

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am ..... Sunday, November 19, 2023

### 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*

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

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#### [ 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!*

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

## Introit of the Day



[Antiphon] *Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my | pleas for mer- cy! || In your faithfulness answer me, | in your right- eous- | ness! || Enter not into judgment | with your ser- vant, || for no one living is | •righteous• be- fore\_ | you.*

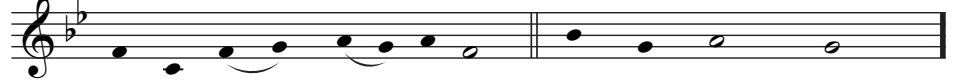
Verse 1: **I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that | you have done\_ ; || I ponder | the work of your | hands. || I stretch out my | hands to you\_ ; || my soul thirsts for you | like a parched\_ | land.**

Verse 2: *Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God\_ ! || Let your good Spirit lead | me on lev- el | ground! || For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life\_ ! || In your righteousness bring my soul | out of trou- | ble!*

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

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## 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-*



*migh-ty. 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 Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost:** *Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; 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..... Zephaniah 1:7-16**

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

**Epistle of the Day ..... 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

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

[ Rise ] **Alleluia Sequence**

[ Deacon ] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. Alleluia!*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le lu - ia!

**Holy Gospel ..... St. Matthew 25:14-30**

[ The Gospel is announced. ]

[ The Gospel is proclaimed. ]

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

# Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)

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

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

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

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

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

[ Be Seated ]

## Hymn of the Day ..... The Day Is Surely Drawing ..... Burgundy Hymn 508

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

### Sermon

#### [ Rise ] Prayer of the Church

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

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

#### [ Be Seated ] Offerings, Voluntary

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

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a  
 right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy  
 pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me.  
 Re-store 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.

### Common Preface, 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,



have mer-cy up - on us. Grant us Thy Peace. A - - - men!

[ Be Seated ]

### Distribution Hymns ..... Saints, See the Cloud ..... Burgundy Hymn 667

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

### Creator of the Stars ..... Burgundy Hymn 351

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

### 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.



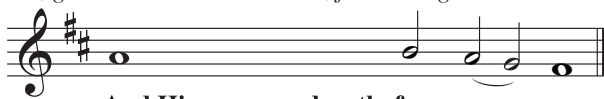
4. Glo— ry\_\_ be to the  
Father, and to\_\_ the \_\_ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.*



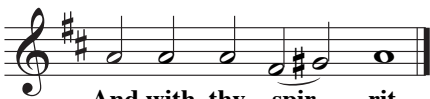
And His mercy endureth for - ev — er.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.**



A — men.

*The Lord be with you.*



And with thy spir — rit.

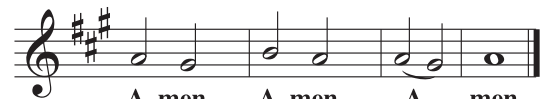
*Bless we the Lord.*



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.

*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 ..... Christ Is Surely Coming ..... Burgundy Hymn 509**

**Postlude**

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## Readings for the Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

### The Old Testament Reading is Zephaniah 1:7-16

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near;  
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests.

And on the day of the LORD'S sacrifice—

“I will punish the officials and the king’s sons  
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.

On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold,  
and those who fill their master’s house with violence and fraud.

“On that day,” declares the LORD, “a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,  
a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills.

Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more;  
all who weigh out silver are cut off.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
and I will punish the men who are complacent,  
those who say in their hearts,

‘The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.’

Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;

though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.”

The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast;  
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there.

A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom,

a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry  
against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

### The Epistle is 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the

breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

### **The Gospel is Matthew 25:14-30**

[Jesus said,] “It will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”



## Hymns for the Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

### LSB508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

Bartholomäus Ringwaldt

1. The day is surely drawing near When Jesus, God's anointed,  
In all His power shall appear As judge whom God appointed.  
Then fright shall banish idle mirth, And flames on flames shall ravage earth  
As Scripture long has warned us.
2. The final trumpet then shall sound And all the earth be shaken,  
And all who rest beneath the ground Shall from their sleep awaken.  
But all who live will in that hour, By God's almighty, boundless pow'r,  
Be changed at His commanding.
- M 3. The books are opened then to all, A record truly telling  
What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was dwelling,  
And ev'ry heart be clearly seen, And all be known as they have been  
In thoughts and words and actions.
- W 4. Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but carnal pleasures,  
Who here despised His precious Word And loved their earthly treasures!  
With shame and trembling they will stand And at the judge's stern command  
To Satan be delivered.
- M 5. My Savior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smitten;  
Within the Book of Life I know My name has now been written.  
I will not doubt, for I am free, And Satan cannot threaten me;  
There is no condemnation!
- W 6. May Christ our intercessor be And through His blood and merit  
Read from His book that we are free With all who life inherit.  
Then we shall see Him face to face, With all His saints in that blest place  
Which He has purchased for us.
7. O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation;  
We often tremble on our way In fear and tribulation.  
O hear and grant our fervent plea; Come, mighty judge, and make us free  
From death and ev'ry evil.

