# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

# DIVINE SERVICE FOR REMINISCERE, THE 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

9:00 am ...... Sunday, February 25, 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:

- 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;
- who sincerely repent of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal. (d) 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.

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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
O almighty God, merciful Father,
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

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.



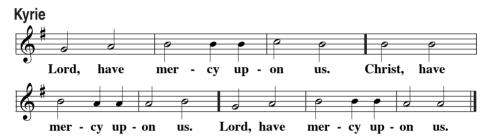
[Antiphon] Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | stead-fast love, || for they | have been from of | old\_\_. || You who fear the LORD, trust | in the LORD! || He is their | help\_\_ and their | shield.

Verse 1: The LORD has re- | mem- bered us; || he | will\_\_ bless\_\_ | us\_\_; || he will bless the house of | Is- ra- el; || he will | bless the house of | •Aaron•;

Verse 2: he will bless those who | fear the LORD, || both the | small\_\_ and the | great\_\_. || We will | bless the LORD || from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise\_\_ the\_\_ | LORD!

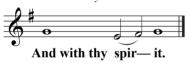
Gloria: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son: || and | to the Ho- ly | Spir- it; || As it was in the be- | •ginning•, is now, || and will | be for- •ever•. A- | men!

[Antiphon] Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | stead-fast love, || for they | have been from of | old\_\_. || You who fear the LORD, trust | in the LORD! || He is their | help\_\_ and their | shield.



### Salutation

The Lord be with you.



**Collect for the Second Sunday in Lent:** O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**Collect for Lent:** Merciful and everlasting God, who did not spare Your only Son, but delivered Him up for us all that He might bear our sins upon the cross, grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

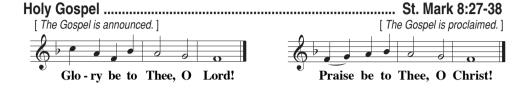


| Be Seated | + The Office of the Word of God +



[Deacon] If anyone would come after me, let him de- | ny him- self || and take up his | cross and fol- low | me.

All: O come, let us fix our | eyes on •Jesus•, || the founder and per- | fect- er of our | faith\_\_. || who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame || and is seated at the right hand | of the throne of | God.



# 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  $\pm$  of the world to come. Amen!

[ Be Seated ] Hymn of the Day...... Lord, Thee I Love ...... RED Hymn 429 Sermon

# [ Rise ] Prayer of the Church

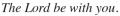
# [ Be Seated ] Offerings, Voluntary





# + The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

### **Preface**







We lift them up un-to the Lord.

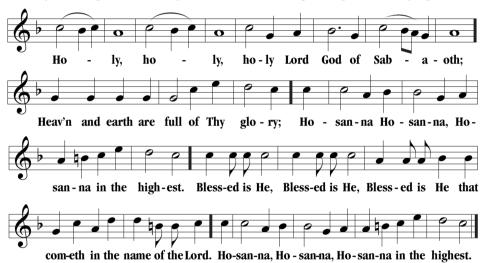
Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is meet and right so to do.

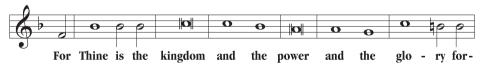
# **Proper Preface for Lent, Sanctus**

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



# [Kneel ] Lord's Prayer

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





# Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!







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.

men!

[ Be Seated ]

Distribution Hymns ...... Why Should Cross ...... Burgundy Hymn 756 I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name . Burgundy Hymn 734 [ Rise for stanza 5. ]

# **Eucharistic Benediction**

The Body and Blood of your Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting! \(\frac{1}{2}\) Depart in Peace! ...... Amen!

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



- - servant, de- part- in peace, ac-cord-ing to Thy Word.
- eyes have seen 2. For mine\_\_\_ Thy Salvation,

which Thou hast pre- pared\_ \_ before the face of all\_\_ people.



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



Globe to the

Father, and to\_ the \_ Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost.



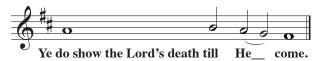
5. As was in the beginning, is

> now, and e-ver shall

be, world with-out end. A-men.

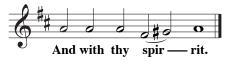
### **Post Communion Rite**

As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup:



Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.







### 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  $\maltese$  give you peace.



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 ....... Come to Calvary's Holy ......... Burgundy Hymn 435

### **Postlude**

# **Holy Week Schedule**

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Palm Sunday, March 24
Palm Sunday Divine Service, 9:00 a.m.

