

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am ..... Sunday, April 7, 2024

### 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 ] **Easter Acclamation**

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

### 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] Like | newborn •infants•, || long for the | pure\_\_ •spiri- •tual• | milk, || that by it you may grow up in- | to sal- •vation•—|| if indeed you have tasted | that the Lord is | good.

Verse 1: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name; || make known his | deeds a- mong the | •peoples! || Sing to him, sing | •praises• to him; || tell of | all his won- drous | works!

Verse 2: Glory in his | ho- ly name; || let the hearts of those who | seek the LORD re- | joice! || Seek the LORD | and his strength; || seek his | •presence• con- tin- ual- | ly!

Verse 3: Remember the wondrous works that | he has done, || his miracles, and the | judg-\_\_ ments he | •uttered•. || He remembers his cove- | nant for- •ever•, || the word that he commanded, for a | thou- sand gen- er- | •ations•.

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!

[Antiphon] Like | newborn •infants•, || long for the | pure\_\_ •spiri- •tual• | milk, || that by it you may grow up in- | to sal- •vation•—|| if indeed you have tasted | that the Lord is | good.

## Kyrie



Lord, have mer-cy up - on \_\_ us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.



Lord \_\_ have mer - cy up - on \_\_ us.

## Gloria



Glo-ry be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will •toward• men.



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 - might - y.



O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ, O Lord God,



Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on \_ us: Thou that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world; re - ceive our prayer Thou that sit - test at the right hand of God the  
 Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us. For Thou on - ly art ho - ly, Thou  
 on - ly art the Lord. Thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly  
 Ghost, art most high in the glo - ry of God - the Fa - ther. A - men.

**Salutation**

*The Lord be with you.*

And with thy spir— it.

**Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter:** *Almighty God, grant that we, who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection, may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

A ——— men!

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

**First Reading**..... **Acts 4:32-35**

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

**Epistle of the Day** ..... **1 John 1:1-2:2**

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

[ Rise ] **Sequence Hymn** ..... **O Sons and Daughters** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 471**

[ All sing the opening "Alleluia"; Deacon sings stanza 1; Women sing stanza 2; Men sing stanza 3; All sing the "Alleluia". ]

**Holy Gospel** ..... **St. John 20:19-31**

[ 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 ..... O Sons and Daughters ..... Burgundy Hymn 471

[ All sing the opening "Alleluia"; Men sing stanzas 4 & 6; Women sing stanzas 5 & 7;  
All sing stanzas 8, 9 and the final "Alleluia". ]

## Sermon

### [ Rise ] Prayer of the Church

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

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

### [ Be Seated ] Offerings

## Voluntary

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

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

## + The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

## Preface

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

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

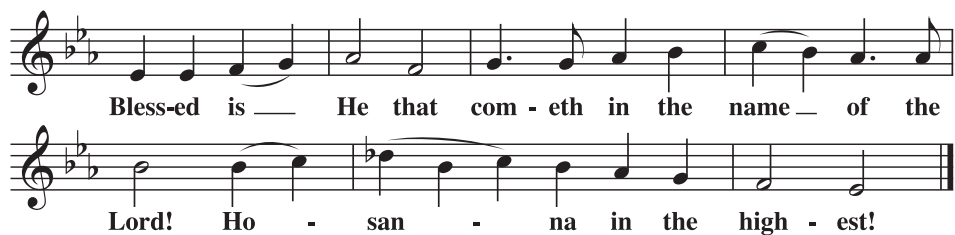
Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is meet \_\_\_ and right so \_\_\_ to do. \_\_\_

## Proper Preface for Easter, Sanctus

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

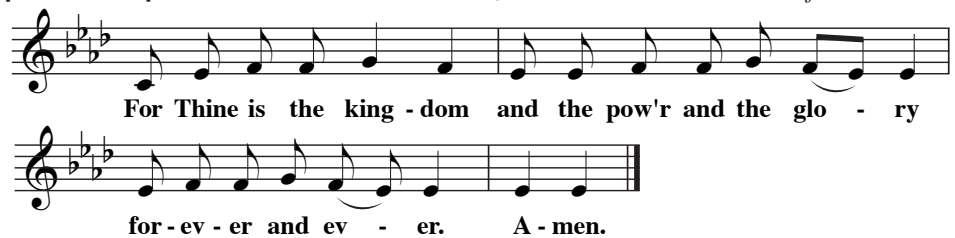
Ho - ly, \_\_\_ ho - ly, \_\_\_ ho - ly, \_\_\_  
Lord God of Sab - a - oth; heav - en and \_\_\_ earth are  
full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!