## **LSB667 Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses**

**Stephen P. Starke**

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1. Saints, see the cloud of witnesses surround us;  
Their lives of faith encourage and astound us.  
Hear how the Master praised their faith so fervent:  
“Well done, My servant!”
2. These saints of old received God’s commendation;  
They lived as pilgrim-heirs of His salvation.  
Through faith they conquered flame and sword and gallows,  
God’s name to hallow.
- M3. They call to us, “Your timid footsteps lengthen;  
Throw off sin’s weight, your halting weakness strengthen.  
We kept the faith, we shed our blood, were martyred;  
Our lives we bartered.”
- W4. Come, let us fix our sight on Christ who suffered,  
He faced the cross, His sinless life He offered;  
He scorned the shame, He died, our death enduring,  
Our hope securing.
5. Lord, give us faith to walk where You are sending,  
On paths unmarked, eyes blind as to their ending;  
Not knowing where we go, but that You lead us—  
With grace precede us.
6. You, Jesus, You alone deserve all glory!  
Our lives unfold, embraced within Your story;  
Past, present, future—You, the same forever—  
You fail us never!

## **LSB351 Creator of the Stars of Night**

**Latin, 5<sup>th</sup>-10 cent.**

1. Creator of the stars of night, Thy people’s everlasting Light:  
O Christ, Redeemer, save us all And hear Thy servants when they call.
2. Thou, grieving that the ancient curse Should doom to death a universe,  
Hast found the healing, full of grace, To cure and save our ruined race.
3. Thou cam’st the Bridegroom of the bride, As drew the world to eventide,  
The spotless Victim all divine Proceeding from a virgin shrine.
4. At whose dread name, majestic now, All knees must bend, all hearts must bow;  
All things celestial Thee shall own, And things terrestrial, Lord alone.

5. O Thou, whose coming is with dread To judge the living and the dead,  
Preserve us from the ancient foe While still we dwell on earth below.
- △ 6. To God the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
Praise, honor, might, and glory be From age to age eternally. Amen.

**LSB509 Christ Is Surely Coming**

**Christopher M. Idle**

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1. Christ is surely coming Bringing His reward,  
Alpha and Omega, First and Last and Lord:  
Root and stem of David, Brilliant Morning Star:  
Meet your Judge and Savior, Nations near and far!
2. See the holy city! There they enter in,  
All by Christ made holy, Washed from ev'ry sin:  
Thirsty ones, desiring All he loves to give,  
Come for living water, Freely drink, and live!
3. Grace be with God's people! Praise His holy name!  
Father, Son, and Spirit, Evermore the same;  
Hear the certain promise From the eternal home:  
"Surely I come quickly! Come, Lord Jesus, come!"

# The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost



## 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: Paul Mroczenski, Matthew Harrison

### 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>, ELA), Michael Cullen (7<sup>th</sup>, MS Science),  
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Abbey Zelt (3<sup>rd</sup>), John Fink (2<sup>nd</sup>), Hannah Maresh (1<sup>st</sup>),  
Karen Koehlert (K-A), Rachel Wiegman (K-B), Natalie Reynolds (Art & Music),  
Lizzy Hoham (Progress Partners Coach), Marcus Rush (K-5 PE)

### 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
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our fieldworkers Paul Mroczenski and Matthew Harrison
- + For our nation; for our leaders; for our military, including James Hall; especially at this perilous time in our world
- + 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, including Bryce Shull and Kenneth Raber.
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Jason Kaiser, Connie Houser, Janice Grim, Karen Coleman, Sarah Hollman, Debra Busche, Jessica Krause, Bill Weinrich, John Starks, Dwight Bieberich, Willodean Bates, Dick Hollman, Paul Herrmann, Bob Ockree, David Evans, John A. Pless, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Marlow Hogan, Gregory Hogan, Marissia White, Sue Doepner, Geraldine Woods, Blakely White, Joan Messmann, Ron Rastl, and Robert & Jenny Hobby
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages, especially Rita & Mike Davies
- + For the gift of life and for length of days
- + 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 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of the 26<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Rita & Mike Davies. 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

