

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR PALMARUM, PASSION SUNDAY

9:00 am ..... Sunday, March 29, 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



*The liturgy for the first day of Holy Week is in two parts. It begins with a procession with palms as a dramatic prelude to the Eucharist; this memorable ceremony gives the nickname "Palm Sunday" to the day. The service itself is a celebration of the Passion of Jesus Christ, a highlight of which is the reading (or singing) of a passion account from one of the Gospels. As a prelude to the reading of the passion, the procession with palms provides of an appropriate outburst of joy which does not lose sight of the solemn goal of Jesus' triumphal entry. **He rides on to die.** The somberness of the passion, which is the focus of Holy Week, is thus framed by the joy of the preparatory procession and by the greater joy of Easter which is its purpose and culmination.*



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

### Invocation

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

*Hosanna to the Son of David! ..... **Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. O King of Israel** ..... **Hosanna in the highest!***

*The Lord be with you. .... **And with your Spirit.***

*Let us pray: Bless us this day, we beseech You, O Lord, and grant that what Your people today bodily perform with these ✠ branches of palm for Your honor may be perfected spiritually through their devotion to the victory over the enemy won by Your Son Jesus Christ, that they may heartily rejoice in it and ardently love every work of mercy; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. .... **Amen.***

*The palms are distributed to the congregation.*

A Reading from the Evangelist, St. John, the Twelfth Chapter.

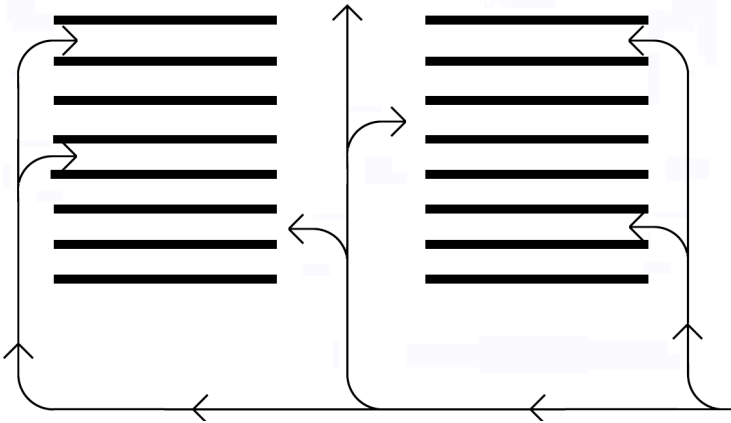
The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

This is the Word of the Lord. .... **Thanks be to God!**

**Collect for Palmarum:** Let us pray. Most merciful God, our heavenly Father, as the crowd at the gate of Jerusalem gathered with palms in their hands to greet Your beloved Son when He came into His holy city, cause us ever to hail Him as the Son of David who comes in the name of the Lord and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life, that when He comes again we may go forth to greet Him with faithful and steadfast hearts; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. .... **Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace ..... **In the Name of Christ. Amen.**

During the Processional Hymn, the congregation follows the Processional Cross and Clergy into the Sanctuary. The Processional Cross will follow the route as indicated below. Please follow the Processional Cross and enter into your pew as you come to it.



**Processional Hymn ..... All Glory, Laud, and Honor .... Burgundy Hymn 442**

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re - deem - er, King,  
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

The stanzas to the Processional Hymn are found on Page 3.



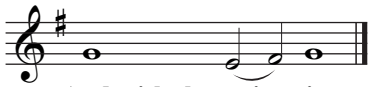
1. You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels Are prais - ing You on high;
3. The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore You went,
4. To You, be - fore Your Pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise.
5. Their prai - ses You ac - cep - ted; Ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.  
 Cre - a - tion and all mor - tals In cho - rus make re - ply.  
 Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent.  
 To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 Great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

**Salutation**

*The Lord be with you.*



And with thy spir— it.

**Collect for Passion Sunday:** *Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; 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 50:4-9a**

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

**Epistle of the Day** ..... **Philippians 2:5-11**

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

**Hymn of the Day** ..... **A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 438**

[ Sing stanza 1 only BEFORE the Passion. The other stanzas will be sung during the Passion narrative. ]

**The Passion of Our Lord according to St. Matthew** ..... **See Insert**

**Sermon**

[ Be Seated ] **Offerings**

**Choral Voluntary** ..... **Remember Not, Our Offenses** ..... **Henry Purcell**

[ From the funeral service of Queen Mary ]

[ Rise ] **Offertory** ..... **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.