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The Triduum: The Three Day Vigil

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Part I: Holy Thursday, Marcy 28 Divine Service 7:00 p.m.

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Part II: Good Friday, March 29 Divine Service 7:00 p.m.

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Part III: Holy Saturday, March 30 The Great Vigil of Easter Divine Service 7:00 p.m.

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The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunrise Matins 7:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast 7:45 a.m.

Festival Divine Service 9:00 a.m.

(No Sunday School and Adult Bible Class this Sunday)

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# Readings for the Second Sunday in Lent

# The Old Testament Reading is Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ...

And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

# The Epistle is Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

# The Gospel is Mark 8:27-38

And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they told him, 'John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

# Hymns for the Second Sunday in Lent

# TLH429 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

**Martin Schalling** 

- Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;
   I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,
   With tender mercy cheer me.
   Earth has no pleasure I would share,
   Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare
   If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.
   And should my heart for sorrow break,
   My trust in Thee no one could shake.
   Thou art the Portion I have sought;
   Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
   Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
   Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.
- Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave
   My body, soul, and all I have
   In this poor life of labor.
   Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place
   May glorify Thy lavish grace
   And serve and help my neighbor.
   Let no false doctrine me beguile,
   Let Satan not my soul defile.
   Give strength and patience unto me
   To bear my cross and follow Thee.
   Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
   In death Thy comfort still afford.
- 3. Lord, let at last Thine angels come,
  To Abram's bosom bear me home,
  That I may die unfearing;
  And in its narrow chamber keep
  My body safe in peaceful sleep
  Until Thy reappearing.
  And then from death awaken me
  That these mine eyes with joy may see,
  O Son of God, Thy glorious face,
  My Savior and my Fount of grace.
  Lord Jesus Christ, My prayer attend, my prayer attend,
  And I will praise Thee without end.

# LSB756 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me Paul Gerhardt

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1. Why should cross and trial grieve me?

Christ is near With His cheer; Never will He leave me.

Who can rob me of the heaven

That God's Son For me won When His life was given?

2. When life's troubles rise to meet me,

Though their weight May be great, They will not defeat me.

God, my loving Savior, sends them;

He who knows All my woes Knows how best to end them.

3. God gives me my days of gladness,

And I will Trust Him still When He send me sadness

God is good; His love attends me

Day by day, Come what may, Guides me and defends me.

4. From God's joy can nothing sever,

For I am His dear lamb, He, my Shepherd ever;

I am His because He gave me

His own blood For my good, By His death to save me.

5. Now in Christ, death cannot slay me,

Though it might, Day and night, Trouble and dismay me.

Christ has made my death a portal

From the strife Of this life To His joy immortal!

# LSB734 I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name

Adam Reusner

1. I trust, O Lord, Your holy name;

O let me not be put to shame

Nor let me be confounded.

My faith, O Lord, Be in Your Word Forever firmly grounded.

2. Bow down Your gracious ear to me

And hear my cry, my prayer, my plea;

Make haste for my protection,

For woes and fear Surround me here. Help me in my affliction.

3. You are my strength, my shield, my rock,

My fortress that withstands each shock,

My help, my life, my tower,

My battle sword, Almighty Lord — Who can resist Your power?

- With You, O Lord, I cast my lot;
   O faithful God, forsake me not,
   To You my soul commending.
   Lord, be my stay, And lead the way Now and when life is ending.
- △ 5. All honor, praise, and majesty
  To Father, Son, and Spirit be,
  Our God forever glorious,
  In whose rich grace We run our race Till we depart victorious.

# LSB435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain James Montgomery

- 1. Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall; Here a pure and healing fountain Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.
- 2. Come in poverty and meanness, Come defiled, without, within; From infection and uncleanness, From the leprosy of sin, Wash your robes and make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
- 3. Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, impotent, and blind; Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubled, peace may find. Health this fountain will restore; They that drink shall thirst no more.
- 4. They that drink shall live forever; 'Tis a soul-renewing flood. God is faithful; God will never Break His covenant of blood, Signed when our Redeemer died, Sealed when He was glorified.