Bless-ed is — He that com - eth in the name — of the  
 Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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

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



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

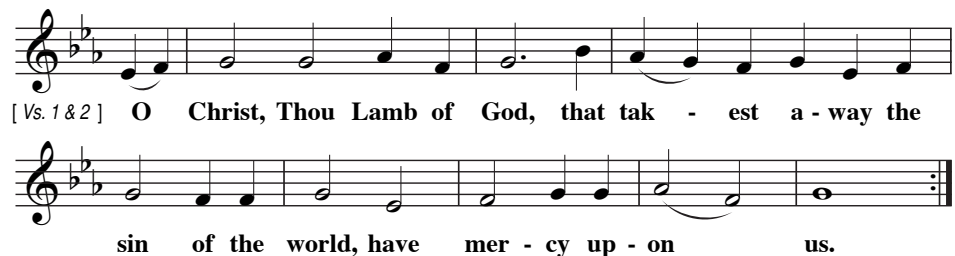
**Words of Institution, Pax Domini**

*The peace of the Lord be with you always!*

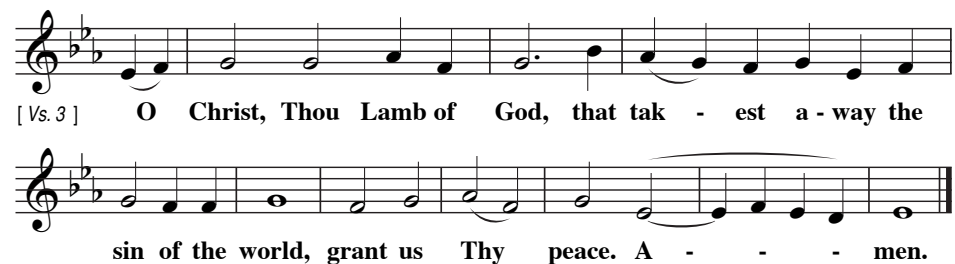


A - men

**Agnus Dei**



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



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

[ Be Seated ]

**Distribution Hymns** ..... **These Things Did Thomas** .... **Burgundy Hymn 472**  
**I Am Content** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 468**

[ Rise ]

**Eucharistic Benediction**

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

**Post-Communion Canticle** ..... **The Nunc Dimittis**



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



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



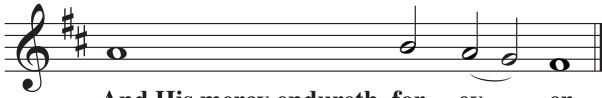
4. Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost.



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

### Post Communion Rite

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



And His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

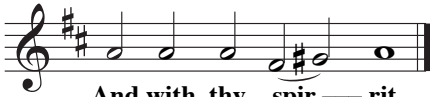
### Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



A - men.

*The Lord be with you.*

*Bless we the Lord.*



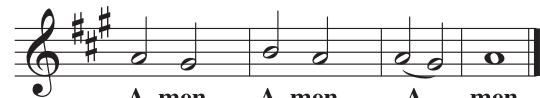
And with thy spir - rit.



Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

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



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



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

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

### Recessional Hymn ..... Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!..... RED Hymn 188

### Postlude

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## **Readings for the Second Sunday of Easter**

### **The First Reading is Acts 4:32-35**

The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

### **The Epistle is 1 John 1:1–2:2**

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us — that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

### **The Gospel is John 20:19-31**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came

and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



## Hymns for the Second Sunday of Easter

### LSB471 O Sons and Daughters of the King (Sequence) Jean Tisserand

All Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

D 1. O sons and daughters of the King,  
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,  
Today the grave hath lost its sting! Alleluia!

W 2. That Easter morn, at break of day,  
The faithful women went their way  
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!