[ Rise ] + **The Office of Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution** +

*Having heard the Word of God, and as we prepare for the great gift of the Holy Sacrament of Christ's body and blood, let us confess our sins and receive God's 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!*

*Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The  
peace of the Lord be with you all! ..... Amen!*

[ Rise ] **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!**

**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.**

+ **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 Passiontide, 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 ..... Hosanna, Loud Hosanna ..... Burgundy Hymn 443  
Ride On, Ride On in Majesty ..... See Insert

[ 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**



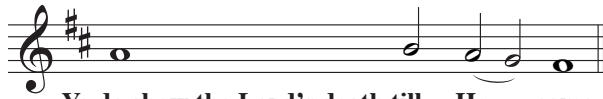
- 1. Lord now— lettest Thou Thy  
servant, de- part— in — peace, ac- cord- ing to Thy Word.
- 2. For mine\_\_ eyes have seen  
Thy Salvation,  
which Thou hast pre- pared\_\_ be— fore the face of all\_\_ people.



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

**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.



And with thy spir — rit.

Bless we the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

**Benediction**

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



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

**Hymn ..... No Tramp of Soldier's ..... Burgundy Hymn 444**

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.

After the Processional Cross has left the nave, the Congregation departs.

**Recessional .. Cortège (from Queen Mary's Funeral Service) .. Henry Purcell**

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## Readings for Palmarum, Passion Sunday

### The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught,  
that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear  
to hear as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious;  
I turned not backward.

I gave my back to those who strike,  
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;

I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like a flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

He who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me.

Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty?

### The Epistle is Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### The Gospel is St. Matthew, chapters 26 & 27

See the St. Matthew Passion insert. The Passion of our Lord according to St. Matthew will be read responsively, the congregation reading the parts in **bold**.

# The Passion of Our Lord according to St. Matthew

## Chapters 26–27 English Standard Version

### 1. The Plot against Jesus and Jesus Anointed at Bethany (26:1–16)

EVANGELIST: When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples,

**Jesus:** You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.

EVANGELIST: Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. But they said,

**Chief Priests:** Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.

EVANGELIST: Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying,

**Disciples:** Why this waste? For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor.

EVANGELIST: But Jesus, aware of this, said to them,

**Jesus:** Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.

EVANGELIST: Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

**Judas:** What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?

EVANGELIST: And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.

### 2. Preparation for the Passover and Institution of the Lord's Supper (26:17–29)

EVANGELIST: Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

**Disciples:** Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?

EVANGELIST: He said,

**Jesus:** Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'

EVANGELIST: And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover. When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. And as they were eating, he said,

**Jesus:** Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.

EVANGELIST: And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another,

**Disciples:** Is it I, Lord?

EVANGELIST: He answered,

**Jesus:** He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.

EVANGELIST: Judas, who would betray him, answered,

**Judas:** Is it I, Rabbi?

EVANGELIST: He said to him,

**Jesus:** You have said so.

EVANGELIST: Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said,

**Jesus:** Take, eat; this is my body.

EVANGELIST: And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying,

**Jesus:** Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

EVANGELIST: And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

### **3. Prediction of Peter's Denial (26:30–35)**

EVANGELIST: Then Jesus said to them,

**Jesus:** You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.

EVANGELIST: Peter answered him,

**Peter:** Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.

EVANGELIST: Jesus said to him,

**Jesus:** Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.

EVANGELIST: Peter said to him,

**Peter:** Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!

EVANGELIST: And all the disciples said the same.