# The Second Sunday in Lent



# Zion Ebangelical Lutheran Church

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

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

### The Pastoral Ministry at Zion

Senior Pastor: Rev. Douglas D. Punke, MDiv (341-5397)
Field Workers: Paul Mroczenski, Matthew Harrison

### The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

Principal: Amber Bahr (744-0459; <u>www.lsusfw.org</u>)
Teachers: 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>),
Abbey Zelt (3<sup>rd</sup>), John Fink (2<sup>nd</sup>), Hannah Maresh (1<sup>st</sup>),

Karen Koehlert (K-A), Rachel Wiegman (K-B), Natalie Reynolds (Art & Music), Lizzy Hoham (Progress Partners Coach), Marcus Rush (K-5 PE)

### The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music: Church Office Manager: Michael Hollman, MM 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 Sarah Hollman, Jessica Krause, Connie Houser, Bill Weinrich, Janice Grim, Debra Busche, John Starks, Dwight Bieberich, Willodean Bates, Dick Hollman, Bob Ockree, John A. Pless, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Marlow Hogan, Gregory Hogan, Marissia White, Dwight Johnson, 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
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones, especially Sue Swift and family, and Priscilla Rastl Evans and family
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Loretta & Robert Manth and Bill Swift
- + 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 in Lent. The Cross Bowl and the Altar Vases are given in loving memory of Loretta & Robert Manth by Jennifer Manth. 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 Fobruary 25 2024 thru March 2, 2024

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SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various
	2:00 PM	Guys and Dolls	CLHS
	4:30 PM	Concordia Choir of Concordia University Irvine	Kramer Chapel
MON.	3:45 PM	Jr. Catechesis	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	CEA Board Meeting	CLHS
TUES.	12 NOON	Administrative Council	Conference Room
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:45 PM	Lenten Supper	Bauer Hall
	7:00 PM	Lenten Vespers	Church
THURS.			
FRI.	7:00 PM	The Kapelle of Concordia University Chicago	Holy Cross Lutheran
	7:30 PM	Guys and Dolls	CLHS
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
	1:00 PM	Adult Catechesis	Conference Room
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SUN. 9:00 AM Divine Service		Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various
	4:00 PM	Bach Collegium — St. John Passion	Church

# ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**HELP:** Melvia is working on something new. If you have any recipes that you would like to share, please send them to her via email or leave a paper copy on her desk. Thanks.

**CHOICE DOLLARS:** the deadline to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars is March 31<sup>st</sup> Direct your dollars online at <a href="https://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/">www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/</a> or call 800-THRIVENT. You must remake your request annually or quarterly to assure your funds are being distributed in accordance with your wishes.

**THE BACH COLLEGIUM** would like to say thank you to Zion parishioners by giving a discounted rate of \$10.00 for tickets to the St. John Passion. Zion members just need to identify themselves as parishioners to get the reduced rate. The St. John Passion is happening right here at Zion in the nave next Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 4:00 PM.

**IT'S LENT:** Join your brothers and sisters every Wednesday for a Lenten meal at 5:45 PM followed by Vespers at 7:00 PM. This Wednesday, Pastor James Teasdale will be preaching. The Lord's Supper is served in the Chapel after Vespers to anyone who desires it.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** Psalms 27:1—"The Lord is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" Last week's verse was Hebrews 4:15.

CHAPEL OFFERINGS AT LSUS this quarter have been going to LAMB (Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese), the Charis House (provides free short-term and long-term residential housing for women and children experiencing a homeless crisis), and the Rescue Mission (their mission: "to provide, through the power of Jesus Christ, a home for the homeless, food for the hungry, and hope for their future). LSUS is inviting Association churches to join in this effort. They are looking for socks and socks (adults—men and women, and children, and deodorant). There is a box in the entry hall to place your offerings.

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. You may have some fears about facing mortality as you work on your estate plan. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you face those fears by reminding you of our life in Jesus that never ends. Contact Mark Muehl at Mark.Muehl@lfnd.org or 260-241-4845.

**CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO** is hosting an Alumni and friends Happy Hour on Friday, March 1! Join fellow alumni at ACME by Full Circle (1105 E State Blvd) from 4:30 - 6 PM. Appetizers and drinks will be served. Tickets to the alumni gathering at ACME by Full Circle are only \$10, and a portion of the proceeds will benefit CUC music tours! Then, you can head over to Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the CUC Kapelle concert beginning at 7 PM.

YOU CAN STILL CATCH CLHS'S winter musical, Guys and Dolls, being performed today at 2:00 p.m. Set in Damon Runyon's mythical New York City, Guys and Dolls is an oddball romantic comedy. Characters go from the heart of Times Square to the cafés of Havana, Cuba, and even into the sewers of New York City. But eventually everyone ends up right where they belong. Mr. Chris Murphy directs this musical, with musical direction by Mrs. Kathryn Peperkorn.

