

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am Sunday, April 14, 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

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

[Rise] Easter Acclamation



Invocation

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

The Office of Confession of Sins and Absolution

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

[Kneel]

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

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

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

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

Introit of the Day



[Antiphon] *For you will not abandon my soul | to She- ol, || or let your | •holy• one see cor- |
•ruption•. || You make known to me the | path of life; || in your presence there is full-
ness of joy; at your right hand are | •pleasures• for- ev- er- | more.*

Verse 1: **I will extol you, O LORD, for you have | drawn me up || and have not let my foes
re- | jice__ ov- er | me. || O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help, || and | you
have healed__ | me.**

Verse 2: *O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from She- ol; || you restored me to life from
among those who | go down to the | pit. || Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his
saints, || and give thanks | to his ho- ly | name.*

Verse 3: **For his anger is but | for a •moment•, || and his favor is | for a life-__ | time. ||
Weeping may tarry | for the night, || but joy comes | with the morn-__ | ing.**

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



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 - mighty.



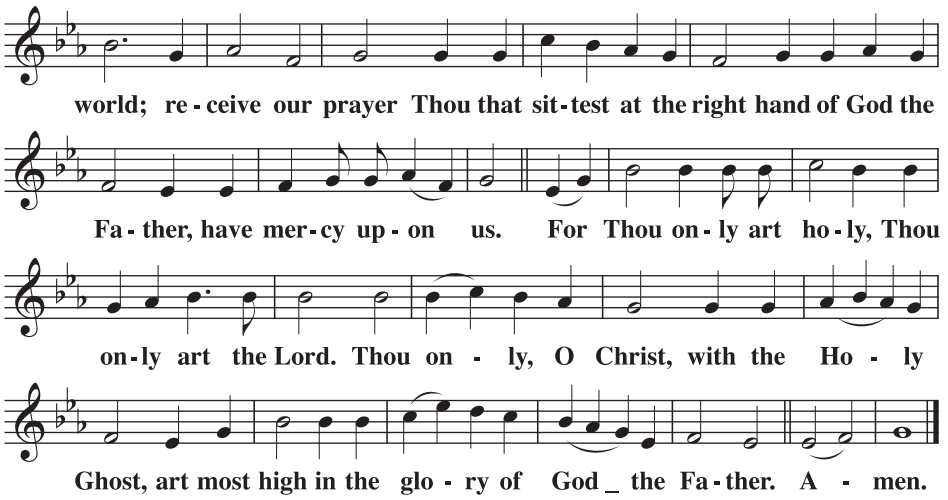
O Lord, the on-ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ, O Lord God,



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 Third Sunday of Easter: *O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



A ——— men!

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

First Reading..... Acts 3:11-21

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

Epistle of the Day 1 John 3:1-7

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

[Rise] **Sequence Hymn Good Christian Friends Burgundy Hymn 475**

Holy Gospel St. Luke 24:36-49

[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 With High Delight..... Burgundy Hymn 483

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:

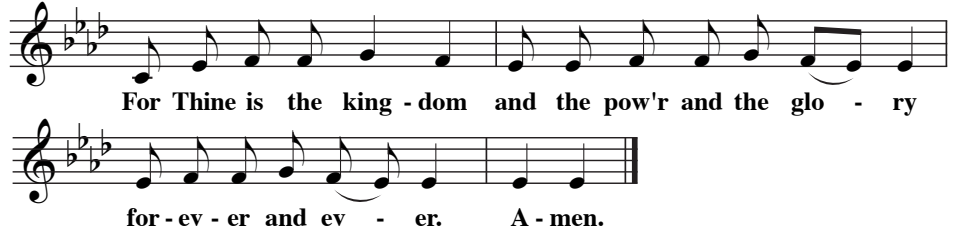
Ho - ly, _ ho - ly, _ ho - ly, _
Lord God of Sab - a-oth; heav - en and _ earth are
full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless-ed is _ He that com - eth in the name _ of the



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!

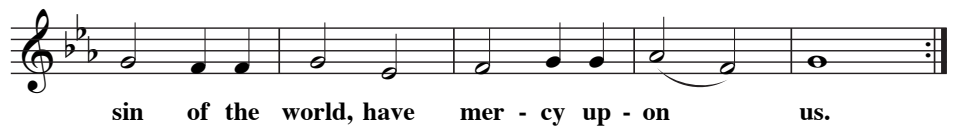


A - men

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 He Is Arisen! Burgundy Hymn 488

I Know that My Redeemer Burgundy Hymn 461

[All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Men alone sing stanzas 3 & 5; Women alone sing stanzas 4 & 6; All sing stanzas 7 & 8.]