### **November 19, 2023 thru November 25, 2023**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
<b>MON.</b>	3:45 PM	Jr. Catechesis	Conference Room
<b>TUES.</b>			
<b>WED.</b>	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Wednesday Divine Service</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
<b>THURS.</b>		Thanksgiving Office Closed	
	9:00 AM	Thanksgiving Matins Service	Church
<b>FRI.</b>			
<b>SAT.</b>	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

### **November 26, 2023**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various

## ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EDUCATION HOUR** Dr. Voelz' is back with his in-depth teaching on the Gospel according to St. Mark. As needed Sunday School will meet in the Assoc. Pastor's Office.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who has already returned your pledge cards. If you haven't done it yet, please find the card, fill it out, and return it to the office as soon as possible.

**THANKS** to everyone who helped out with the Fall clean up yesterday.

**HELP:** George Lange has a long black coat that must have been mistaken for a woman's black coat and taken accidentally. If you wore a long black coat to church a couple weeks ago, please look at the one that is hanging in the church's coat closet by the door to see if it's yours. Thanks. Melvia

**REMINDER:** if you want to help CLHS with their Cadets in Cadence Dinner Auction, please contact Matt Konow at 260-483-1102, ext. 251 or at [mkonow@clhscadets.com](mailto:mkonow@clhscadets.com).

**DON'T FORGET:** from November 5<sup>th</sup> to December 5<sup>th</sup>, Zion will be collecting food items for CTSFW students and families. Ed and Janice Grim will make sure that there are bags and a list of suggested items. Then, once a week, the food will be dropped off at the Seminary Food Coop.

**SHUT IN HOLIDAY BAGS:** you may think that it is too early, but Melvia is looking for help on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon to help assemble the goody bags for our shut in people so that they can be distributed on Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> for delivery. Call the office if you can help.

**THE SEASON OF ADVENT** (meaning the start of a new church year) is right around the corner — December 3<sup>rd</sup>, with Christmas on its heels. Advent is all about “comings” and preparation. So, think about coming to Advent midweek Evening Prayer services starting December 6, and prepare your hearts for Christ's coming in humility, in glory, in the flesh. And start to make plans now for December 24. The morning will be the Fourth Sunday in Advent; the evening will be Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols.

**HELP FOR HAILEY:** remember, we supported this family in the past with our prayers when Hailey was fighting for her life and with our donations to help with hospital expenses. They need our help again, this time so that Hailey can get a more permanent state-of-the-art brace that will enable her to walk without assistance. We had a special door offering on All Saints' Day, and we're repeating it today to support these efforts to get Hailey back closer to normalcy. Please help as you are able. Thank you.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** Colossians 4:2—“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.” Last week's verse was 1 Peter 1:24b-25.

**THE CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH MEN'S CLUB** will once again be selling Christmas trees and wreaths this year to help fund the church and school. The tree lot is located at the Church-School, 4245 Lake Avenue. Christmas tree sales will begin on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. The lot will be open 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturdays, and 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sundays.

**WORSHIP ANEW:** The ministry is seeking a part-time Donor Database Specialist to be responsible for all database entry, reporting, and upkeep. This position also assists with viewer requests and performs other administrative duties as needed. To apply, please contact Worship Anew at (260) 471-5683.

**LISTEN TO LUTHERAN PROGRAMMING** You can listen to Issues, Etc. live or on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) or on the LPR mobile app. Sign up for their podcasts to listen when you want. Similarly, you can listen to KFUO at [KFUO.org](http://KFUO.org). Programs also are archived at [KFUO.org](http://KFUO.org) for 24/7 on-demand listening, streaming or downloading their podcast.

