

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

9:00 am Sunday, February 15, 2026

RECEIVING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT ZION

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

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

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

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

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

[Rise] **Invocation**

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

The Office of Confession of Sins and Absolution

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

[Kneel]

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

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

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

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

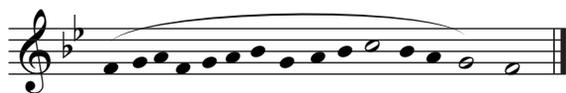
Entrance Hymn 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here Burgundy Hymn 414

Kyrie

Ky - ri - e — e - lei-son. Lord, have mer - cy.
Chri - ste — e - lei - son. Christ have mer - cy.
Ky - ri - e — e - lei - son. Lord, — have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glo - ry to God in the high - est. And on earth peace,
a - mong men with whom He is pleased. We praise Thee, we bless Thee,
we wor-ship Thee, we glo - ri - fy Thee, we give thanks to Thee for
Thy great glo - ry. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God, the Fa - ther Al -
mighty. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ,
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, who ta - kest a - way the
sin of the world, have mer - cy on us. Thou who ta - kest a - way the sin of the world,
re - ceive our prayer. Thou who sit - test at the right hand of God
the Father, have mer - cy on us. For Thou on - ly art ho - ly. Thou on - ly
art the Lord, Thou on - ly O Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
art most high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



A - - - - - men.

Salutation

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir— it.

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



A ——— men!

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

Old Testament Reading..... **Exodus 24:8–18**

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

Epistle of the Day **2 Peter 1:16–21**

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

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

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

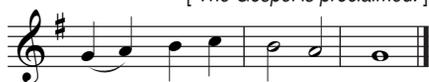
Holy Gospel **St. Matthew 17:1–9**

[The Gospel is announced.]

[The Gospel is proclaimed.]



Glo- ry be to Thee, O Lord!



Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Rise for stanza 5.]

[Be Seated] **Sermon**

[Rise] **Prayer of the Church**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs: [After each petition]:..., Lord, in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

[After the final prayer]:..., one God, now and forever **Amen.**

[Be Seated] **Offerings**

Choral Voluntary..... Rejoice in the Lord Always H. Purcell

[Rise] **Offertory Hymn Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God**

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a
 right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy
 pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
 Re-store to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion; and up - hold me
 with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

Preface

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

And with thy spir - it. We lift them up un-to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface for the Transfiguration, Sanctus

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly, Lord God of hosts:
 Heav - en and earth are full of Thy glo - ry;

Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord; Ho - san-na in the high - est.

[Kneel] **Lord's Prayer**

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

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

Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

A - men.

Agnus Dei

1-3. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,
Stanzas 1 and 2 | Stanza 3
have mer-cy up - on us. Grant us Thy Peace. A - - - - men!

[Be Seated]

Distribution HymnsSwiftly Pass the Clouds Burgundy Hymn 416
O Morning Star Burgundy Hymn 395

[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.



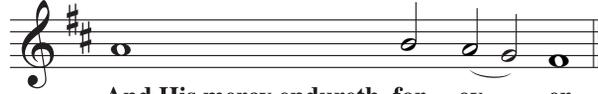
4. Glo—ry___ be to the
Father, and to___ the ___ Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost.



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.



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.

Putting Away of The "Alleluia" in Preparation for Lent

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

During the Recessional, the Congregation turns and faces the Processional Cross, the symbol of Christ's promise to remain with and lead His people as they now go and live in the world in His name.

Recessional Hymn Alleluia, Song of Gladness Burgundy Hymn 417

Postlude

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

Readings for the Transfiguration of Our Lord

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

The Old Testament Reading is Exodus 24:8-18

And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

The Epistle is 2 Peter 1:16-21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy

was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel is St. Matthew 17:1-9

After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

Hymns for the Transfiguration of Our Lord

LSB414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

James Montgomery

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

LSB415 Jesus on the Mountain Peak

Brian Wren

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

LSB413 Oh, Wondrous Type!

Sarum Breviary, Salisbury

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

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

LSB416 Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

Thomas H. Troeger

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

LSB395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Philipp Nicolai

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1. O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
You shine with God's own truth and light,
Aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob's race, King David's Son,
Our Lord and Master, You have won
Our hearts to serve You only!
Lowly, holy!
Great and glorious, all victorious. Rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!
2. Come, heav'nly Bridegroom, Light divine,
And deep within our hearts now shine;
There light a flame undying!
In Your one body let us be
As living branches of a tree,
Your life our lives supplying.
Now, though daily
Earth's deep sadness May perplex us And distress us,
Yet with heav'nly joy You bless us.
3. Lord, when You look on us in love.
At once there falls from God above
A ray of purest pleasure.
Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood
Refresh our souls with heav'nly food.
You are our dearest treasure!
Let Your mercy
Warm and cheer us! O draw near us! For You teach us
God's own love through You has reached us.
4. Almighty Father, in Your Son
You loved us, when not yet begun
Was this old earth's foundation!
Your Son has ransomed us in love
To live in Him here and above:
This is Your great salvation.
Alleluia!
Christ the living, to us giving Life forever,
Keeps us Yours and fails us never!