Make Songs of Joy Burgundy Hymn 484

[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.



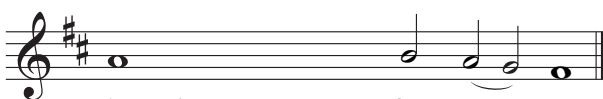
4. Glo- ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.



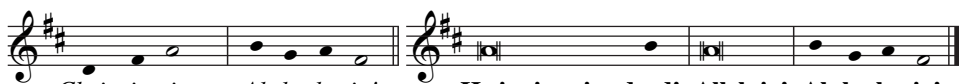
Thanks be to God.

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.



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 This Joyful Eastertide Burgundy Hymn 482

Postlude

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Readings for Third Sunday of Easter

The First Reading is Acts 3:11-21

While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

The Epistle is 1 John 3:1-7

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we will be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

The Gospel is Luke 24:36-49

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!”

But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Hymns for the Third Sunday of Easter

LSB475 Good Christian Friends

Cyril A. Alington

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1. Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. The Lord of life is ris'n this day;
Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;
Let all the world rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. Praise we in songs of victory
That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

LSB483 With High Delight

Georg Vetter

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

LSB488 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

Birgitte Katerine Boye

1. He is arisen! Glorious Word! Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heav'n are open.
My Jesus did triumphant die, And Satan's arrows broken lie,
Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.

Oh, hear what cheer!
Christ victorious Rising glorious, Life is giving.
He was dead but now is living!?

LSB461 I Know that My Redeemer Lives

Samuel Medley

1. I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living Head.
2. He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.
- M 3. He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.”
- W 4. He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul’s complaint.
- M 5. He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.
- W 6. He lives, my kind, wise, heav’nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I’ll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
7. He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
8. He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

LSB484 Make Songs of Joy

Juraj Tranovsky

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2. Make songs of joy to Christ, our head; Alleluia!
He lives again who once was dead! Alleluia!
3. Our life was purchased by His loss; Alleluia!
He died our death upon the cross. Alleluia!
4. O death, where is your deadly sting? Alleluia!
Assumed by our triumphant King! Alleluia!
5. And where your victory, O grave, Alleluia!
When one like Christ has come to save? Alleluia!
6. Behold, the tyrants, one and all, Alleluia!
Before our mighty Savior fall! Alleluia!

△ 7. For this be praised the Son who rose, Alleluia!
The Father, and the Holy Ghost! Alleluia!

LSB482 This Joyful Eastertide

George R. Woodward

1. This joyful Eastertide Away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified, Has sprung to life this morrow:

Refrain: Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst His three-day prison, Our faith had been in vain;
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now has Christ arisen!

2. Death's flood has lost its chill Since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliver: *Refrain*
3. My flesh in hope shall rest And for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in number: *Refrain*

The Third Sunday of Easter



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

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

The Pastoral Ministry at Zion

Senior Pastor:

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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, MS 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),

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, 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, and Robert & Jenny Hobby.
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages
- + 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, including Roland & Anne Ziegler and family
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Jill Stokes and Lore Ziegler
- + For our communicants and for a fruitful use of the most Blessed Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood

IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Today is the Divine Service for the Third Sunday of Easter. The Cross Bowl is given in loving memory of his wife, Jill Stokes, by Clarence Stokes. 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 14, 2024 thru April 20, 2024

SUN.	9:00 AM	Sunday Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Bauer Hall
	4:00 PM	Easter Evening Prayer	CTSFW
MON.	3:45 PM	Jr. Catechesis	Conference Room
	5:00 PM	LSA Board Meeting	LSUS
TUES.			
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS.	10:30 AM	Book of Concord study	Bauer Hall
	5:00 PM	CEA Board Accreditation Interview	CLHS
FRI.	4:00 PM	Bach Collegium Rehearsal	Church
SAT.	9:00 AM	Annual Spring Clean-up	Outside
	10:00 AM	Bach Collegium Rehearsal	Church

April 21, 2024

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various
	4:00 PM	Bach Collegium Season Finale	Church

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: Adult Bible Class meets in Bauer Hall with Seminarian Paul Mroczenski leading the study. Seminarian Matthew Harrison is up next Sunday. As needed, Sunday School will meet in the Assoc. Pastor's Office.

