

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR OCULI, THE 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

9:00 am Sunday, March 3, 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] 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 zeal for your house has con- | sumed__ me, || and the reproaches of those who reproach | you have •fallen• on | me__ . || But as for me, my prayer is to | you, O LORD. || At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love answer me in your | sav- ing faith- ful- | ness.*

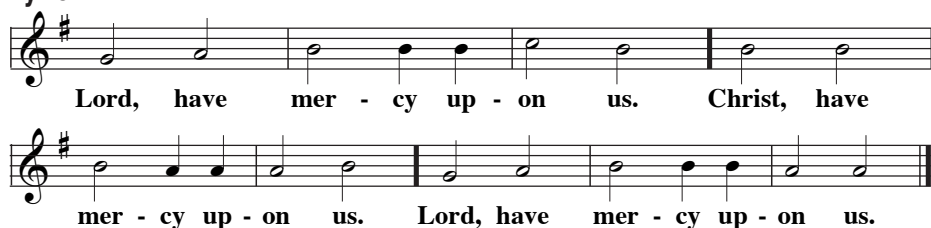
Verse 1: **Deliver me from sinking | in the mire; || let me be delivered from my ene- mies and | from the deep__ | wa- ters. || Let not the flood sweep | o- ver me, || or the deep swallow me up, or the pit close its | mouth__ o- ver | me.**

Verse 2: *Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast | love is good; || according to your abun- dant | mer- cy, turn to | me__ . || Hide not your face | from your •servant•; || for I am in distress; make | haste to an- swer | me.*

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!**

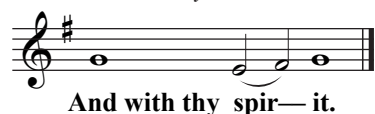
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Kyrie



Salutation

The Lord be with you.



Collect for the Third Sunday in Lent: *O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your way and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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 +

Old Testament Reading..... Exodus 20:1-17

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

Epistle of the Day 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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

[Rise] **Tract**



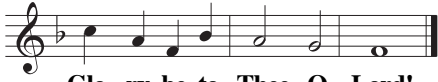
[Deacon] "De- | stroy this •temple•, || and in three days | I will raise it | up."

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.

Holy Gospel St. John 2:13-25

[The Gospel is announced.]

[The Gospel is proclaimed.]



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!



Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)

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

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

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

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

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

[Be Seated] **Hymn of the Day..... May God Bestow Burgundy Hymn 823**
[Rise for Stanza 3.]

Sermon

[Rise] **Prayer of the Church**

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

[Be Seated] **Offerings, Voluntary**

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



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence, and



take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store 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 Lent, 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'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry; Ho - san-na Ho - san-na, Ho -

san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He that

com-eth in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho-san-na in the highest.

[*Kneel*] **Lord's Prayer**

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

For Thine is the kingdom and the power 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.

The Lord be with you.



Bless we the Lord.



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.



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 We Sing the Praise Burgundy Hymn 429

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, March 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 Third Sunday in Lent

The Old Testament Reading is Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words, saying,

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

“You shall have no other gods before me.

“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The Gospel is John 2:13-25

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

Hymns for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

LSB685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Sigismund von Birken

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1. Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.
2. Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share You woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
3. Let us gladly die with Jesus, Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
4. Let us also live with Jesus, He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken, Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me..

LSB581 These Are the Holy Ten Commands

Martin Luther

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1. These are the holy Ten Commands God gave to us by Moses' hands
When high on Sinai's mount he stood, Receiving them for our good.
Have mercy, Lord!
2. "I am alone your God, the Lord; No other gods shall be adored.
But you shall fully trust in Me And love Me wholeheartedly."
Have mercy, Lord!
- W3. "Do not My holy name disgrace, Do not My Word of truth debase.
Praise only that as good and true Which I Myself say and do."
Have mercy, Lord!

- M 4. "You shall observe the worship day That peace may fill your home, and pray,
And put aside the work you do, So that God may work in you."
Have mercy, Lord!
- W5. "You are to honor and obey Your father, mother, ev'ry day,
Serve them each way that comes to hand; You'll then live long in the land."
Have mercy, Lord!
- M 6. "You shall not murder, hurt, nor hate; Your anger dare not dominate.
Be kind and patient; help, defend, And treat your foe as your friend."
Have mercy, Lord!
- W7. "Be faithful to your marriage vow; No lust or impure thoughts allow.
Keep all your conduct free from sin By self-controlled discipline."
Have mercy, Lord!
- M 8. "You shall not steal or take away What others worked for night and day,
But open wide a gen'rous hand And help the poor in the land."
Have mercy, Lord!
- W9. "Bear no false witness nor defame Your neighbor nor destroy his name,
But view him in the kindest way; Speak truth in all that you say."
Have mercy, Lord!
- M 10. "You shall not crave your neighbor's house Nor covet money, goods, or spouse.
Pray God He would your neighbor bless As you yourself wish success."
Have mercy, Lord!
11. You have this Law to see therein That you have not been free from sin
"But also that you clearly see How pure toward God life should be.
Have mercy, Lord!
12. Our works cannot salvation gain; They merit only endless pain.
Forgive us, Lord! To Christ we flee, Who pleads for us endlessly.
Have mercy, Lord!

