

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am Sunday, April 19, 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] Easter Acclamation



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.

Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us. For Thou on - ly art ho - ly, Thou
on - ly art the Lord. Thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly
Ghost, art most high in the glo - ry of God _ the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir— it.

Collect for the Third Sunday of Easter: *O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through 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** +

First Reading..... **Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

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

Epistle of the Day **1 Peter 1:17-25**

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

[*Rise*] **Sequence Hymn** **We Know that Christ** **Burgundy Hymn 603**

Holy Gospel **St. Luke 24:13-35**

[*The Gospel is announced.*]

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

[*The Gospel is proclaimed.*]

Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)

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

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

[*Bow*] And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sits at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end.

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

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

Hymn of the Day Lord Jesus Christ Burgundy Hymn 585

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

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 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 Easter, Sanctus

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

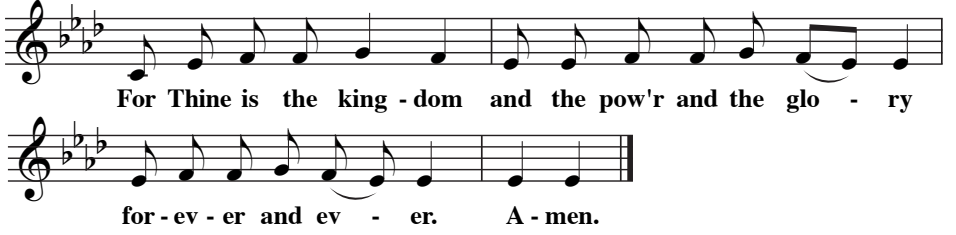
Ho - ly, ___ ho - ly, ___ ho - ly, ___
Lord God of Sab - a-oth; heav - en and ___ earth are
full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless-ed is ___ He that com - eth in the name ___ of the



Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

[Remain standing] **Lord's Prayer**

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



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

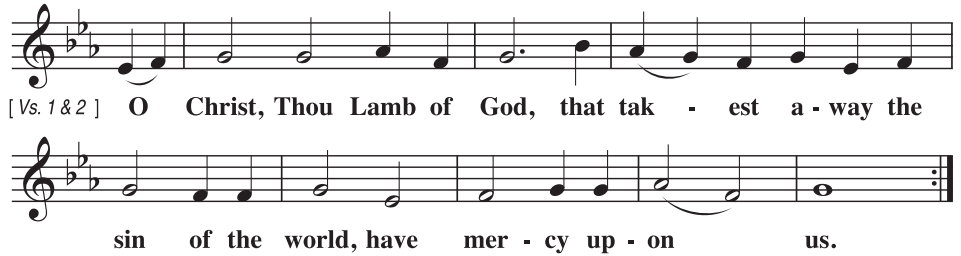
Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

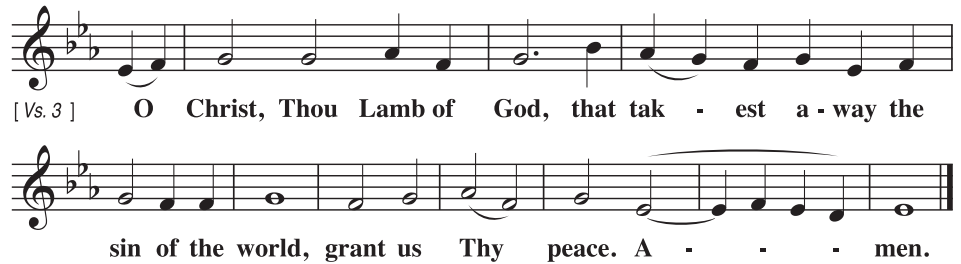


A - men

Agnus Dei



[Vs. 1 & 2] O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the
sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



[Vs. 3] O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the
sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - - men.

[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns Who Are You Who Walk Burgundy Hymn 476

Here, O My Lord, I see Burgundy Hymn 631

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

[Rise] **Eucharistic Benediction**

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

Post-Communion Canticle The Nunc Dimittis



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



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



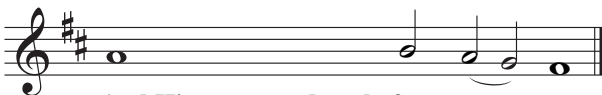
4. Glo- ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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

Post Communion Rite

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



And His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



A - men.