### **4. Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane (26:36–46)**

EVANGELIST: Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples,

**Jesus:** Sit here, while I go over there and pray.

EVANGELIST: And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them,

**Jesus:** My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.

EVANGELIST: And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying,

**Jesus:** My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.

EVANGELIST: And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter,

**Jesus:** So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

EVANGELIST: Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed,

**Jesus:** My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.

EVANGELIST: And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

**Jesus:** Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.

### **5. Judas' Betrayal and the Arrest of Jesus (26:47–56)**

EVANGELIST: While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders

of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

**Judas: The one I will kiss is the man; seize him.**

EVANGELIST: And he came up to Jesus at once and said,

**Judas: Greetings, Rabbi!**

EVANGELIST: And he kissed him. Jesus said to him,

**Jesus:** Friend, do what you came to do.

EVANGELIST: Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

**Jesus:** Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?

EVANGELIST: At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

**Jesus:** Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.

EVANGELIST: Then all the disciples left him and fled.

## **6. Jesus before Caiaphas (26:57–68)**

EVANGELIST: Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

**False Witnesses: This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.’**

EVANGELIST: And the high priest stood up and said,

**High Priest: Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?**

EVANGELIST: But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him,

**High Priest: I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.**

EVANGELIST: Jesus said to him,

**Jesus:** You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.

EVANGELIST: Then the high priest tore his robes and said,

**High Priest: He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your judgment?**

EVANGELIST: They answered,

**Council: He deserves death.**

EVANGELIST: Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, saying,

**Council: Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?**

## **7. Peter’s Denial (26:69–75)**

EVANGELIST: Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said,

**Servant Girl: You also were with Jesus the Galilean.**

EVANGELIST: But he denied it before them all, saying,

**Peter: I do not know what you mean.**

EVANGELIST: And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

**Second Servant Girl: This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.**

EVANGELIST: And again he denied it with an oath:

**Peter: I do not know the man.**

EVANGELIST: After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

**Bystander: Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you.**

EVANGELIST: Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear,

**Peter: I do not know the man.**

EVANGELIST: And immediately the rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus,

*Jesus:* Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.

EVANGELIST: And he went out and wept bitterly.

## **8. The Death of Judas and Jesus before Pilate (27:1–14)**

EVANGELIST: When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor. Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, saying,

**Judas: I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.**

EVANGELIST: They said,

**Chief Priests: What is that to us? See to it yourself.**

EVANGELIST: And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

**Chief Priests: It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money.**

EVANGELIST: So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers. Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me."

EVANGELIST: Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him,

**Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?**

EVANGELIST: Jesus said,

*Jesus:* You have said so.

EVANGELIST: But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate said to him,

**Pilate: Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?**

EVANGELIST: But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

## **9. Pilate Sentences Jesus (27:15–26)**

EVANGELIST: Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

**Pilate: Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?**

EVANGELIST: For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up.

Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

**Pilate's Wife: Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.**

EVANGELIST: Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them,

**Pilate: Which of the two do you want me to release for you?**

EVANGELIST: And they said,

**Crowd: Barabbas.**

EVANGELIST: Pilate said to them,

**Pilate: Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?**

EVANGELIST: They all said,

**Crowd: Let him be crucified!**

EVANGELIST: And he said,

**Pilate: Why, what evil has he done?**

EVANGELIST: But they shouted all the more,

**Crowd: Let him be crucified!**

EVANGELIST: So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

**Pilate: I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.**

EVANGELIST: And all the people answered,

**Crowd: His blood be on us and on our children!**

EVANGELIST: Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

**Hymn.....A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining..... BURGUNDY Hymn 438, Stt. 2 & 3**

## **10. Jesus Mocked and Crucified (27:27-44)**

EVANGELIST: Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying,

**Soldiers: Hail, King of the Jews!**

EVANGELIST: And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head.

And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross.

EVANGELIST: And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying,

**Bystanders: You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.**

EVANGELIST: So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying,

**Chief Priests: He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’**

EVANGELIST: And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

## **11. The Death of Jesus (27:45–56)**

EVANGELIST: Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying,

**Jesus:** Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

EVANGELIST: that is, My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said,

**Bystanders: This man is calling Elijah.**

EVANGELIST: And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

**Bystanders: Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.**

EVANGELIST: And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said,

**Centurion: Truly this was the Son of God!**

EVANGELIST: There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

## **12. Jesus' Burial and a Guard Posted (27:57–66)**

EVANGELIST: When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

**Chief Priests: Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’ Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than the first.**