M 3. An angel clad in white they see,  
Who sits and speaks unto the three,  
"Your Lord will go to Galilee." Alleluia!

All Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

### LSB471 O Sons and Daughters of the King (HOTD) Jean Tisserand

All Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

M 4. That night the Apostles met in fear;  
Among them came their master dear  
And said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia!

W 5. When Thomas first the tidings heard  
That they had seen the risen Lord,  
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!

M 6. "My pierced side, O Thomas, see,  
And look upon My hands, My feet;  
Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia!

W 7. No longer Thomas then denied;  
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia!

8. How blest are they that have not seen  
And yet whose faith has constant been,  
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

9. On this most holy day of days  
Be laud and jubilee and praise:  
To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia!

All Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

**LSB472 These Things Did Thomas Count as Real**      **Thomas H Troeger**

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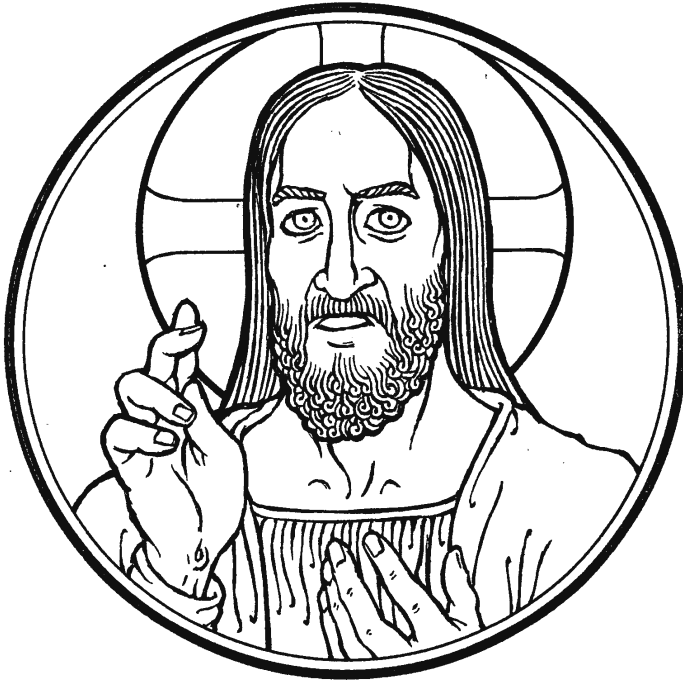
1. These things did Thomas count as real:  
The warmth of blood, the chill of steel,  
The grain of wood, the heft of stone,  
The last frail twitch of flesh and bone.
2. The vision of his skeptic mind  
Was keen enough to make him blind  
To any unexpected act  
Too large for his small world of fact.
3. His reasoned certainties denied  
That one could live when one had died,  
Until his fingers read like braille  
The marking of the spear and nail.
4. May we, O God, by grace believe  
And thus the risen Christ receive,  
Whose raw, imprinted palms reached out  
And beckoned Thomas from his doubt.

**LSB468 I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives**      **Johann Joachim Möller**

1. I am content! My Jesus ever lives, In whom my heart is pleased.  
He has fulfilled the Law of God for me, God's wrath He has appeased.  
Since He in death could perish never, I also shall not die forever.  
I am content! I am content!
2. I am content! My Jesus is my head; His member I shall be.  
He bowed His head when on the cross He died With cries of agony.  
Now death is brought into subjection For me by Jesus' resurrection.  
I am content! I am content!
3. I am content! My Jesus is my light, My radiant sun of grace.  
His cheering rays beam blessings forth for all, Sweet comfort, hope, and peace.  
This Easter sun has brought salvation And everlasting exultation.  
I am content! I am content!
4. I am content! At length I shall be free, Awakened from the dead,  
Arising glorious evermore to be With You, my living head.  
The chains that hold my body, sever; Then shall my soul rejoice forever.  
I am content! I am content!