The Lord be with you.

Bless we the Lord.



And with thy spir - rit.



Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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



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



Christ is risen. Al- le- lu- ia! He is risen in- deed! Alleluia! Al- le- lu- ia!

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 With High Delight Burgundy Hymn 483

Postlude

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Readings for the Third Sunday of Easter

The First Reading is Acts 2:14a, 36–41

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, ... “Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

The Epistle is 1 Peter 1:17–25

If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for

“All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers, and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

The Gospel is St. Luke 24:13–35

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Hymns for the Third Sunday of Easter

LSB603 We Know That Christ Is Raised

John B. Geyer

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1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, He broke its fearful hold;
And our despair He turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!
2. We share by water in His saving death.
Reborn, we share with Him an Easter life
As living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!
3. The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's power shakes the Church of God.
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!

LSB585 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

Philip Melancthon

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1. Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,
For round us falls the eventide.
O let Your Word, that saving light,
Shine forth undimmed into the night.
2. In those last days of great distress
Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness
That we keep pure till life is spent
Your holy Word and Sacrament.
- M 3. To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold
Speak tongues of fire and make us bold
To shine Your Word of saving grace
Into each dark and loveless place.
- W 4. May glorious truths that we have heard,
The bright sword of Your mighty Word,
Spurn Satan that Your Church be strong,
Bold, unified in act and song.
5. Restrain, O Lord, the human pride
That seeks to thrust Your truth aside
Or with some man-made thoughts or things
Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.

6. Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;
Preserve our faith our whole life through –
Your Word alone our heart's defense,
The Church's glorious confidence.

LSB476 Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow **Herman Stuempfle, Jr.**

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1. Who are you who walk in sorrow Down Emmaus' barren road,
Hearts distraught and hope defeated, Bent beneath grief's crushing load?
Nameless mourners, we will join you, We who also mourn our dead;
We have stood by graves unyielding, Eaten death's bare, bitter bread.
2. Who is this who joins our journey, Walking with us stride by stride?
Unknown Stranger, can You fathom Depths of grief for one who died?
Then the wonder! When we told You How our dreams to dust have turned,
Then You opened wide the Scriptures Till our hearts within us burned.
3. Who are You? Our hearts are opened In the breaking of the bread—
Christ the victim, now the victor Living, risen from the dead!
Great companion on our journey, Still surprise us with Your grace!
Make each day a new Emmaus; On our hearts Your image trace!
4. Who are we who travel with You On our way through life to death?
Women, men, the young, the aging, Wakened by the Spirit's breath!
At the font You claim and name us, Born of water and the Word;
At the table still You feed us, Host us as our risen Lord!
5. "Alleluia! Alleluia!" Is the Easter hymn we sing!
Take our life, our joy, our worship As the gift of love we bring.
You have formed us all one people Called from ev'ry land and race.
Make the Church Your servant body, Sent to share Your healing grace!

LSB631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face **Horatius Bonar**

1. Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.
2. Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heav'n;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

- M 3. This is the hour of banquet and of song;
This is the heav'nly table spread for me;
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong
The brief bright hour of fellowship with thee.
- W 4. I have no help but Thine; nor do I need
Another arm but Thine to lean upon.
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.
5. Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace;
Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
6. Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;
Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
7. Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

LSB483 With High Delight

Georg Vetter

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1. With high delight Let us unite In songs of great jubilation.
Ye pure in heart, All bear your part, Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.
To set us free Forever, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's ends
Good news to save ev'ry nation.
2. True God, He first From death has burst Forth into life, all subduing.
His enemy Doth vanquished lie; His death has been death's undoing.
"And yours shall be Like victory O'er death and grave," Saith He, who gave
His life for us, life renewing.
3. Let praises ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord adoration.
His honor speed By word and deed To ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.
So shall His love Give us above, From misery And death set free,
All joy and full consolation.