THANKS to everyone who helped out with family game night on Friday.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The Bach Collegium 2023-2024 Season Finale Concert is here at Zion, next Sunday, April 21, at 4 PM. To get tickets go to: bachcollegium.org/event/season-finale/

SPRING CLEAN-UP: The days are getting longer and warmer, which means it's almost time for Zion's annual spring clean-up! So, please plan to join us next Saturday, April 20 between 9 a.m. and noon to weed, trim, spruce up the mulch, tidy up inside and out (mostly out — Bach Collegium will be here rehearsing on that Saturday, but we can still work outside), 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.

THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE'S "GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP" is May 4, 9 AM to 11 AM. 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. You're Lutheran; we know you can cook; we know you have recipes, but we are short 130 recipes to complete our book. Melvia would like it to be published by June, so if you have any recipes that you would like to share, please send them to her via email at mculpher@zionfw.org, or leave a paper copy on her desk. Thanks.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: John 14:19—"Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live." Last week's verse was 1 Corinthians 15:3-4.

GIFT PLANNING creates solutions for donors. A good plan can help to navigate challenging family dynamics. If your current estate plan was put into place many years ago, the needs of your children (and potentially grandchildren) may have changed since then. Children may be well established financially. Grandchildren may be past their college years. Or maybe, their needs have become greater. Your gift plan from your estate to family and ministry is meant to express the plans the Lord has given you for His future. It is good to review the impact of changing family dynamics regularly to make sure your plan on paper is still accurate. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Mark Muehl at Mark.Muehl@lfnd.org or 260-241-4845.

RLNI: Do you have a passion for helping women choose life? Join in Thursday, April 18th for Sidewalk Advocate training and learn how to save lives in Northeast Indiana. It will take place at our Training Center at 3106 Lake Ave, from 9am- Noon. Learn how peacefully, prayerfully, and lovingly to approach people outside our local Planned Parenthood and redirect them to life-affirming alternatives in our community. There is no cost to participate. Snacks provided. Please call our office at 260-471-1849 or email rlni@ichooselife.org with questions.

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

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

For the family of God's Priestly People at Zion

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

Morning Prayer

Luke 24:36-49
Luke 7:1-17
Luke 7:18-35
Luke 7:36-50
Luke 8:1-21
Luke 8:22-39
Luke 8:40-56

DAILY LECTIONARY

The Third Sunday in Easter

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

Evening Prayer

Acts 3:11-21
Exodus 33:1-23
Exodus 34:1-28
Exodus 34:29-35:21
Exodus 38:21-39:8, 22-23, 27-31
Exodus 39:32-40:16
Exodus 40:17-38

THE DAILY PETITIONS OF THE CHURCH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Daily] **The Our Father**

TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The Fourth Sunday in Easter

Acts 4:1-12

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Who Jesus Is Whom Jews Killed

I must believe in God. But [the schismatic spirits] are ignorant of the fact that this Man Christ is also true God at the same time. When I believe in Christ, I believe not only in a human being but also in God; for here God and man have become one Person. In the Person of Christ both divinity and humanity are present. Whoever receives His humanity also has His divinity.

... Christ ... is God Himself. When I touch Him, see Him, and physically crucify Him, as the Jews did, I am touching God, I am seeing God with my physical eyes, and with my physical hands I am crucifying the Son of God; for in Him you will assuredly encounter God. God is in Him personally, though hidden and concealed.

I must submit a clear example: If I steal someone's pocketbook and declare that I did not purloin the money but only the purse, would the other person say: "You did not steal the purse, but you stole one hundred florins from me"? Such is the distinction which the schismatic spirits also try to make. But when the Jews crucified Christ and spat into His eyes, we maintain that they crucified the Son of God in person, spat into His eyes, and nailed Him to the cross. Thus St. Peter also says: ["And killed the Author of life" (Acts 3:15)— correction in footnote]. And Christ Himself declares: "He who believes in Me, etc." This honor is due no other person, nor is it permissible for anyone else to speak as Christ does here: "He who believes in Me, etc." He is not mere man, but also true God; for it is God's exclusive prerogative to be believed in. This is an honor which God will relinquish to no one else.

Thus Christ now wants to say: "Truly, truly, one must believe Me. If you believe in Me, the Son of the Virgin Mary, born at Bethlehem, you also believe in God, in the true Savior. And this faith will preserve you and rescue you from death."

Luther's Works, 53:326-330.

Summary of meeting of the Council of Elders, April 4, 2024
(The following summary is being provided in accordance with the congregation's bylaws, §VIII)

Attendance:

Elders present: R. Lammert (chairman), A. Litke (secretary),
W. Krause, K. Vlot.

