

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

9:00 am Sunday, November 26, 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

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

[Rise] **Invocation**

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

The Office of Confession of Sins and Absolution

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

[Kneel]

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

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

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

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

Introit of the Day



[Antiphon] *But according | to his pro- mise || we | are__ wait-__ | ing || for new heavens and | a new earth__ || in | which__ •righteous•- ness | dwells.*

Verse 1: **“O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days__ ; || let me | know how •fleeting• I | am! || Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as | •nothing• be- fore you. || Surely all mankind | stands as a mere | breath!**

Verse 2: *“And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait__ ? || My | hope__ is in | you. || Deliver me from all | my trans- gres- sions. || Do not make me the | scorn__ of the | fool!*

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,

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 Head that Once Burgundy Hymn 532

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 Let All Mortal Flesh Burgundy Hymn 621

O Savior, Rend Burgundy Hymn 355

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



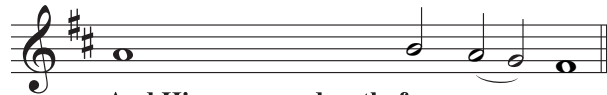
4. Glo— ry__ be to the
Father, and to__ the__ Son, and to the Ho— ly Ghost.



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.



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 Lo! He Comes Burgundy Hymn 336

Postlude

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Readings for the Last Sunday of the Church Year

The Old Testament Reading is Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. ...

“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that

he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

The Gospel is Matthew 25:31-46

[Jesus said,] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Hymns for the Last Sunday in the Church Year

LSB532 The Head that Once Was Crowned

Thomas Kelly

1. The Head that once was crowned with thorns Is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns The mighty Victor's brow.
2. The highest place that heav'n affords Is His, is His by right,
The King of kings and Lord of lords, And heav'n's eternal Light;
3. The Joy of all who dwell above, The Joy of all below
To whom He manifests His love And grants His name to know.
4. To them the cross, with all its shame, With all its grace, is giv'n;
Their name an everlasting name, Their joy the joy of heav'n.
5. They suffer with their Lord below, They reign with Him above,
Their profit and their joy to know The myst'ry of His love.
6. The cross He bore is life and health, Though shame and death to Him:
His people's hope, His people's wealth, Their everlasting theme.

LSB621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending Comes our homage to demand.
2. King of kings yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.
3. Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light descending From the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish As the darkness clears away.
4. At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence As with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

LSB355 O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide

Friedrich von Spee

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1. O Savior, rend the heavens wide;
Come down, come down with mighty stride;
Unlock the gates, the doors break down;
Unbar the way to heaven's crown.

- M 2. O Father, light from heaven send;
As morning dew, O Son, descend.
Drop down, you clouds, the life of spring;
To Jacob's line rain down the King.
- W 3. O earth, in flow'ring bud be seen;
Clothe hill and dale in garb of green.
Bring forth, O earth, a blossom rare,
Our Savior, sprung from meadow fair.
- M 4. O Fount of hope, how long, low long?
When will You come with comfort strong?
O come, O come, Your throne forego;
Console us in our vale of woe.
- W 5. O Morning Star, O radiant Sun,
When will our hearts behold Your dawn?
O Sun, arise; without Your light
We grope in gloom and dark of night.
6. Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies;
Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.
O come, lead us with mighty hand
From exile to our promised land.
7. There shall we all our praises bring
And sing to You, our Savior King;
There shall we laud You and adore
Forever and forevermore.

LSB336 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

Charles Wesley

1. Lo! He comes with clouds descending, Once for ev'ry sinner slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending Swell the triumph of His train;
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.
2. Ev'ry eye shall now behold Him Robed in glorious majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold Him, Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall their true Messiah see.
3. Those dear tokens of His passion Still His dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation To His ransomed worshipers.

With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

4. Yea, amen, let all adore Thee, High on Thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory, Claim the kingdom as Thine own.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and Thou alone!