The Third Sunday of Easter



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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 (as they decide how further to proceed)
- + 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 Yvonne Kirtz, Henry Williams, Karen Coleman, Darryl Kirtz, Carl Albersmeyer, Estella Ramirez, Dick Hollman, Art Litke, Bill Weinrich, Dwight Bieberich, Damita Jordan, Jimmy Coffey, Al McFeter, Mike Ming, Elaine Seifert, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Gary Phillips, David Groth, Gary Castle, Ron Rastl, and Robert & Jenny Hobby.
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages, especially Stephanie & Jeff Brooks
- + For the gift of life and for length of days and for pregnant 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 Frank & Hulda Sonne
- + 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 Third Sunday of Easter. The Cross Bowl is given celebration of 29th wedding anniversary of Stephaine & Jeff Brooks by Dave and Janeen Kaiser. The Altar Vases are given for the 100th wedding anniversary of Frank & Hulda Sonne by Beth Hollman and families. 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

April 19, 2026 thru April 25, 2026

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| SUN. | 9:00 AM | Divine Service | Church |
| | 10:45 AM | Adult Bible Class – Ephesians | Bauer Hall |
| | | NO Alt Adult Class today | |
| MON. | 5:00 PM | LSA Board meeting | LSUS |
| TUES. | 9:00 AM | Weekly Bible Study | Bauer Hall |
| | 6:30 PM | A Hope Center Banquet | Allen Memorial |
| WED. | 9:30 AM | Men of Zion | Conference Room |
| | 5:30 PM | Wednesday Divine Service | Chapel |
| | 6:40 PM | Pre-Concert Lecture | Church |
| | 7:00 PM | Kekionga Early Music Concert | Church |
| THURS. | | | |
| FRI. | | | |
| SAT. | 9AM-12 noon | Spring Cleaning | Church grounds |
| | 11:00 AM | Private Confession | Church |

April 26, 2026

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| SUN. | 9:00 AM | Divine Service | Church |
| | 10:45 AM | Education Hour | Various |
| | 4:00 PM | Bach Collegium Concert | Church |

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: the Adult Bible Class continues its study of Ephesians, chapter 2, in Bauer Hall, led by Sem. Josh Fuchs. Josh is finishing up and Sem. Nate Demlow will take up the task next. The Alternate class on Lutheran Identity will not meet this Sunday.

WELCOME TO fellow Christians *Marina Alshomali* and husband *Hanna* from Bethlehem.

NEXT SUNDAY we have the privilege of hearing Pastor Bienfait Romeo from the Congo preach the Good News to us. Hear him proclaim Christ, the door to the sheep pen, who welcomes His sheep into His flock here in the U.S. and in Africa.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: Today is the start of our baby bottle campaign for A Hope Center—a life affirming, Christ-centered ministry offering free support to women and families facing unplanned pregnancies. This is a simple but powerful way to make a difference. On the way out today, pick up a baby bottle and fill it with coins, cash, or check (payable to A Hope Center). Every gift helps provide hope, support, and life-saving care. Bottles are due back by May 17th.

ZION'S SPRING CLEANING is this coming Saturday, April 25, between 9 a.m. and noon. We will 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.

BOOK SIGNING: President Matthew Harrison and Prof. John Pless will be signing copies of their new book, *Bible and Confessions?* in the CTSFW Commons immediately after chapel (about 10:30 am) on Thursday, April 30th. See posters for more info.

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 ladies of Zion, DaVanna would like a crew of ladies to help deep clean Bauer Hall and the kitchen on May 9th, at 9:00 AM (April 25 didn't work because of Bach Collegium rehearsals). If you would like to help please let her know.

SHEPHERD OF THE CITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1301 S. Anthony Blvd, will host its 18th annual hymn festival today at 4:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Presence," based on Genesis 28:16, "*Surely the LORD is in this place.*" The featured organist will be Nicole Busarow of Redeemer Classical School, and the guest preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Todd Peperkorn of Concordia Theological Seminary. A free-will offering will be accepted at the door to help the congregation pay for much-needed building repairs.