1. Hallelujah! Jesus lives! He is now the Living One;  
From the gloomy halls of death Christ the Conqueror has gone,  
Bright Forerunner to the skies Of His people, yet to rise.
2. Jesus lives! Let all rejoice! Praise Him, ransomed ones of earth.  
Praise Him in a nobler song, Cherubim of heav'nly birth.  
Praise the Victor-King, whose sway Sin and death and hell obey.
3. Jesus lives! Why weepst thou? Why that sad and frequent sigh?  
He who died our Brother here Lives our Brother still on high.  
Lives forever to bestow Blessings on His Church below.
4. Jesus lives! And thus, my soul, Life eternal waits for thee;  
Joined to Him, thy living Head, Where He is, thou, too shalt be;  
With Himself, at His right hand, Victor over death shalt stand.
5. Jesus lives! To Him my heart Draws with ever new delight.  
Earthly vanities, depart, Hinder not my heavenward flight.  
Let this spirit ever rise To its Magnet in the skies.
6. Hallelujah, angels, sing! Join us in our hymn of praise;  
Let your chorus swell the strain Which our feebler voices raise;  
Glory to our God above And on earth His peace and love!

# The Second Sunday of Easter



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

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

### The Pastoral Ministry at Zion

Senior Pastor:

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

Field Workers:

Paul Mroczenski, Matthew Harrison

### The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

Principal:

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

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Yvonne Schwantz (8<sup>th</sup>, MS ELA), Michael Cullen (7<sup>th</sup>, MS Science),  
Chase Mertz (6<sup>th</sup>, MS Social Studies), Danielle Ramsey (5<sup>th</sup>), John Kuker (4<sup>th</sup>),  
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Cathie Wakeland (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, including Bishop Juhana Pohjola and Dr. Päivi Räsänen
- + 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
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including David Seifert, Bryson Scott, Connie Houser, Sarah Hollman, Jessica Krause, Bill Weinrich, Janice Grim, Debra Busche, John Starks, Dwight Bieberich, Willodean Bates, Dick Hollman, Bob Ockree, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Marlow Hogan, Gregory Hogan, Marissia White, Dwight Johnson, Ron Rastl, Robert & Jenny Hobby.
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages, especially Judy & Jim Voelz
- + For the gift of life and for length of days, including Dwight Bieberich
- + 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 Second Sunday of Easter. The Cross Bowl is given in thanksgiving to the Lord for the 47 years of marriage of Judy & Jim Voelz. The Altar Vases are given by Carol Lu Bieberich in praise to our Lord for the 95 years of Dwight Bieberich. Please also complete an attendance/communion card, including the names of all children, and indicate if you are communing. Non-members, please read the back of the card.

## CALENDAR

### **April 7, 2024 thru April 13, 2024**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Bauer Hall
<b>MON.</b>	3:45 PM	Jr. Catechesis	Conference Room
	5:00 PM	LSA Board	LSUS
<b>TUES.</b>	9:30 AM	FW South Circuit	Mt. Calvary
<b>WED.</b>	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Wednesday Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>THURS.</b>			
<b>FRI.</b>	4:30 PM	Bultemeier/Arnold Wedding Rehearsal	Church
	5:00 PM	Family Board Game Night	Bauer Hall
<b>SAT.</b>	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
	1:00 PM	Adult Catechesis	Conference Room
	12:00 PM	Bultemeier/Arnold Wedding	Multiple rooms

### **April 14, 2024**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various
	4:00 PM	Easter Evening Prayer	CTSFW

## ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EDUCATION HOUR:** Adult Bible Class meets in Bauer Hall with Dr. Voelz. As needed, Sunday school will meet in the Assoc. Pastor's Office.

**FYI:** Friday, April 12 Zion is hosting a family game night with the families of LSUS starting at 5 PM. If you would like to help with game night or lend us some of your board games, please let Melvia know.

**SPRING CLEAN-UP:** The days are getting longer and warmer, which means it's almost time for Zion's annual spring clean-up! Please plan to join us April 20 between 9 a.m. and noon to weed, trim, spruce up mulch, tidy up inside and out, and do other chores needed to keep Zion beautiful. Bring garden rakes and any other items you might need. Refreshments will be served! For more information contact Kevin Leininger at 615-9896. **Also**, on May 4, is the City of Fort Wayne's "Great American Clean-up." We need 20 volunteers to help clean up the neighborhood. Gloves, T-shirts, and trash bags will be supplied. A sign-up sheet is on Julie's table.