The Last Sunday of the Church Year



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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)
Teachers: Yvonne Schwantz (8th, ELA), Michael Cullen (7th, MS Science),
Chase Mertz (6th, MS Social Studies), Danielle Ramsey (5th), John Kuker (4th),
Abbey Zelt (3rd), John Fink (2nd), Hannah Maresh (1st),
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, Ron Silvers, 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
- + For the gift of life and for length of days, especially Michelle & Nikki
- + 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 Dr. Robert & Katherine Leininger
- + 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 Last Sunday of the Church Year. The Cross Bowl is given in loving memory of Dr. Robert & Katherine Leininger by Kevin & Maribeth Leininger. Charlene Young is giving the Altar Vases in celebration of the birthdays of her daughters, Michelle & Nikki. 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 26, 2023 thru December 2, 2023

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	3:00 PM	New Millennium Jazz Concert	Church
MON.	3:45 PM	Jr. Catechesis	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	CEA Board of Directors	CLHS
TUES.	12 NOON	Administrative Council	Conference Room
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Chapel
THURS.			
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
	5:30 PM	CLHS "White Diamond Christmas Gala"	CLHS Gym

December 3, 2023

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

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR with Dr. Voelz's in-depth teaching on the Gospel according to St. Mark continues today in Bauer Hall. As needed Sunday School will meet in the Assoc. Pastor's Office.

GEORGE STILL NEEDS 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 several weeks ago, please look at the one that is hanging in the church's coatroom by the door to see if it's yours. If so, George's might be in your closet. Thanks, Melvia.

DON'T FORGET, the last day for collecting food items for CTSFW students and families is December 5th. Bags and a list of suggested items are on the table in the Great Hall. Once a week, the food will be dropped off at the Seminary Food Coop.

NEXT YEAR'S OFFERING ENVELOPES are on tables in the Great Hall. Please stop and pick yours up.

THE LUTHERAN WITNESS: For the last couple of years we have had an anonymous donor that gifted the Lutheran Witness to Zion members. That gift is not continuing. Therefore, if you would like to continue receiving the Lutheran Witness, please submit a check in the amount of \$19 to Zion by December 31st.

SHUT IN HOLIDAY BAGS: Melvia is looking for help on December 16th at 12 Noon to help assemble the goody bags for our shut in people so that they can be distributed on Sunday December 17th for delivery. If you would like to donate cookies and fruit for them please have them at the church by Dec 16th. 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 3rd, 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.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Romans 8:38-39—“For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus our Lord.” Last week's verse was Colossians 4:2.

THE NEW MILLENNIUM JAZZ ORCHESTRA is playing their Christmas Concert at Zion this afternoon at 3:00 PM. Come and enjoy a bit of sacred and secular Christmas music as we prepare to enter into Advent.

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 18th. 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.

EMMAUS COOKIE FAIR: Mark your calendar and plan to attend the annual Cookie Fair at Emmaus Lutheran Church, School & Preschool, 8626 Covington Road, on Saturday, December 9, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. – Noon. A wonderful variety of homemade Christmas cookies and other favorites (including gluten free) will be sold for \$8.00 per pound. These homemade goodies make a wonderful gift and an easy way to do your last minute “Christmas baking!” Rada cutlery, delicious homemade jams, and kitchen hand towels will also be available to purchase. Free decorative tins will be available to make “gift wrapping” easy!

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 25:31-46
1 Peter 1:1-12
1 Peter 1:13-25
1 Peter 2:1-12
1 Peter 2:13-25
1 Peter 3:1-22
1 Peter 4:1-19

DAILY LECTIONARY

The Last Sunday of the Church Year

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

Evening Prayer

Ezekiel 34:11-16
Isaiah 1:1-28
Isaiah 2:1-22
Isaiah 5:1-25
Isaiah 6:1-7:9
Isaiah 7:10-8:8
Isaiah 8:9-9:7

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 Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 11:1-10



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Serving Christ through Your Neighbor

This I well know, that if it were Christ or his mother who were laid low by illness, everybody would be so solicitous and would gladly become a servant or helper. Everyone would want to be bold and fearless; nobody would flee but everyone would come running. And yet they don't hear what Christ himself says, "As you did to one of the least, you did it to me" [Matt. 25:40]. When he speaks of the greatest commandment he says, "The other commandment is like unto it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself" [Matt. 22:39]. There you hear that the command to love your neighbor is equal to the greatest commandment to love God, and that what you do or fail to do for your neighbor means doing the same to God. If you wish to serve Christ and to wait on him, very well, you have your sick neighbor close at hand. Go to him and serve him, and you will surely find Christ in him, not outwardly but in his word. If you do not wish or care to serve your neighbor you can be sure that if Christ lay there instead you would not do so either and would let him lie there. Those are nothing but illusions on your part which puff you up with vain pride, namely, that you would really serve Christ if he were there in person. Those are nothing but lies; whoever wants to serve Christ in person would surely serve his neighbor as well.