A HOPE CENTER'S annual fundraiser banquet is April 21, at 6:30 PM at the AC Memorial Coliseum. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Guest speaker is recording artist and author Matt Hammit. Melvia has reserved two tables; there are 8 seats open. It's free; donations are welcomed at the event. Please let Melvia know if you're interested in attending. Thanks.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Mark 12:29-31 "Jesus answered, "The most important [commandment] is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Last week's verse was Ephesians 2:13-14.

A GOOD GIFT PLAN WITHIN AN ESTATE includes inheritance for family and gifts to ministry. Sometimes the family side of things can be a bit tricky to plan. Many people choose one of their family members to serve in the role of personal representative, trustee or in the power of attorney role. There should always be alternates chosen as well. It is wise to communicate this plan to family before the Lord calls you home, so family members are ready to each do their parts to help carry out your faithful stewardship plan. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can discuss and pray with you about your choices and the communication of those choices. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@fnd.org.

CTSFW: At Vicarage Placement (April 28) and Call Service (April 29), students (including *our fieldworker Nate Demlow*) will find out where they will serve as vicars, deaconess interns, and pastors in the coming year. You may join them on campus at Kramer Chapel or via livestream at ctsfw.edu/callday.

For the family of God's Priestly People at Zion

God calls His own people a "Royal Priesthood." God makes us kings and queens, princes and princesses who are bound together by the Holy Spirit in Baptism for the Christian benefit of each other. Priests **PRAY** — They talk to God about their neighbor! Priests **TEACH** — They talk to their neighbor about God! Priests **OFFER SACRIFICES** — They offer to God the sacrifice of broken and contrite hearts; they offer their bodies and work as holy services to God for their neighbors. Join in this priestly work of prayer with your fellow members.

Morning Prayer

Luke 24:13-35
Luke 7:1-17
Luke 7:18-35
Luke 7:36-50
Luke 8:1-21
Luke 8:22-39
Luke 8:40-56

DAILY LECTIONARY

The Third Sunday of Easter
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

Evening Prayer

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Exodus 33:1-23
Exodus 34:1-28
Exodus 34:29-35:21
Exodus 38:21-38:8, 22-23, 27-31
Exodus 39:32-40:16
Exodus 40:17-38

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 Fourth Sunday in Easter

Acts 2:42-47

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10



What Doctor Luther Says:

About the Unity that Comes from Faith in Christ

It is the nature of the Christian faith to make the hearts one, so that they are of one mind and of one will, as Psalm 68[:6] says in this regard: “God the Lord, Christ, our God makes harmonious inhabitants in the house,” and Psalm 133[:1] states: “Ah, how beautiful and joyful it is that brothers dwell with one another in unity.” St. Paul speaks of the unity of the spirit in many places: Romans 12[:16], I Corinthians 12[:4-31], and Ephesians 5[4:3], and he says: Be ever diligent to be of one mind, of one will. Such unity is not possible outside of the realm of faith. As the saying goes, “Each one likes his own ways best, and so the country with fools is blessed.” Experience teaches us how the religious orders, the estates, and the sects are divided among themselves. Each believes that his order, his estate, his ways, his works, his undertaking is best and the right road to heaven, and looks down upon the others, taking no interest in them. We observe this nowadays among the priests, monks, bishops, and the entire clergy. But those who have a right faith know that the one important thing is faith; on this they all are in accord. Thus there is no disunity among them and no division because of some external order, action, or work. Externals make no difference to them, no matter how varied they may be.

Luther's Works, 52:34.

Holy Land Christians Are Our Guests Today We Will Hear Their Story and See Their Beautiful Olive Wood Crafts

Today, during the announcements before the service, we will be hearing about the life of Christians of the Holy Land, and after the service we will be hosting in Bauer Hall a display of handmade olive wood religious articles from Bethlehem that you may purchase. These carvings include olive wood Nativity sets, crosses, Christmas ornaments, candle holders, angels and many other religious crafts that could make nice wedding, baptism, confirmation, Easter, or Christmas gifts. The carvings are handmade by Christian families from Bethlehem who rely on their sale for their daily bread.