EVANGELIST: Pilate said to them,

**Pilate: You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.**

EVANGELIST: So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

**Hymn.....A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining.....BURGUNDY Hymn 438, St. 4**

## Hymns for Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

### LSB442 All Glory, Laud and Honor

Theodulf of Orléans

*Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.*

1. You are the King of Israel And David's royal Son,  
Now in the Lord's Name coming, Our King and Blessèd One. *Refrain*
2. The company of angels Is praising You on high,  
And we with all creation In chorus make reply. *Refrain*
3. The multitude of pilgrims With palms before You went:  
Our praise and prayers and anthems Before You we present. *Refrain*
4. To you before Your passion They sang their hymns of praise;  
To You, now high exalted, Our melody we raise. *Refrain*
5. As You received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,  
O Source of ev'ry blessing, Our good and gracious King. *Refrain*

### LSB438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

Paul Gerhardt

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1. A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth, The guilt of sinners bearing;  
And, laden with the sins of earth, None else the burden sharing;  
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint,  
To slaughter led without complaint, That spotless life to offer,  
He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies,  
The mockery, and yet replies, "All this I gladly suffer."
2. This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The Lamb of God, our Savior,  
Whom God the Father chose to send To gain for us His favor.  
"Go forth, My Son," the Father said,  
"And free My children from their dread Of guilt and condemnation.  
The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,  
But by Your passion they will share The fruit of Your salvation."
3. "Yes, Father, yes, most willingly I'll bear what You command Me.  
My will conforms to Your decree, I'll do what You have asked Me."  
O wondrous Love, what have You done!  
The Father offers up His Son, Desiring our salvation.  
O Love, how strong You are to save!  
You lay the One into the grave Who built the earth's foundation.

4. Lord, when Your glory I shall see And taste Your kingdom's pleasure,  
Your blood my royal robe shall be, My joy beyond all measure!  
When I appear before Your throne,  
Your righteousness shall be my crown; With these I need not hide me.  
And there, in garments richly wrought,  
As Your own bride shall we be brought To stand in joy beside You.

### **LSB443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

**Jeanette Threlfall**

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang;  
Through pillared court and temple The lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them, Close folded to His breast,  
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.
2. From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waving And chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven Rode on in lowly state  
Nor scorned that little children Should on His bidding wait.
3. "Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing;  
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heav'n our King.  
Oh, may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice  
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice!

### **LSB 441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty**

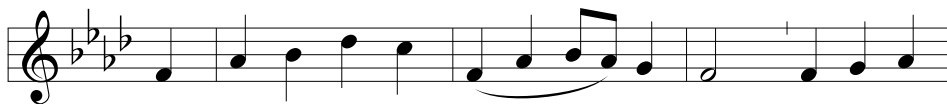
**Henry H. Milman**

1. Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.  
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,  
With palms and scattered garments strowed.
2. Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin  
O'er captive death and conquered sin.
3. Ride on, ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky  
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes  
To see the approaching sacrifice.
4. Ride on, ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on His sapphire throne  
Awaits His own anointed Son.
5. Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O God, Thy pow'r, and reign.

# Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791-1868, alt

Tune: Graham George, 1912 - 1993



1. Ride on, ride on in maj-----es - ty! Hear all the
2. Ride on, ride on in maj-----es - ty! In low - ly
3. Ride on, ride on in maj-----es - ty! The wing - ed
4. Ride on, ride on in maj-----es - ty! Your last and
5. Ride on, ride on in maj-----es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, pur - sue your  
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs now be -  
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pomp ride on to die. Bow your meek head to mor - tal



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gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
throne A - waits his own a - noint - ed Son.  
pain, Then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

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## **LSB444 No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet** Timothy Dudley-Smith

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1. No tramp of soldiers' marching feet With banners and with drums,  
No sound of music's martial beat: "The King of glory comes!"  
To greet what pomp of kingly pride No bells in triumph ring,  
No city gates swing open wide: "Behold, behold your King!"
2. And yet He comes. The children cheer; With palms His path is strown.  
With ev'ry step the cross draws near: The King of glory's throne.  
Astride a colt He passes by As loud hosannas ring,  
Or else the very stones would cry "Behold, behold your King!"
3. What fading flow'rs His road adorn; The palms, how soon laid down!  
No bloom or leaf but only thorn The King of glory's crown.  
The soldiers mock, the rabble cries, The streets with tumult ring,  
As Pilate to the mob replies, "Behold, behold your King!"
4. Now he who bore for mortals' sake The cross and all its pains  
And chose a servant's form to take, The King of glory reigns.  
Hosanna to the Savior's name Till heaven's rafters ring,  
And all the ransomed host proclaim "Behold, behold your King!"

# Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion



## Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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

### The Pastoral Ministry at Zion

Senior Pastor:

Rev. Douglas D. Punke, MDiv (341-5397)

Field Workers:

Nathaniel Demlow, Joshua Fuchs

### The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

Principal:

Amber Bahr (744-0459; [www.lsusfw.org](http://www.lsusfw.org))

Teachers:

Yvonne Schwantz (8<sup>th</sup>, MS ELA), Michael Cullen (7<sup>th</sup>, MS Science),  
Chase Mertz (6<sup>th</sup>, MS Social Studies), Danielle Ramsey (5<sup>th</sup>, Abbey Kohler (4<sup>th</sup>),  
Rachel Wiegman (3<sup>rd</sup>), John Fink (2<sup>nd</sup>), Hannah Fink (1<sup>st</sup>), Michelle Madden (K),  
Natalie Reynolds (Art), Elisa Sawall (Music), Lee Buxton (PE), Cathie Wakeland (Literacy Coach),  
Arianna 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, Darryl Kirtz, Carl Albersmeyer, Estella Ramirez, Dick Hollman, Art Litke, Bill Weinrich, Dwight Bieberich, Jimmy Coffey, Al McFeter, Mike Ming, Elaine Seifert, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Gary Phillips, David Groth, Gary Castle, Ron Rastl, Robert & Jenny Hobby
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages, especially David & Janeen Kaiser
- + 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
- + 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 Palm Sunday. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of the 52<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary of David & Janeen Kaiser. 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 29, 2026 thru April 4, 2026**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:45 AM	Adult Bible Class	Bauer Hall
	10:45 AM	Alternate Adult/Youth Bible Class	Conference Room
<b>MON.</b>			
<b>TUES.</b>	9:00 AM	Weekly Bible Study	Bauer Hall
<b>WED.</b>			
<b>THURS.</b>	7:00 PM	Holy Thursday Divine Service	Church
<b>FRI.</b>	7:00 PM	Good Friday Divine Service	Church
<b>SAT.</b>	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
	7:00 PM	Great Vigil of Easter Divine Service	Begins in the Great Hall

### **April 5, 2026 (Resurrection Sunday)**

<b>SUN.</b>	7:45 AM	Easter Breakfast	Bauer Hall
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Easter Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:45 AM	Easter Egg Hunt (up to 2nd grade)	Outside

## ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EDUCATION HOUR:** the Adult Class is studying St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians in Bauer Hall, led by Sem. Josh Fuchs. The class on Lutheran Identity continues in the Conference Room with Rich Schwantz as the leader. Next Sunday (Easter) there will not be an Education Hour.

**HOLY WEEK** has begun. Celebrate it reverently by coming to as many services as you can: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil (all at 7 PM), and then Easter Festival (9 AM Sunday). We'll need some older youth to help with the Easter Egg Hunt.

**EASTER BREAKFAST** will be served on Easter morning from 7:45 AM until 8:45 AM. Egg casseroles and fruit will be served. You are invited to bring sweet breads/pastries to share for breakfast. The Festival Divine Service begins at 9:00 AM.

**SPRING CLEANING:** The grass is getting greener, which means it's almost time for Zion's spring clean-up. Please join us Saturday, April 25, between 9 a.m. and noon as we turn mulch, rake leftover leaves, trim bushes, and do other chores needed to keep Zion beautiful. Bring shovels, garden rakes, tarps, and other needed equipment. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Kevin Leininger at 615-9896.

**THE GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN UP:** if you are interested in helping clean up the neighborhood on May 2, 9AM-11AM, please let Melvia know so that she can plan on having t-shirts, gloves, and snacks ready.

**LWML** will hold its Spring Three Zone Ingathering on April 11, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 2131 Getz Road, Fort Wayne, IN. Registration & breakfast is 8:30 – 9AM; the meeting starts at 9 AM. The cost is \$7. Please let DaVanna or Melvia know if you will be attending.