**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**

**DAILY LECTIONARY**

**Evening Prayer**

Matthew 25:14-30

**The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Zephaniah 1:7-16

Matthew 28:1-20

Monday

Daniel 1:1-21

Revelation 18:1-24

Tuesday

Daniel 2:1-23

Revelation 19:1-21

Wednesday

Daniel 2:24-49

Revelation 20:1-15

Thursday

Daniel 3:1-30

Revelation 21:1-8

Friday

Daniel 4:1-37

Revelation 21:9-27

Saturday

Daniel 5:1-30

**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 Last Sunday of the Church Year**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Matthew 25:31-46



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## About His Outspoken Defense of the Truth

[W]hy should we allow the eternal name of the Lord to be so foully besmirched [in the Roman Church]? In no way, therefore, may one resist the Roman Church; but for kings, princes, and whoever could do so to resist the Roman Curia would be a matter of far greater piety than to resist the Turks themselves. Perhaps these things are being expressed too wordily and too freely. But for the sake of those who, along with these mockers, make an endless mockery of Christ, I have been compelled to explain myself, in order that they may know that they are mistaken when they cry that I, who love not only the Roman Church but the whole church of Christ with the purest love, am hostile to the Roman Church. Then, too, I am certain that one day I must die and at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ must render an account of the truth — whether I have kept it silent or have spoken it — and in general of the talent entrusted to me, lest I be declared guilty of having hidden it (Matt. 25:26-30). Let those who want to rage do so by all means. Only let me not be found guilty of impious silence. I am conscious of being a debtor to the Word, no matter how unworthy I am. It has never been possible to discuss the Word of God without incurring danger of bloodshed; but just as the Word died for us, so it requires, in turn, that we die for it when we confess it. The servant is not greater than his master. “If they persecuted Me,” says Christ (John 15:20), “they will also persecute you; if they have kept My Word, they will also keep yours.”

*Luther's Works*, 27:159.





Order Your  
Poinsettia Plants for  
Christmas 2023  
PLEASE PRINT

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DEDICATION \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ 8 1/2 inch Poinsettia \$40 each

\_\_\_ 6 1/2 inch Poinsettia \$17 each

\_\_\_ 4 1/2 inch Poinsettia \$9.00 each

\_\_\_ General Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Pick up plant after Christmas Day Service

\_\_\_ Give plant to a shut-in

Return this form to the church office by **December 17th**  
to have your dedication  
printed in the bulletin.



## LSUS NOTES

### Praying for You!

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

Aniyah	Kendall
Nolan	Quantre
Amira	Olivia
Ade	Mrs. Bahr
DaMonica	Ms. Koehlert
Max	Nurse Beverly
Cataleya	



### **"Our God Our Help for All Ages" Chorfest**

Four of our middle school students, Khloe, Jesse, Quantre, and Josef participated in Chorfest Thursday night at CLHS. Chorfest is a choir festival with several area Lutheran middle school students participating. The theme was "Our God Our Help in All Ages." They had around 120 participants! Mrs. Reynolds said they did a great job!



### **Remembering our Veterans!**

This week we focused on remembering our veterans. Pastor Punke led chapel service and talked about the different branches of the military, what it means to be a veteran, and showed a video about Veteran's Day. The last few months we have been collecting offerings for the Honor Flight, which serves our veterans. Students have decorated cards to send to those taking this flight this year. Thank you to any LSUS family members who have, are, or will serve this country!



# Meet The Staff



One of our new cafeteria workers here at Lutheran South Unity School is Daysha Davis. She is the mom of first grader Carreonna. She also has an infant son at home.

Ms. Davis graduated from South Side High School. She then went to Indiana Tech for her bachelor's degree in child development. She attends Friendship Baptist Church.

While Ms. Davis attended high school, she worked at McDonald's. After high school she worked at Ciocca Cleaning and Restoration, cleaning buildings. Then she worked at the Sage Bluff Health and Rehab Center.

Ms. Davis, most of all, loves being a mom. Besides this she likes to do hair, cook, and spend quality time with her family. In her spare time she likes to watch movies, especially Lifetime movies.

Her words of wisdom: KEEP SMILING – There's always a bright day ahead of you.

LUTHERAN SOUTH UNITY SCHOOL

*This  
is  
My Son*

K-8 Christmas Service  
Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023  
6:30 PM

Zion Lutheran Church  
2313 S. Hanna St.