**COOKBOOK:** Melvia has been working hard on a new cookbook for Zion, and would like it to be published by June. If you have any recipes that you would like to share and haven't done so yet, please send them to her via email at [mculpher@zionfw.org](mailto:mculpher@zionfw.org), or leave a paper copy on her desk. Thanks.

**SPRING RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE** is being held at Trinity Lutheran church, 7819 Decatur Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46816 on Thursday, May 2, from 4:00 PM–7:00 PM and Friday, May 3, 10:00 AM–6:00 PM. The \$3 bag sale will be Saturday, May 4, from 9:00 AM–12 noon.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** 1 Corinthians 15:3-4—"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures." Last week's verse was 1 Corinthians 15:55.

**GIFT PLANNING** creates solutions for donors. A gift-planning counselor is a built-in companion for the journey so that you don't have go through the process alone. Your need for answers might be as simple as, "How do I change a beneficiary designation to create a gift from my estate." Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can be there for you to assist with your learning. Contact Mark Muehl at [Mark.Muehl@lfn.org](mailto:Mark.Muehl@lfn.org) or 260-241-4845.

**THE LUTHERAN WOMAN IN MISSION OF FORT WAYNE** are hosting a three-zone gathering for women of all ages on April 13, 2024 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Anthony Boulevard. The theme for our gathering is "Into All the World" which is based on Mark 16:15 (NIV): "*He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.'*" The gathering will start at 8:30 with a breakfast and fellowship. To register for this event please tell the office by Sunday, April 7. There will be a registration fee of \$7 at the door and our ingathering will be donations for the financial support of the Romanian Ministry.

**EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH (SOEST)**, 9909 Wayne Trace, Fort Wayne, will be having their Spring Rummage & Bake Sale on Thursday, April 18th, from 8 am–4 pm and on Friday, April 19th, from 8 am–noon. Bag Sale will be on Friday, one paper grocery bag for \$2, or one 13-gal. garbage bag for \$5.

**For the family of God's Priestly People at Zion**

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

**Morning Prayer**

John 20:19-31

Luke 4:16-30

Luke 4:31-44

Luke 5:1-16

Luke 5:17-39

Luke 6:1-19

Luke 6:20-38

**DAILY LECTIONARY**

**The Second Sunday in Easter**

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

**Evening Prayer**

Acts 4:32-35

Exodus 22:20-23:13

Exodus 23:14-33

Exodus 24:1-18

Exodus 25:1-22

Exodus 31:1-18

Exodus 32:1-14

**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 Third Sunday in Easter**

Acts 3:11-21

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36-49



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## *About a Fruit of Faith—Giving “Testimony of Christ”*

In true theology, therefore, this is the first concern, that a man become good through the regeneration of the Spirit, who is a sure, holy, and courageous Spirit. Then it comes to pass that, as from a good tree, good fruits are also born. . . .

These are the main works which testify that a tree has been changed from a barren tree to a fruitful one, from a dry tree to one that is succulent and flourishing. To this life Christ calls His disciple when He says (Matt. 8:22): “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you follow Me.” He means that other works are the works of the dead, but that those who live in Christ should acknowledge and proclaim the mercy of God so that others might learn to acknowledge it, too. This is the summary: Our whole life and salvation is placed in the mercy of God, which God reveals through the Word in this manner, that He orders sinners to trust in it for Christ’s sake. This knowledge is righteousness, as Isaiah says (Is. 53:11): “And by His knowledge He shall justify many.” Here there is no other work of ours but that we do not reject the offered mercy but accept it by faith. And even this is a gift of the Holy Spirit, because “not all have faith” (2Thess. 3:2). After justification, when you believe the promise of the forgiveness of sins and eternal life and possess it by faith, then the next and continuing work is to give thanks to God and to preach these blessings of His. Because the world sets itself against this with all its force and Satan does not stop trying to take this proclamation away from us by throwing up various discomforts, therefore in the preceding verse David prayed for a brave spirit which despises dangers and courageously gives “testimony of Christ,” as Luke says of the Apostles (Acts 4:33).