More than 70% of the Christian community in the Holy Land depend upon tourism as their only source of income. For decades those Christians have been enduring many hardships as tourism in Bethlehem has plummeted and access to other sources of income has been sharply restricted due to ongoing conflicts, wars, a 12-yard-high wall built around Bethlehem, the COVID-19 pandemic, and most recently, the catastrophic war in Gaza for the more than two years. Because of these, tourists are afraid and unable to visit the Holy Land, and that has made it very difficult for Christian families to find their daily bread and has forced them to emigrate and flee their homeland, since they have lost their source of income. The Christian population of the Holy Land was 30% in the last century, but today it is less than 1%. If this trend continues like this, in few years we will find no Christians in the land of Christ, which could cause tragic consequences to our faith and the holy sites there.

We welcome your prayers, but we are also asking that you support your Christian brothers and sisters in the town of Bethlehem where Christ was born by purchasing their carvings.

Today, a Christian's family from Bethlehem [I know not who as of this writing] will be given time before the Divine Service to tell us the story of the Christians of the Holy Land, and they will be presenting these carvings after the services.

It is never too late to help. All proceeds go to support Christian families from Bethlehem .

Let us carefully tend to our roots, that is, to the Christian children of God in the Holy Land. And let us pray together for peace in the land where our Savior was born, walked, taught, suffered, died, and rose again to win the world's salvation.



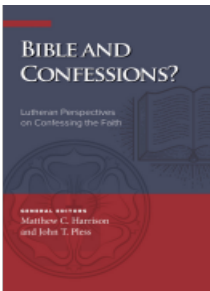
LCMS President Matthew Harrison
and **CTSFW Prof. John Pless**



BOOK SIGNING

Thursday, April 30

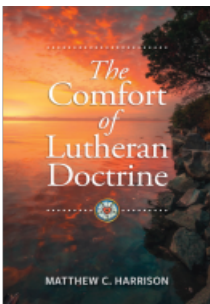
In the Student Commons
immediately following chapel



Books will be available for purchase at the event,
or you may purchase them in the bookstore
beforehand (credit card, check, or cash).

*Bible and Confessions? Lutheran Perspectives on
Confessing the Faith—\$44.99*

The Comfort of Lutheran Doctrine—\$17.99





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EARLY MUSIC
COLLECTIVE

Consolation & Praise: Protestant Reflections of the Heart

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

Pre-Concert Lecture: 6:40 PM

Concert: 7:00 PM

Zion Lutheran Church • 2313 South Hanna Street

Free Admission

Program

Christoph Bernhard (1628–1692) — Psalm 42,6: “Was betrübst du dich, meine Seele” (1665)

Philipp Friedrich Böhdecker (1607–1683) — Sonata for Violino Solo in D minor (1651)

Philipp Friedrich Böhdecker — “O Vater aller Frommen” (1651)

Samuel Capricornicus (1628–1665) — “Adeste omnes fideles” (1669)

Dietrich Buxtehude (ca. 1637–1707) — “Singet dem Herrn ein neues Lied,” BuxWV 98

Philipp Heinrich Erlebach (1657–1714) — Trio Sonata No. 2 in E minor (1694)

Heinrich Schütz (1585–1672) — Psalm 1: “Wohl dem, der nicht wandelt im Rat der Gottlosen,” SWV 290 (1636)



Primary Election Season

RLNI Voters' Guides are on the table in the Narthex.

Early Voting

2026 Primary Election

Monday – Friday, 4/7 – 4/24 8:00AM – 4:30PM (First day of voting is a Tuesday)

- Rousseau Centre ONLY – 1 E Main St

Saturday, 4/25 8:00AM – 3:00PM

- Rousseau Centre – 1 E Main St
- Ivy Tech Coliseum Campus – 3800 N Anthony Blvd

Monday – Friday, 4/27 – 5/1 8:00AM – 8:00PM

Saturday, 5/2 8:00AM – 5:00PM

- Christ's Community Church - 10616 Liberty Mills Rd
- Firehouse Reception Hall – 3322 Honway Ct
- Grace Point Church – 8611 Mayhew Rd
- Ivy Tech Coliseum Campus – 3800 N Anthony Blvd
- Public Safety Academy – 7602 Patriot Crossing
- Resurrection Lutheran Church - 14318 Lima Rd
- Rousseau Centre – 1 E Main St

Monday, 5/4 8:00AM – Noon

- Rousseau Centre ONLY – 1 E Main St

ZION LADIES OF LWML



SECOND-HAND

CLOTHING DONATION

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

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

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

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

CLEAN & FRESH

Recently washed, free of odors.