LSB655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast

Martin Luther

1. Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing your praise eternally.

3. O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

LSB966 Before You, Lord, We Bow

Francis Scott Key

1. Before You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns above
And rules the world below, Boundless in pow'r and love.
Our thanks we bring In joy and praise,
Our hearts we raise To You, our King!
2. The nation You have blest May well Your love declare,
From foes and fears at rest, Protected by Your care.
For this bright day, For this fair land—
Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.
3. May ev'ry mountain height, Each vale and forest green,
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue Be tuned to praise
And join to raise A grateful song.
4. Earth, hear your Maker's voice; Your great Redeemer own;
Believe, obey, rejoice, And worship Him alone.
Cast down your pride, Your sin deplore,
And bow before The Crucified.
5. And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng, With joy to sing
To heav'n's high King Salvation's song!

The Third Sunday in Lent



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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

The Pastoral Ministry at Zion

Senior Pastor:

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

Field Workers:

Paul Mroczenski, Matthew Harrison

The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

Principal:

Amber Bahr (744-0459; www.lsusfw.org)

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),

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

The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music:

Michael Hollman, MM

Church Office Manager:

Melvia Culpher

PRAYERS FOR TODAY

- + For the church, especially those bearing the cross of persecution, 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, Robert & Jenny Hobby, and Mayor Tom Henry
- + 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
- + 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 Third Sunday in Lent. 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

March 3, 2024 thru March 9, 2024

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various
	4:00 PM	Bach Collegium — St. John Passion	Church
MON.	3:45 PM	Jr. Catechesis	Conference Room
TUES.	9:30 AM	FW Tri Circuit Winkel	Indiana District Office
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:45 PM	Lenten Supper	Bauer Hall
	7:00 PM	Lenten Vespers	Church
THURS.	7:00 PM	Elders Council	Conference Room
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
	1:00 PM	Adult Catechesis	Conference Room

March 10, 2024 Daylight Savings

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: Adult Bible Class meets in Bauer Hall with Pastor Punke leading a discussion on the Alabama Supreme Court decision on frozen embryos and Reproductive Technologies. As needed, Sunday School will meet in the Assoc. Pastors Office.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME: Don't forget!! Next Sunday, 2:00 AM will become 3:00 AM. Daylight Saving Time begins. If you still have analog clocks or clocks that you have to set manually, move the time ahead one hour before you go to bed, so you won't miss church!

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 31st Direct your dollars online at www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/ 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 presentation of the St. John Passion by J. S. Bach is this afternoon at 4:00 PM. Remember, as a thank you to Zion, the Collegium is offering Zion members a discounted rate of \$10.00 for tickets. Just need to identify yourself as a Zion member to get the reduced rate.

ZION'S SCRIP PROGRAM: Do you need a gift card? Are you going to lunch after church? Do you want to support Zion in an easy way? On Sunday mornings, we offer a wide variety of gift cards at the scrip table in the Great Hall. We buy gift cards at a discount, and you pay face value for them. How easy is that? You get full value of your card purchase and Zion gets anywhere from 1.5% to over 15% of the value depending on the merchant. We even carry several local business gift cards including Hall's Restaurants (10%), Casa's Restaurants (5%), and Lassus Brothers Oil (4%). We accept cash and checks. Through this program, we currently transfer \$1,000 a year to the General Fund towards our commitment to Christian Education.

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, Seminarian Matthew Harrison will be preaching. The Lord's Supper is served in the Chapel after Vespers to anyone who desires it.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: 1 Peter 5:8-9—"Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith." Last week's verse was Psalms 27:1.

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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 barbhamm@frontier.com.

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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

Evening Prayer

John 2:13-25

The Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17

Mark 9:14-32

Monday

Genesis 29:1-30

Mark 9:33-50

Tuesday

Genesis 35:1-29

Mark 10:1-12

Wednesday

Genesis 37:1-36

Mark 10:13-31

Thursday

Genesis 39:1-23

Mark 10:32-52

Friday

Genesis 40:1-23

Mark 11:1-19

Saturday

Genesis 41:1-27

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 Lent

Numbers 21:4-9

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Images ... What Is Permitted or Forbidden?

I say at the outset that according to the law of Moses no other images are forbidden than an image of God which one worships. A crucifix, on the other hand, or any other holy image is not forbidden....

In proof of this I cite the first commandment (Exod. 20 [:3]): “You shall have no other gods before me.” Immediately, following this text, the meaning of having other gods is made plain in the words: “You shall not make yourself a graven image, or any likeness ...” [Exod. 20:4]. This is said of the same gods, etc. ... From subsequent words in the same chapter [Exod. 20:23], “You shall not make gods of silver to be with me, nor shall you make for yourselves gods of gold,” it follows that “make” certainly refers to such [other] gods.