5. O let the harps break forth in sound!
 Our joy be all with music crowned,
 Our voices gladly blending!
 For Christ goes with us all the way—
 Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
 His love is never ending!
 Sing out! Ring out!
 Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story!
 Great is He, the King of Glory!

6. What joy to know, when life is past,
 The Lord we love is first and last,
 The end and the beginning!
 He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
 Transport us to that happy place
 Beyond all tears and sinning!
 Amen! Amen!
 Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness! We are yearning
 For the day of Your returning!

LSB417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness

Latin, c. 11th cent.

1. Alleluia, song of gladness, Voice of joy that cannot die;
 Alleluia is the anthem Ever raised by choirs on high;
 In the house of God abiding Thus they sing eternally.

2. Alleluia, thou resoundest, True Jerusalem and free;
 Alleluia, joyful mother, All thy children sing with thee,
 But by Babylon's sad waters Mourning exiles now are we.

3. Alleluia cannot always Be our song while here below;
 Alleluia, our transgressions Make us for a while for-go;
 For the solemn time is coming When our tears for sin must flow.

4. Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, blessed Trinity,
 At the last to keep Thine Easter With Thy faithful saints on high;
 There to Thee for ever singing Alleluia joyfully.

The Transfiguration of Our Lord



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

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

The Pastoral Ministry at Zion

Senior Pastor:

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Nathaniel Demlow, Joshua Fuchs

The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

Principal:

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

Teachers:

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

The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music:

Michael Hollman, MM

Church Office Manager:

Melvia Culpher

PRAYERS FOR TODAY

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

IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Today is the Divine Service for the Transfiguration of Our Lord. The Cross Bowl is given to honor Lois Lange on her 90th birthday with love from her children thanking God for his continuous love and life. The Baptismal Bud Vase is given in celebration of the 22nd birthday of Brenden Seifert by his parents David & DaVanna Seifert. 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

February 15, 2026 thru February 21, 2026

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service—The Transfiguration of Our Lord	Church
	10:45 AM	Adult Bible Class	Bauer Hall
	10:45 AM	Alternate Adult/Youth Bible Class	Conference Room
	4:00 PM	Bach Collegium	Indiana Tech
MON.	7:00 PM	Special Meeting—Council of Elders	Conference Room
TUES.	9:00 AM	Weekly Bible Study	Bauer Hall
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:45 PM	Lent Supper (Ash Wednesday)	Bauer Hall
	7:00 PM	Divine Service—Ash Wednesday	Church
THURS.	10:30 AM	Book of Concord	Conference Room
FRI.			
SAT.	10:00 AM	LWML Basement Cleaning	Basement
	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

February 22, 2026

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

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

LENT begins this Wednesday with a Divine Service and the imposition of ashes and absolution. Come and begin this preparatory season right in humble repentance and forgiveness.

LWML will be cleaning the basement on February 21st 10AM-Noon. If you would like to help, please contact Melvia. **Also**, starting next Sunday, February 22nd, and on the third Sunday of each month, you can bring in your gently used clothes, shoes, and household items to be donated to the Seminary Clothing Co-op. Melvia will have a table set up to receive the donated items and get them to the seminary.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: 1 John 1:8— "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." Last week's verse was James 4:17.

WE LIVE IN AN "I CAN DO IT MYSELF" CULTURE. Sometimes we might be tempted to think a Christian estate plan is just a collection of documents (will, trust, POA). However, we need to look deeper into the factors influencing a good plan. A will might refer to a certain percentage of gift to family or ministry, but a beneficiary designation on an account like an IRA might supersede with different instructions. It is important to have help making sure these documents agree. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfnf.org.

JOIN RIGHT TO LIFE OF NORTHEAST INDIANA: Sidewalk Advocates for Life training will take place in the RLNI conference room at 3106 Lake Ave, March 11, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Learn how to approach people outside our local abortion referral facility peacefully, prayerfully, and lovingly, and redirect them to life-affirming alternatives in our community. If you are interested, please send an email to: Jordyn@ichooselife.org or Chase@ichooselife.org.