Elders absent: F. Jackson, T. Muehl, B. Scott.

Pastor present: Pr. Punke.

Pastor Punke led the elders in a devotion by continuing the reading Article IV on justification from the Augsburg Confession.

In his pastor's report, Pastor Punke reported on deaths, matters of health, and other issues of members and friends of Zion. He reported on progress with the junior and adult catechumens, as well as items of interest from LSUS and CLHS.

The elders considered Pillar 1, Goal #1: "Starting April 1, 2024, Zion will experience a 10% increase in average worship attendance by June 30, 2024." The elders approved the use of the letter introduced in the last meeting for sending to inactive members who have not attended since before the COVID pandemic, inviting them back to worship at Zion. Pastor Punke will work on a telephone script for contacting those members who miss four consecutive weeks of worship.

The elders reviewed the new goal added to the Aspirational Targets, Pillar 2, Goal #4: "The Council of Elders will work with all the other leaders of Zion to investigate the possibility of using re:Vitality as a program of institutional outreach at the church, deciding by July 31, 2024, whether to pursue its use." The elders viewed a 20-minute video on CADDs (Congregational Assessment of Development/Decline Status), the survey tool that is the initial step in the re:Vitality program. The elders will review the questions in the survey at next month's meeting, and will work with other congregational leaders to review the possible use of re:Vitality at Zion.

The elders approved the Stewardship Policy manual prepared by Kurt Vlot and his committee. The manual will now be available from the secretary of the congregational assembly to any congregation member, as per Zion By-law XIV.C.

The meeting was concluded with the praying of Responsive Prayer 1.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur E. Litke, secretary



50TH

WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY

Celebration
for

David & Janeen Kaiser

MAY 11, 2024

1:00-5:00 PM

IN BAUER HALL

***NO GIFTS -YOUR PRESENCE ADDS TO
THE JOY OF THIS CELEBRATION**

LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!



Please pray for these students/staff:

Aniyah	Jadence
Noelle	Pyae
Ellie	Camren
Major	Leighlani
King	Mr. Arrington
August	Bethlehem, Mt. Calvary, Peace,
Vicente	& Zion

What's happening at LSUS?

Take a peak at what the students have been up to the last few weeks!



Spring clubs ended this week. Thank you to all who took the time to lead each club. Let us know if you want to lead a club next year!

Kindergarten created a leprechaun trap in hopes to catch one on St. Patrick's Day. They also worked on sorting and graphing Lucky Charms!



In 2nd and 3rd grade art class, students made cupcakes and lollipops out of clay.

ENROLLING NOW

Do you have a K-8 student or know someone with a K-8 student? Come join the Lutheran South Unity School family! Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open. Schedule a visit and see our classrooms, programs, and all of the benefits we have to offer. We seek to share our faith with all who enter our building. Contact Barb Johnson or the office at LSUS for information on how to enroll! 260-744-0459

We have financial aid and scholarships available. We also accept School Choice vouchers.

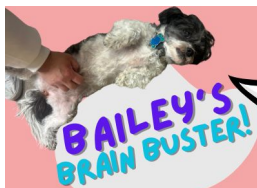
Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. —John 3:16



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often angry and annoyed



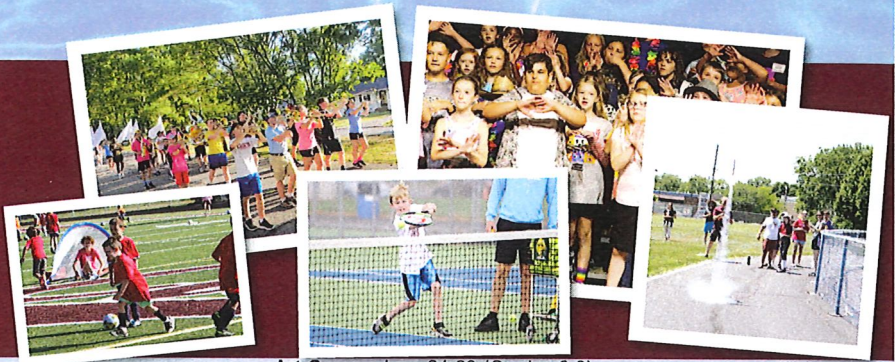
WHAT HAS A HEAD AND A TAIL BUT NO BODY?



Summer Camps

At Concordia Lutheran High School

Register online at 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)