GENTLY WORN

No major stains, tears, or fading.

FULLY FUNCTIONAL

Zippers, buttons, and snaps must work.



LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!

Please pray for these students/staff:

| | |
|----------|-----------------------------|
| Samuel | Skylar |
| Aniyah | Hailey |
| Ja'maire | LeShon |
| Dontae | Larkin |
| King | Mrs. Wiegman & Baby Griffin |



Scholastic Book Fair Highlights

The Scholastic Book Fair at Lutheran South Unity School was a wonderful success, bringing excitement and a love of reading to students across all grade levels. From picture books to graphic novels and nonfiction titles, there was something for everyone to enjoy. It was especially fun to see students eagerly browsing (some with their grandfriends!), sharing recommendations with friends, and discovering new favorite stories to take home.

This year's top seller—for the second year in a row—was the popular *Pocket Peaches* graphic novel series, with 12 copies sold. In the younger grades, *Bubbly Beautiful Kitty-Corn* and *Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late* were tied as the top picture books, each selling 4 copies and continuing to be beloved read-aloud favorites in kindergarten classrooms. Among nonfiction readers, *Animal Bites* and *Weirdest Creatures of All Time* were the most popular, with 3 copies each. Students were also drawn to familiar and fun characters like Bluey, Stitch, and Squishmallows, adding to the overall excitement of the fair.



LSUS Admissions

OPEN FOR 2026

School registration is now open! Get registered today and save BIG!

Enroll Now

Early Bird Specials
~~February 22nd - March 15th \$80 with maximum of \$100~~
 March 16th - April 30th \$120 with maximum \$240
 May 1st - May 31st \$140 with maximum \$280

Regular Registration
 June 1st - June 30th \$180 with maximum \$360

Late Registration Fees
 July 1st - August 15th \$200 with maximum \$400

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

Contact Us  lsus.org  260-744-0459

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!

Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

He is not here, but has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'

— Luke 24:6-7

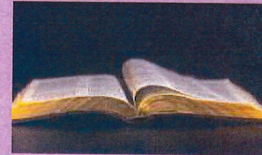
SHEPHERD OF THE CITY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S
18TH ANNUAL



ORGANIST NICOLE BUSAROW

HYMN FEST

Presence (Genesis 28:16)



SUNDAY | APRIL 19, 2026 | 4PM
1301 S. ANTHONY BLVD.
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF 18 YEARS
OF HYMNODY IN FORT WAYNE**

Please Join us as we worship our Lord Jesus Christ during this special event, which celebrates 18 years of hymnody for Shepherd of the City Congregation. Nicole Busarow is a child of God, daughter, sister, wife, and mother of four. Mrs. Busarow holds a Masters of Sacred Music degree from the University of Notre Dame and a Bachelor of Music degree in church music – organ from Valparaiso University. She has taught and played music for more than a decade in churches and schools in Michigan and Indiana. She also teaches music at Redeemer Classical School.

- A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW THE SERVICE.
- THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
- FREEWILL OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN TO SUPPORT THE RESTORATION OF OUR HISTORIC SANCTUARY.



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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



The Shepherd's Hand
COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER

260-424-2224

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5K RUN & WALK



MAY 2ND, 2026

Time

9 AM - 10 AM

Location

1231 S Anthony Blvd.
Fort Wayne, IN



Ready to join the 5K fun? Find race info and registration at

[runsignup.com/Race/IN/FortWayne/
TheShepherdsHandCommunity5k](https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/FortWayne/TheShepherdsHandCommunity5k)

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