discount dates for discount to apply



Contact Us



lsus.org



260-744-0459

**Lutheran South Unity
 Kindergarten
 Round-Up & Pizza!!!**

Registration for Kindergarten Admission for the new academic year is now open!!! Come join the fun!!!

April 16th 6p-7pm



5401 South Calhoun St.
 Fort Wayne, IN 46807

**Encouragement
 Found in
 Scriptures:**

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

— Romans 12:21



STUDENTS vs. ADULTS

COMMUNITY BASKETBALL SHOWDOWN

STUDENTS vs. ADULTS

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THINK STUDENTS CAN BEAT THE ADULTS?
COME FIND OUT! 🏀🔥

FRIDAY, MARCH 20th

🏀 GAME STARTS AT 5:00 PM

📍 BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
3705 S. ANTHONY BLVD.
FORT WAYNE, IN 46806

Can the students pull the upset?

Come cheer them on!

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🏀 **WANT TO PLAY?**

Students:

Let Mrs. Washington know if you'd like to play!

Adults:

Parents, Teachers & Pastor — we need you on the court!

🏀 **K-8TH GRADE
REGISTRATION EVENT**

🎁 **FREE CONCESSIONS VOUCHER**

💰 **ONE-DAY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT**

(Available only during the event!)

FUN • BASKETBALL • COMMUNITY • FOOD

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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.





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

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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

CAMP LUTHERHAVEN ALBION, IN



CAMPERSHIPS
AVAILABLE



Children - Youth - Teens - Families



...INTO ADVENTURE