For this saying, “You shall have no other gods,” is the central thought, the standard, and the end in accordance with which all the words which follow are to be interpreted, connected, and judged. For this passage points out and expresses the meaning of this commandment, namely, that there are to be no other gods. Therefore the words “make,” “images,” “serve,” etc., and whatever else follows, are to be understood in no other sense than that neither gods nor idolatry are to develop therefrom. Even as the words, “I am your God” [Exod. 20:2], are the standard and end for all that may be said about the worship and service of God, ... [so also, no] conclusion can be drawn from the words, “You shall have no other gods,” other than that which refers to idolatry. Where however images or statues are made without idolatry, then such making of them is not forbidden, for the central saying, “You shall have no other gods,” remains intact.

Luther's Works, 37:127-129.

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LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!



Please pray for these students/staff:

Avionna	Owynn
Nolan	Jadence
Reign	Khloe
King	Josef
DaMonica	Angelina

Chapel Partner Project Challenge



During this past month of February, students were asked to bring in items for the Charis House and Rescue Mission. Chapel partner groups competed to see which group can bring in the most items! The group that brought in the most items by the end of February would receive a fun reward!



Items students collected were gloves, socks, and deodorant. With one week to go the students had already collected 284 items. A part of our chapel offerings from the past 3 months will also go to the Rescue Mission and Charis House.

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:

Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

—1 Timothy 4:14

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**Register
Today!**

CLHS invites parents of 5th - 8th graders to attend a guided tour of the high school. Expect a peek at the day in the life of a freshman, admission info, and a sweet treat!

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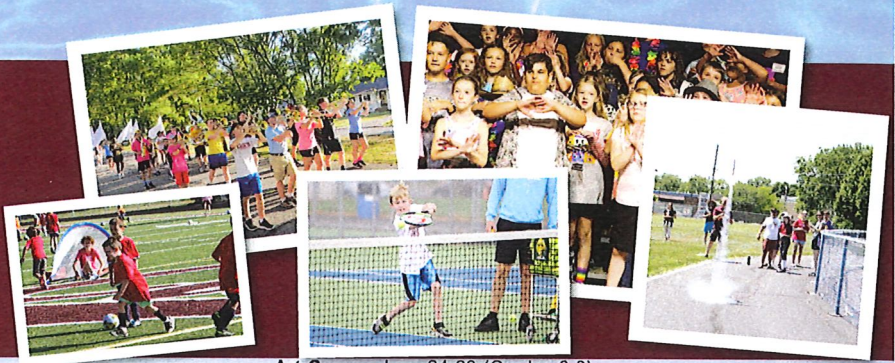
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Summer Camps

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)

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**

LIFE NEWS—MARCH 2024



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Life Newsbytes

On February 1, a Dutch law allowing the euthanasia of terminally ill children went into effect. The law legalizes the killing of children ages one through 12 who are deemed to be “suffering hopelessly and unbearably.” Previously, the country allowed euthanasia of children older than 12, along with infants under age one, who could be killed if their parents and doctors agreed and they faced an illness labeled as terminal or faced serious suffering. In 2023, lawmakers passed a controversial expansion of the eligibility guidelines to include children of all ages. According to reports, the new guidelines state that “the child’s opinion should be sought as far as possible in a way appropriate to the child’s understanding and age,” though parents can decide to have their child euthanized in conjunction with a doctor even if the child is unwilling or unable to consent ... Opponents are warning that there is nothing to keep this broadened rule from spiraling out of control. In an op-ed, Elise van Hoek-Burgerhart and Yvonne Gueze-van Horssen, both from the group NPV-Care for Life, warn that the “distressing” regulation has many flaws, including the fact that children are unable to consent to their own deaths ... “Children are impressionable and are (often) not mentally competent,” they wrote. (Source: *Bridget Sielicki, LiveAction.org*, 2/7/24)

Speaking up For Life

“But death isn’t a part of the life for which we were created—for we were created. You didn’t morph from pond scum into an intelligent hairless monkey; you were handcrafted by the Lord of the Universe.” *Hannah Nissing, Bulldogs4Life, the Y4Life team at Concordia, Nebraska*

“Despite the hardships we experience and the sin we face, God’s work submerges us in a pool of joy; through our Baptism, He daily refreshes us, strengthening our bonds to Him and to each other. Yes, we Christians are connected more deeply than participation in any march or gathering can offer. By God’s grace, we have become family. We share a home and a future.” *Michelle Bauman, Y4Life*

“The God who chose to give us life at the moment of fertilization is the same God who chose to rescue us and redeem us and give us salvation. And He did it by sending His Son, Jesus, to experience every stage of human life so we could be forgiven and given life everlasting with Him!” *Rev. Craig Michaelson, Faith Community Lutheran Church, Las Vegas, Nevada*

lutheransforlife.org/resources/life-quotes



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