Luther's Works, 43:130-1.



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!

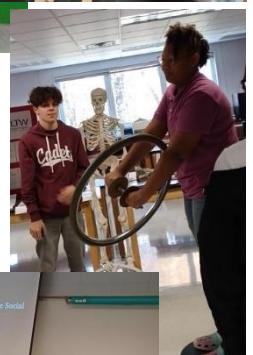
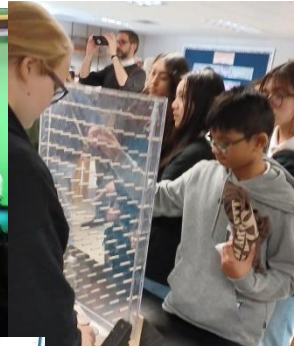
Please pray for these students/staff:

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| Jariah | Damari |
| BillyBlessing | Joshua |
| Krishawn | Kyaw |
| Zamara | Mrs. Bahr |
| Vaeda | Miss Cheng |
| Santiago | Nurse Beverly |
| Nycole | (healing form knee replacement) |



Concordia Day

Last Friday, November 10th, our 8th graders visited Concordia Lutheran High School for their Concordia Day event. Concordia Day is a way for 8th graders to experience high school for a day. Students were able to tour classes, see Concordia's various programs, and got a good taste of high school life.



Meet The Staff



One of our new cafeteria In the cafeteria at Lutheran South Unity School, there's another new kitchen helper. His name is Lee Jordan. His wife, Beverly Jordan, is the nurse at LSUS.

He graduated from Central High School, Fort Wayne. For forty-two years he worked in the Natural Gas Industry. The various positions he held were operations manager, supervisor, and quality assurance inspector. He also owned BJ's Fish and Chips Restaurant.

He and his wife have five sons and one daughter. They also are grandparents to ten grandchildren. His hobbies are cooking, walking, and sports. In his spare time, he has visited twenty-six states. At St. John Missionary Baptist Church he is a minister and Sunday School teacher.

Mr. Jordan words of wisdom are: In everything you do, do it as though God Himself is watching you. Actually, He truly is.

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.



Found in Scriptures:

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things. —Psalms 107:8-9

Kindergarten ROUNDUP

Tuesday, December 5, 2023 @ 6 PM

Tuesday, February 6, 2024 @ 6 PM

This event is for parents interested in enrolling in their student in Kindergarten in the Fall of 2024. (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.
- Participate in a scavenger hunt!



Register with
QR Code



*Please join us for an evening
of dinner, drinks, fellowship, auction, & fun!*

CLHS WHITE DIAMOND CHRISTMAS GALA

Saturday December 2nd, 2023

Concordia Lutheran
High School Gymnasium

Sparkly attire encouraged but not required

Tickets sell out fast!

*Make sure to purchase them at
clhscadets.com/auction*



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



*The Seventh Annual
Fort Wayne
City of
Churches Tour*

December 1, 2023

6pm - 9pm



Bethlehem Lutheran Church

3705 S Anthony Blvd

The Cathedral of the

Immaculate Conception

1105 Calhoun St

Holy Trinity

Greek Orthodox Church

110 E Wallen Rd

Plymouth Congregational

Church

501 W Berry St

St John Evangelical

Lutheran Church

729 W Washington Blvd

Trinity Episcopal Church

611 W Berry St



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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!

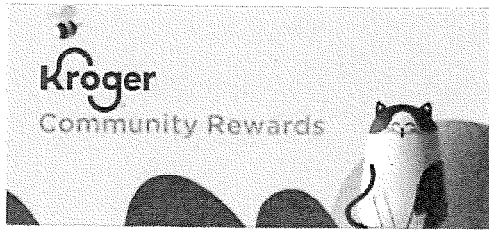
The retreat theme, **FAITH ON FIRE: WOMEN LIVING FOR CHRIST**, comes from Luke 1:45, "*Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!*" Throughout the weekend retreat guests will dive into what it looks like to live out our faith as women of God.

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 to register or for more information.



Hello, friends of Zion Lutheran Church!

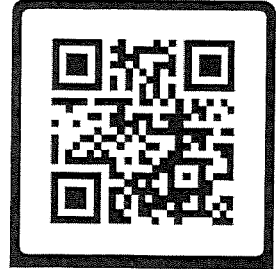
We have a wonderful fundraising opportunity through our friends at Kroger to share.

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!