**PREPARE YOURSELVES:** Daylight Saving Time returns on March 10. Yes, you'll lose an hour of sleep.

**INVITATION:** On Saturday, March 16, 2024, at 10 a.m., the Mary Martha Guild of Ascension Lutheran Church, 8811 St. Joe Rd, Fort Wayne, will present a Lenten devotion entitled *Forgiveness for Lent*. We invite the ladies of your society to join us for this morning of worship, fellowship, and brunch. So that we may plan accordingly for bulletins and food, please respond with an approximate number by Sunday, March 10, to <a href="mailto:barbhamm@frontier.com">barbhamm@frontier.com</a>.

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

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

Morning Prayer	DAILY LECTIONARY	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
Mark 8:27-38	The Second Sunday in Lent	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Mark 6:14-34	Monday	Genesis 18:1-15
Mark 6:35-56	Tuesday	Genesis 21:1-21
Mark 7:1-23	Wednesday	Genesis 22:1-19
Mark 7:24-37	Thursday	Genesis 24:1-31
Mark 8:1-21	Friday	Genesis 24:32-52, 61-67
Mark 8:22-38	Saturday	Genesis 27·1-29

### 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!

[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!

[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 Lent



# What Doctor Luther Says:

About Baptism: a Promise of God's Grace for Infants

[In the omitted verses, God institutes circumcision as a sign of the covenant with Abraham.] Circumcision, as we have said, profits only by reason of faith. Yet God gave the command that infants should be circumcised on the eighth day, and the promise that He will take care of them and save them is very strong. Hence the command to circumcise either served no purpose or infants, who are without any understanding, also believed and through circumcision obtained by faith the righteousness which Abraham obtained while he was still uncircumcised.

Those who are circumcised are given the promise that they are the people of God and that God wants to be their God. This means that they are in the fellowship of the kingdom of God, since they have been justified by the justifying faith which the Lord grants them through His Spirit.

If this was brought about with the Jews in the Old Testament through the medium of circumcision, why would God not do the same thing with the Gentiles through the medium of the new covenant of Baptism?

The command (Matt. 28:19) pertains to all: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them ...." Hence whereas circumcision was commanded only to the descendants of Abraham, Baptism is commanded to all the nations, with the promise of salvation if they believe.

But if, by virtue of the promise, Abraham's descendants had the blessing that those circumcised on the eighth day would receive the gift of faith and become the people of God, why would this be denied the nations now united with God through the covenant of Baptism? ...

This is a powerful argument against those who say that because little children have no understanding and do not believe, they should not be baptized. For here the command is given that little children are to be circumcised on the eighth day, and the promise is added: "I will be their God." *Luther's Works*, 3:103-4.



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# LSUS NOTES

# Praying for You!

# Please pray for these students/staff:

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# R-I-M, Through the Rim, Through the Rim, Through the Rim!

The basketball season has come to a close! We had a Boys JV and Boys Varsity team along with a combined Girls JV/Varsity team this year. All teams worked hard all season guided by their coaches: Coach Rush, Coach Miller, and Coach Fink! The season had ups and downs for all teams. Our cheer squad supported all teams throughout the season as well! Great job, Phoenix!





# **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

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# **Encouragement Found in Scriptures:**

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. —1 Corinthians 13:4-7

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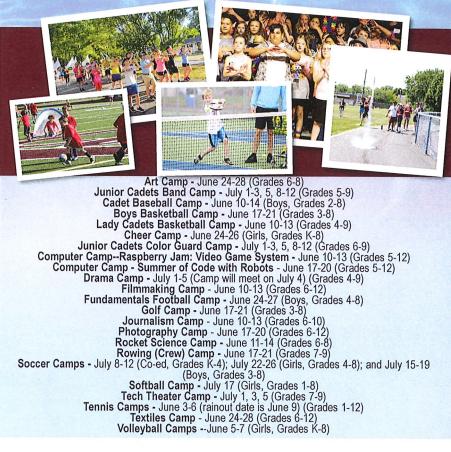
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# Forgiveness for Lent



All ladies are invited to

A Lenten Devotion and Brunch

Saturday, March 16 10 a.m.

at Ascension Lutheran Church 8811 Saint Joe Road Fort Wayne, IN