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS** for 2025 are set to expire on March 31. That date is fast approaching. If you still have 2025 Choice Dollars available, please consider directing them to Zion.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** Romans 8:1— "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." Last week's verse was Romans 5:1.

**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 includes attorneys, tax advisors, financial advisors and insurance representatives. With that many cooks in the kitchen, it is easy to lose coordination. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can bring that coordination. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or [mark.muehl@flnd.org](mailto:mark.muehl@flnd.org).

**CLHS:** will be hosting **Twilight Tours** in April, and would like to invite prospective families to join them on **April 9** or **April 16**. These evenings are a great opportunity to explore the campus, meet members of our community, and learn more about life at Concordia.

**CTSFW PASSION CHORAL VESPERS** is this afternoon at 4 PM in Kramer Chapel. It features 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. If you cannot attend in person, you can livestream the service at [ctsfw.edu/daily-chapel](https://ctsfw.edu/daily-chapel). **Also**, April 28 and 29, students will find out where they will serve as vicars, deaconess interns, and pastors in the coming year in the Vicarage Placement and Call Services. We invite you to join us in Kramer Chapel or via livestream for these exciting events at 7:00 PM both days. **Finally**, to the Alumni, students, community members, and friends of CTSFW you're invited to their 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](https://ctsfw.edu/Golf-Outing).

**RLNI** is holding sidewalk advocate training this Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Come and learn how to save lives in Northeast Indiana. The training, provided by Sidewalk Advocates for Life, will take place in their conference room at 3106 Lake Ave, 9:00am-12:00pm. It is a 3-hour training that will empower you to turn your passion into action. If you have any question, please contact [jordyn@ichooselife.org](mailto:jordyn@ichooselife.org).

**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 12:12-19;  
Matthew 26:1–27:66

Hebrews 2:1-18

Hebrews 3:1-19

Hebrews 4:1-16

Hebrews 5:1-14

Hebrews 6:1-20

Hebrews 7:1-22

**DAILY LECTIONARY**

Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

**Evening Prayer**

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Exodus 9:1-28

Exodus 9:29–10:20

Exodus 10:21–11:10

Exodus 12:1-28

Exodus 12:29-32; 13:1-16

Exodus 13:17–14:9

**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 Resurrection of Our Lord**

Acts 10:34-43

Colossians 3:1-4

Matthew 28:1-10



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## *About the Christian's Life ... Constant Warfare*

[A] true Christian life is never at rest. This does not mean that one should feel no sin. Indeed, one should feel it. Only one should not yield to it. One should fast, pray, and work, in order to subdue and suppress lust. Therefore you dare not think that in this way you will become a saint, as those fools speak about this. As long as flesh and blood remain, so long sin also remains. Consequently, constant warfare is necessary. He who does not experience this dare not boast of being a Christian.

... If you want to go to confession and be absolved, you must act like a soldier who takes the lead in battle when this is really important and the war begins. Now one must fight in earnest, just as though previously this had been sport. Now one must draw the sword and lay about with a vengeance. But there must be vigilance as long as the battle lasts. Thus even if you are baptized, you must realize that you are never safe from the devil and from sin. Indeed, you must remember that now you will have no peace. Thus the Christian life is nothing but a battle and a camp, as Scripture says. Therefore our Lord God is also *Dominus Sabaoth* (Ps. 24:10), that is, a Lord of hosts. Likewise, *Dominus potens in proelio*, “the Lord mighty in battle” (Ps. 24:8). He shows His might by letting His people wage war constantly and by letting them take the lead where the trumpets always sound. They must constantly remember to exclaim: “To the defense here! To the defense there! Thrust here! Strike there!” Thus this is an everlasting struggle, and you must do all you can to strike the devil down with the Word of God. Here one must always resist, call upon God, and despair of all human powers.

*Luther's Works*, 30:71-72.

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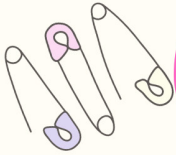
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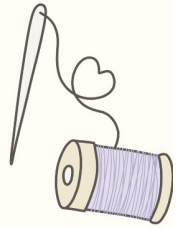
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***Give Flowers to a Shut-In*** \_\_\_\_\_

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



# CRAFTING SATURDAY



Come and do a DIY craft with us or learn something from other crafters, or just come hang out with us there's always something for everyone. The first Saturday of every month.