## Kindergarten ROUND UP

**Tuesday, December 5, 2023 @ 6 PM**  
**Tuesday, February 6, 2024 @ 6 PM**

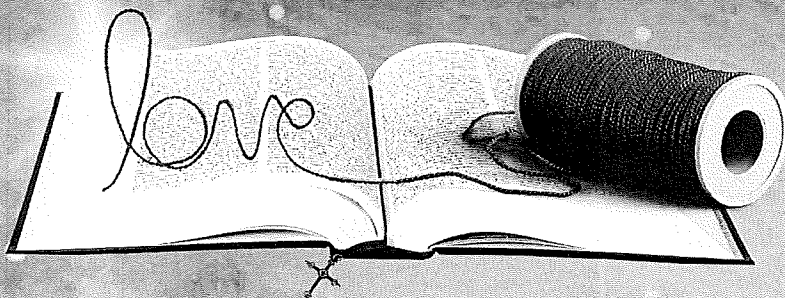
All parents with a child that is interested in enrolling in Kindergarten in the Fall 2023. (They must be 5 years old by October 1st, 2024)

- Meet the teacher and principal.
- Hear what a day in kindergarten looks like.
- You will be learning about school expectations.

### **Found in Scriptures:**

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. —Romans 1:17

Follow the *crimson thread* at  
**CHRISTMAS IN THE LIBRARY**



Nov. 22, 3 - 8 PM ~ Nov. 24, 10 AM - 4 PM  
FREE ~ ACPL Main ~ [ChristChildFest.org](http://ChristChildFest.org)

Make memories with your child or grandchild!  
Explore the *crimson thread* displays that reveal the  
biblical narrative of God's *love* and provision  
from *Eden to Eternity*.

- Enter prize drawings every 30 minutes to win a Christian book (adult)
- Enter the grand prize drawing for two tickets to the Creation Museum
- Make crafts related to the "Crimson thread" of the bible
- Take home a goodie bag with reminders of God's love

Concordia Lutheran High School Music Department Presents

# *Christmas at the Embassy*

## **The Savior Reigns: Repeat the Sounding Joy!**

December 10- 4:00pm  
Historic Embassy Theatre

\$18 Adults/ \$12 Seniors/Students  
Tickets at the Star Bank Box Office or  
Ticketmaster beginning November 10



Concordia Lutheran  
High School



## 2024 WOMEN'S RETREAT CAMP LUTHERHAVEN

### JANUARY 26-28, 2024

(SATURDAY ONLY OPTION AVAILABLE)

Join other women for a weekend retreat at Camp Lutherhaven connecting around cozy fires, small group Bible studies, listening to engaging speakers, campfire worship, and a Fiesta Night as we begin the new year together!

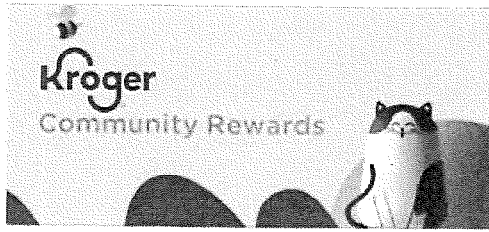
The retreat theme, **FAITH ON FIRE: WOMEN LIVING FOR CHRIST**, comes from Luke 1:45, "*Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!*" Throughout the weekend retreat guests will dive into what it looks like to live out our faith as women of God.

Keynote presenter, Sara Scheiwe, is captivated by people and God's handiwork in creating them each uniquely. Her passion for living life to the fullest and helping others do the same gives her great joy as she navigates this life as a woman living for Christ!

A pastor's wife, Sara, her husband Logan, and teenage daughter Bella reside in Napoleon, OH where they serve the people of St. Paul Lutheran Church and School.

Come on your own, bring a friend, or a whole group of ladies from your church or small group for this weekend getaway!

Visit [www.lutherhaven.org](http://www.lutherhaven.org) to register or for more information.



Hello, friends of Zion Lutheran Church!

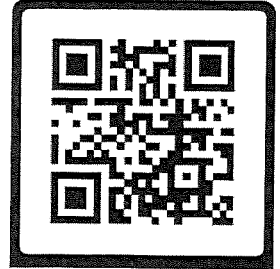
We have a wonderful fundraising opportunity through our friends at Kroger to share.

Through Kroger Community Rewards, each time you shop at Kroger, a donation will be made to Zion Lutheran Church

**This is FREE to you and to us!**

How to help:

- Scan the QR code → or visit [Kroger.com](https://www.kroger.com) to sign-in or create your digital account.
- Make sure your Kroger Loyalty Card information is updated in the 'My Account' tab. (If you don't have a Kroger Loyalty Card, just pick one up at any Kroger store!)
- Click the 'Community Rewards' tab.
- Locate our organization and click 'Enroll.'



Each time you shop at Kroger with that Loyalty Card number, donations from Community Rewards are made to us!

*Thank you for your support!*