BACH COLLEGIUM FORT WAYNE presents its second concert of the season — *He Puts Down the Mighty & Exalts the Humble* — Today 4:00 PM. This concert is being performed in the Indiana Tech Multi-Flex Theater in the Snyder Academic Center. It features three J. S. Bach cantatas and two acapella choral works by Igor Stravinsky and Serge Rachmaninoff.

CLHS is blessed to be experiencing significant enrollment growth resulting in the need to add a number of new full-time teaching positions for the 2026–2027 school year. This exciting growth allows us to expand our faculty and continue providing an exceptional, faith-filled education for our students. We invite passionate educators to consider joining our growing team. Please help us spread the word by sharing these opportunities with others who may be a great fit. To learn more about the available positions or to apply, visit our employment page at clhscadets.com/apps/pages/employment.

VENDORS WANTED! The St. John-Emmanuel Lutheran School 7th/8th grade classes are sponsoring a spring craft show on Saturday, March 7, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the gym at Emmanuel (Soest) to raise funds for their Washington, DC Trip. Craft booth pricing and registration form available at <https://bit.ly/SJECraft>. Direct questions to Mr. Jesse Muehler by email to jessem@stjohn-emmanuel.com or call the school office at (260) 639-0123.

OUR HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH and SCHOOL in Hunteertown is looking to fill a variety of positions for the 2026-2027 school year including lead and assistant teachers as well as afternoon staff members for toddlers, preschoolers, and elementary aged students. Pay will vary depending on the position and experience. We also have a variety of positions available for our summer camp program. If you are interested or would like more information, please call our office at (260) 338-1121 or email josh@ourhopeschool.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

Matthew 17:1-9
John 5:30-47
John 6:1-21
Mark 1:1-13
Mark 1:14-28
Mark 1:29-45
Mark 2:1-17

DAILY LECTIONARY

The Transfiguration of Our Lord
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

Evening Prayer

Exodus 24:8-18
Job 12:1-6, 12-25
Job 13:1-12
Genesis 1:1-19
Genesis 1:20–2:3
Genesis 2:4-25
Genesis 3:1-24

THE DAILY PETITIONS OF THE CHURCH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Daily] **The Our Father**

TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The First Sunday in Lent

Gensis 3:1-9

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 5:1-11



What Doctor Luther Says:

About True Humility—A Prerequisite to Righteousness

God's judgment is tropological [expressed in figures of speech]. This is its most frequent use in Scripture. This is the judgment by which God condemns and causes to condemn whatever we have of ourselves, the whole old man with his deeds This is properly humility, yes, humiliation. For it is not the one who regards himself as humble that is righteous, but the one who considers himself detestable and damnable in his own eyes he is righteous. ... "He who is dead is justified," Rom. 6:7. And it is for this distinctive feature that Scripture uses the word judgment, to express the true nature of humility, which is the downgrading and contempt and the complete condemnation of oneself. This is the case especially where the word is coupled with righteousness, as, for example, in Is. 9:7: "To strengthen it with judgment and righteousness," and Is. 11:4: "He shall judge the poor with judgment, and reprove with righteousness for the meek of the land." Ps. 89:14 "Righteousness and judgment are the preparation of Thy throne." Ps. 97:2: "Righteousness and judgment are the establishment of His throne." Ps. 99:4: "Thou hast done judgment and righteousness in Jacob." Ps. 33:5: "He loves mercy and judgment." Ps. 37:28: "The Lord loves judgment." Ps. 99:4: "The king's honor loves judgment." This is the judgment about which all the prophets cry that the Jews have detested it in ancient times, as they still do today. For "Moab is exceedingly proud" (Is. 16:6), and they are caught in their pride, for "the ungodly shall not rise in the judgment" (Ps. 1:5). "He will judge the world with equity. He will judge the people with righteousness. He comes to judge the earth" (Ps. 96:13; 98:9). Thus the apostle says, "If we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged by the Lord" (1 Cor. 11:31). This is called the judgment of God, like the righteousness or strength or wisdom of God. It is that by which we are wise, strong, and humble, or by which we are judged.

Luther's Works, 10:406-7.

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:

Emersyn	KeyVontay
Elijah	Trinidee
Joy	Melvin
Judah	Jeremiah
Trevion	Mrs. Blake



Phoenix Basketball Soars this Season!

The Boys Varsity basketball team, led by Coach Buxton wrapped up an exciting season as the LSAA South Division Champions, demonstrating determination, teamwork, and heart every time they stepped on the court. The Phoenix carried that momentum into the LSAA



Tournament, battling tough competition and earning a 4th place finish. At the Suburban Bethlehem Tournament, our boys brought home 2nd place. The players represented LSUS with pride this season and continued to grow together and compete with strong sportsmanship. The season isn't over yet — the Phoenix will rise again as they head to the ILSAA State Tournament beginning February 28th.