CREATIVE DIY  
TECHNIQUES

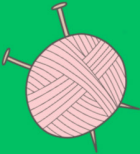
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DESIGN BASICS

PAPER CRAFTS  
& KNITTING

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STITCHING

PAINT, CLAY,  
FELT, JUTE

CANDLE &  
SOAP MAKING



SATURDAY,  
APRIL 18, 2026

9:00am - 12:00pm  
Bauer Hall

Due to Holy week Crafting Saturday was moved until April 18, 2026

## LSUS NOTES

### Praying for You!

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

A'Mara	Joshua
Ramya	Ja'veah
Raidyn	Melvin
Estrella	Conor
Zamara	Mrs. Bahr



### Learn Not to Burn

Recently, LSUS had the privilege of hosting the **Learn Not to Burn** program, an important fire safety initiative for young students. Kindergarten through 2nd grade and 4th grade students participated in this engaging program designed to teach important fire safety skills. **Learn Not to Burn** is a nationally recognized fire safety curriculum that begins in preschool and continues through fifth grade, with each year's lessons building on what students learned previously. As children grow older, the lessons progress accordingly, reinforcing key safety concepts and helping students understand the importance of following fire safety rules.

While the program focuses primarily on fire safety, students also learned about the role of firefighters and the protective gear they wear. Through interactive activities and discussions, students explored essential safety topics such as stop, drop, and roll; staying away from fire and hot objects; recognizing good fire versus bad fire; smoke detector awareness; planning home fire escape routes; proper use of 911; identifying fire hazards at home; burn prevention; and personal responsibility. This program helps equip our students with practical knowledge and confidence to stay safe both at school and at home.





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**



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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:

But I trust in you,  
O Lord; I say, "You are  
my God." My times are  
in your hand; rescue  
me from the hand of  
my enemies and from  
my persecutors!  
— Psalm 31:14-15



# 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.

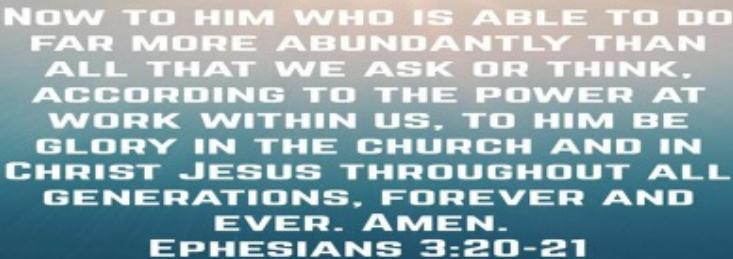
Meeting Begins: 9:00 a.m.

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**

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**SECOND-HAND**

# CLOTHING DONATION

**STARTING  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026  
EVERY 3<sup>RD</sup> 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.





# APRIL EVENT SCHEDULE

FACEBOOK: BRIDGE 20/30 GROUP FT. WAYNE

**7**  
APR 2026

**MEETUP: THE ITALIAN CONNECTION**  
**7PM** DINNER MENU & LIVE MUSIC!  
\*\*\*\*\* 2725 TAYLOR ST, FT WAYNE

**14**  
APR 2026

**PORCH NIGHT**  
**7PM** THE HOLY CROSS YOUTH CENTER  
\*\*\*\*\* 3420 N. ANTHONY BLVD

**21**  
APR 2026

**BRIDGE DUCKPIN BOWLING NIGHT**  
**7-10PM** THE FAIRFIELD - PINHOUSE SOCIAL  
\*\*\*\*\* 1510 FAIRFIELD AVE, FT WAYNE  
**\$12.50 BURGERS & PINT BEER SPECIAL  
& FULL MENU!**

**28**  
APR 2026

**THE GARDEN - ANCHOR DEVOTION NIGHT  
WITH BRIAN LOESEL & BUNCO**  
\*\*\*\*\* 3308 N. ANTHONY BLVD, FT WAYNE

# CAMP LUTHERHAVEN ALBION, IN



CAMPERSHIPS  
AVAILABLE



Children - Youth - Teens - Families



...INTO ADVENTURE