*Luther’s Works*, 12:326-330.

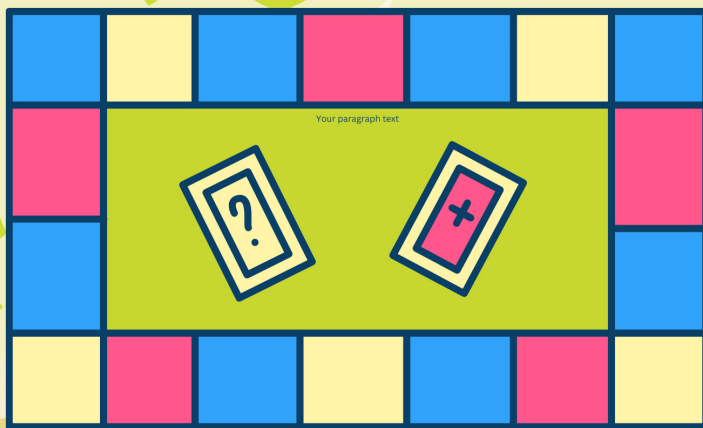


# BOARD GAME NIGHT

Zion Lutheran Church  
would like to invite the  
students and families of  
LSUS to join in on some  
fun.

Board games, Food and  
Drinks will be provided

LET'S HAVE FUN WITH YOUR FAMILY.



5PM until 8PM

Friday, April 12, 2024

2313 South Hanna St., Ft. Wayne, IN 46803!



# Easter Evening Prayer

**The Schola Cantorum and Kantorei of Concordia Theological Seminary will perform Bach Cantata 67, "Hold in Remembrance Jesus Christ."**

Kantor Kevin Hildebrand, director

Dr. Charles Brown (Concordia University Chicago),  
Jonathan Busarow, Emily Bird, and Ashlee Bickley, soloists

Dr. Daniel Schwandt, guest organist

Chamber orchestra and brass ensemble

**Sunday, April 14**  
**4:00 p.m.**

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## Life Newsbytes

**The World Health Organization (WHO) released new guidelines regarding abortion, with the radically pro-abortion organization urging countries to not only legalize abortion, but to make it available throughout the entire pregnancy with no restrictions.** The WHO is also pushing for telemedicine abortion. The new guidelines essentially call for the removal of all restrictions on abortion globally, arguing that abortion should be available through all nine months of pregnancy and that physicians should not be the only people allowed to commit the deadly procedures. The WHO advocates against parental consent laws, waiting periods, and any limitations whatsoever. (*Live Action News*, 3/15/22; *CLR LifeWire*, 3/17/22)

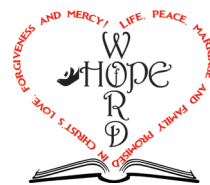
**For the 20th year in a row, nurses are the most trusted professionals in United States, according to an annual survey by Gallup.** The poll showed that 81% of people have very high trust in the honesty and ethics of nurses. Three of the four highest rated professions are in the health care field. First was nurses; second, doctors; third, primary school teachers; and fourth, pharmacists. Only 27% had high trust in nursing home operators. Gallup says, "Nurses have topped the list all but once since being added to Gallup's annual rating of professions in 1999. That was in 2001, when they were displaced by firefighters" ... Gallup first did an honesty and ethics poll in 1976 and has updated it every year since 1990. (*BioEdge.org*, 3/6/22; *CLR LifeWire*, 3/24/22)

## Speaking up For Life

"As we gather this Easter just with our household, or perhaps all alone, we will undoubtedly miss some of the traditions that we have embraced over the years. Do not lament the loss of what does not last. Rather, embrace the enduring message that 'He is risen! He is risen indeed!' It changes everything!" *Rev. Robert Fleischmann, Christian Life Resources*

"Christmas, Good Friday, and Easter clinched it for Paul. If God's Son, divine and holy from all eternity, would take on human flesh for me, obey the commandments for me, suffer and die for me, and rise again to guarantee my forgiveness and resurrection, there can be no doubt. He loves me." *Rev. Mark Jeske, Time of Grace*

"Hang on to Jesus, my dear friend. In Him and Him alone is true life—both now and forever. Though God's work in the world may be hard to understand sometimes, we rejoice and celebrate as we look forward to all that He has in store for us." *Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffman, The Lutheran Hour*



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Life is indeed amazing! As we celebrate the end of snow and ice and freezing temperatures, we look forward to singing again with all of God's saints.