LSUS's Junior Varsity team, led by Mr. Pearson, had a good



season, working hard to develop skills and build teamwork for the future of the program. Their effort, growth, and commitment laid a solid foundation and provided valuable experience for players moving up in the years ahead.

Both teams were supported all season long by the LSUS cheerleading squads, led by Mrs. Fink, Mrs. Blake, and Coach Pree. Their energy, spirit, and encouragement from the sidelines helped lift the team and keep the crowd engaged at every game. Their dedication and school pride truly made a difference.



Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

— Romans 8:2

An advertisement for the LSUS Apparel Store. The background is a green chalkboard with a wooden border. At the top, there are two red circular logos with a cross and a book. The text reads "LSUS APPAREL STORE" in white, "NOW OPEN" in large, colorful letters (blue, yellow, green, pink), and the website "https://lutheransouthunity.itemorder.com/shop/home" in yellow. Below this, it says "CHECK OUT WHAT'S AVAILABLE FOR YOUR STUDENT AND FOR YOU. ALL ORDERS WILL BE PROCESSED AFTER THE STORE CLOSSES." At the bottom, there are images of various clothing items: a white t-shirt, a red t-shirt, a black t-shirt, a white long-sleeve shirt, a red t-shirt, a black jacket, and a white t-shirt. The text at the bottom reads "THE STORE WILL CLOSE AT MIDNIGHT ON FEBRUARY 28TH." The entire advertisement is framed by a border of colorful pencils.



KOJI OTSUKI, *Artistic Director*

Presents:

Concert II

He puts down the mighty and exalts the humble

February 15, 2026

4:00 PM

Our first performance at Indiana Tech!

Multi-Flex Theater, Snyder Academic Center
1600 E Washington Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46803

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J. S. BACH

Cantatas 105, 47, 10

IGOR STRAVINSKY, AND SERGE RACHMANINOFF
Russian a capella settings of *Bogoroditse Devo (Ave Maria)*



Join us...

SUNDAY, FEB. 22 AT 3 PM

CONCORDIA NEBRASKA
UNIVERSITY CHAMBER CHOIR

with the
CLHS Chamber Choir

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
1126 S. Barr St. | Fort Wayne, IN 46802 | 260-423-2496

Reception to follow in the Gathering Space.



FEBRUARY EVENT SCHEDULE

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FEB 2026

BRIDGE BOWLING BASH

7 PM GEORGETOWN BOWLING
6770 E STATE BLVD FT WAYNE
\$10/PERSON INCLUDES SHOE
RENTAL & 3 HRS OF BOWLING

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FEB 2026

MEETUP - COUNTRY HERITAGE SINGO SOCIAL

TAYLOR & FRIENDS AND WOMEN OF R&B
5:45 PM 0185 COUNTRY ROAD 68 LAOTTO

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FEB 2026

THE PORCH NIGHT: SERIES ON VANITY: A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES

7 PM THE HOLY CROSS YOUTH CENTER
3420 N ANTHONY BLVD

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FEB 2026

LENTEN EXPERIENCE WITH PASTOR CHAD

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

**WORSHIP ANEW ENGAGES AND
EQUIPS AGING ADULTS WITH
RESOURCES TO LIVE A FULL AND
ABUNDANT LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST.**



How does our ministry support

Aging Adults?

Our Worship Program

Worship Anew provides a weekly traditional service that is available all over the country on television stations, as well as online (through our website, TV app, and YouTube) and via DVD subscription, allowing viewers to watch their favorite sermons again. Our regular rotation of Lutheran pastors allows viewers to hear a message centered on God's Word and personalized for their stage of life.

Care Ministry

Our Care Ministry puts love into action. Our care package program provides an opportunity to do something for aging adults who are hurting, as well as those who are caring for them. By providing physical and spiritual resources, these care packages remind them they are loved and not suffering alone.

Hope-Full Living Devotion

Hope-Full Living is a daily devotion written for seniors, by seniors. The devotion is released quarterly. Every devotional is large print. You can also read or listen to the daily devotions on our app or online.

More ministry opportunities include:

Broadcaster Magazine

Website & App

Scan to watch a
video about our
ministry

**Watch Worship Anew locally on
WPTA 21.2 (NBC) at 7:00 AM Sundays &
WPTA 21.3 (MyNet) at 8:00 AM Sundays**

Learn more at WorshipAnew.org



The Bach Institute AT VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

SPRING 2026 OUTREACH TOUR

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY CHORALE & CHAMBER ORCHESTRA



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