**"Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!"** (Revelation 15:3)

As the sun warms the earth, we look forward to being outdoors again and feeling that warmth on our faces. As we put away our heavy jackets, we look forward to hearing the birds, seeing the new green grass, and enjoying the burst of new life that comes every spring. How amazing indeed are the works of the Lord!

We at Lutherans For Life hope you will celebrate spring in another way, too!

**Join us on April 25 as we kick off our second annual Step Up 4 Life campaign.**

Our 2022 theme is "God Chose YOU!" and it is surely worth singing about! Ephesians 3:10 reminds us that God chose us out of all the world to be His people: **"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."** Or run in them, rock in them, or stroll in them, as the case may be!

We are once again partnering with Charity Footsteps for our Step Up 4 Life campaign, and we'll be adding new features to help you more easily monitor your progress as you walk, run, or play your way toward fitness and a donation to our ministry!

What else is new? You can sign up to be a sponsor! We're looking for individuals, groups, or businesses to donate \$250, \$500, or \$1,000 toward our \$60,000 fundraising goal. Whatever level of sponsorship you choose, you'll not only receive thanks and special recognition from LFL, but you'll also help us reach our goal! Watch for more details on how to become a sponsor soon!

It's time to start getting warmed up and psyched up for the next competition! Watch our website, Facebook, Directions, and Life Notes for more details in the weeks to follow. Thank you to all who participated last year. We are so excited to offer you another chance to **Step Up 4 Life**, and we encourage you to bring more friends!

**Since 1973: 63,459,781 abortions in America**

Source: [www.lifenews.com/2022/01/07/63459781-babies-have-been-killed-in-abortions-since-roe-v-wade-in-1973](https://www.lifenews.com/2022/01/07/63459781-babies-have-been-killed-in-abortions-since-roe-v-wade-in-1973)



# Summer Camps

**At Concordia Lutheran High School**

**Register online at [www.clhscadets.com/summer](http://www.clhscadets.com/summer)**



- Art Camp - June 24-28 (Grades 6-8)
- Junior Cadets Band Camp - July 1-3, 5, 8-12 (Grades 5-9)
- Cadet Baseball Camp - June 10-14 (Boys, Grades 2-8)
- Boys Basketball Camp - June 17-21 (Grades 3-8)
- Lady Cadets Basketball Camp - June 10-13 (Grades 4-9)
- Cheer Camp - June 24-26 (Girls, Grades K-8)
- Junior Cadets Color Guard Camp - July 1-3, 5, 8-12 (Grades 6-9)
- Computer Camp--Raspberry Jam: Video Game System - June 10-13 (Grades 5-12)
- Computer Camp - Summer of Code with Robots - June 17-20 (Grades 5-12)
- Drama Camp - July 1-5 (Camp will meet on July 4) (Grades 4-9)
- Filmmaking Camp - June 10-13 (Grades 6-12)
- Fundamentals Football Camp - June 24-27 (Boys, Grades 4-8)
- Golf Camp - June 17-21 (Grades 3-8)
- Journalism Camp - June 10-13 (Grades 6-10)
- Photography Camp - June 17-20 (Grades 6-12)
- Rocket Science Camp - June 11-14 (Grades 6-8)
- Rowing (Crew) Camp - June 17-21 (Grades 7-9)
- Soccer Camps - July 8-12 (Co-ed, Grades K-4); July 22-26 (Girls, Grades 4-8); and July 15-19 (Boys, Grades 3-8)
- Softball Camp - July 17 (Girls, Grades 1-8)
- Tech Theater Camp - July 1, 3, 5 (Grades 7-9)
- Tennis Camps - June 3-6 (rainout date is June 9) (Grades 1-12)
- Textiles Camp - June 24-28 (Grades 6-12)
- Volleyball Camps --June 5-7 (Girls, Grades K-8)