

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am Sunday, May 4, 2025

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] *The LORD is | good to all, || and his mercy is over | all that he has | made. || All your works shall give thanks to | you, O LORD, || and all your | saints shall bless__ | you!*

Verse 1: **One generation shall commend your works | to a-•nother•, || and shall de- | clare your migh- ty | acts. || On the glorious splendor of your | ma- jes- ty, || and on your wondrous works, | I will med- i- | tate.**

Verse 2: *They shall speak of the might of your | awe- some deeds, || and I will de- | clare your great-__ | ness. || They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant | good-__ness || and shall sing aloud | of your right- eous- | ness.*

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

[Antiphon] **The LORD is | good to all, || and his mercy is over | all that he has | made. || All your works shall give thanks to | you, O LORD, || and all your | saints shall bless__ | you!**

Kyrie



Lord, have mer-cy up - on__ us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.



Lord__ have mer - cy up - on__ us.

Gloria



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



We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee, we



glo-ri - fy Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glo - ry



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God__ the Fa-ther Al - might - y.



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



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



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



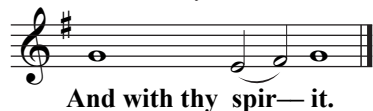
world; re - ceive our prayer Thou that sit - test at the right hand of God the



Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us. For Thou on - ly art ho - ly, Thou on - ly art the Lord. Thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most high in the glo - ry of God _ the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir— it.

Collect for the 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 9:1-22

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


Epistle Revelation 5:1-14

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

[Rise] **Sequence Hymn** Make Songs of Joy Burgundy Hymn 484

Holy Gospel St. John 21:1-19

[The Gospel is announced.]



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

[The Gospel is proclaimed.]



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] **OffertoryCreate 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

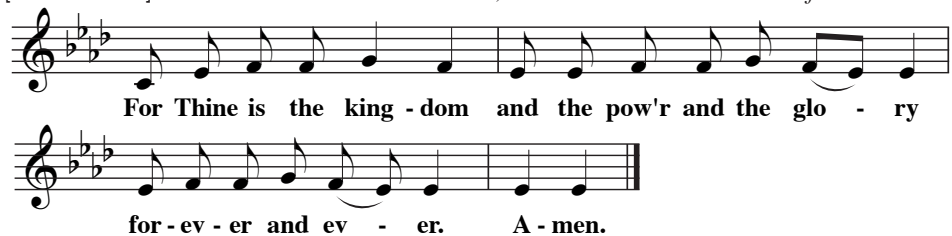
It is truly meet, right and salutary ever more praising You and saying:

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



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

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

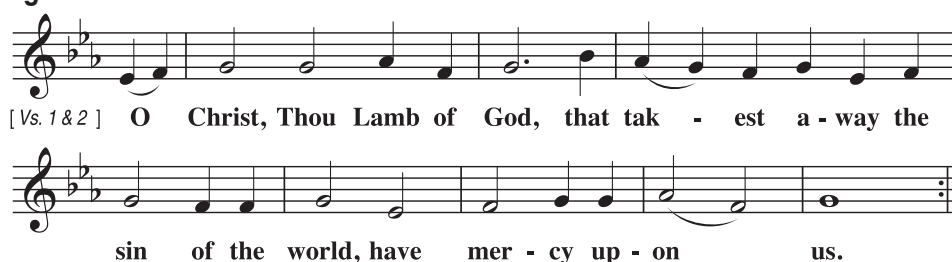


Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



Agnus Dei



[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns **He Is Arisen! Glorious Word ... Burgundy Hymn 488**
Long before the World Burgundy Hymn 485
The Day of Resurrection Burgundy Hymn 478
 [Rise for stanza 4.]

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.



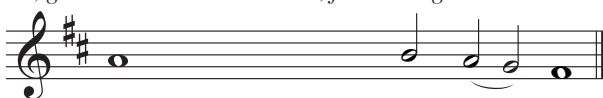
4. Glo— ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.

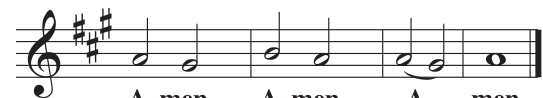
Bless we the Lord.



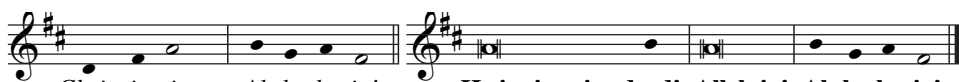
Thanks be to God.

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 the Third Sunday of Easter

The First Reading is Acts 9:1-22

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

The Epistle is Revelation 5:1-14

Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. And when he had

taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

The Gospel is John 21:1-19

After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

Hymns for the Third Sunday of Easter

LSB484 Make Songs of Joy

Juraj Tranovsky

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

LSB485 Long before the World Is Waking

Timothy Dudley-Smith

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1. Long before the world is waking, Morning mist on Galilee,
From its shore, as dawn is breaking, Jesus calls across the sea;
Hails the boat of weary men, Bids them cast their net again.
2. So they cast, and all their heaving Cannot haul their catch aboard;
John in wonder turns, perceiving, Cries aloud, "It is the Lord!"
Peter waits for nothing more, Plunges in to swim ashore.
3. Charcoal embers brightly burning, Bread and fish upon them laid:
Jesus stands at day's returning In His risen life arrayed,
As of old His friends to greet, "Here is breakfast; come and eat."
4. Christ is risen! Grief and sighing, Sins and sorrows, fall behind;
Fear and failure, doubt, denying, Full and free forgiveness find.
All the soul's dark night is past; Morning breaks in joy at last.
5. Morning breaks, and Jesus meets us, Feeds and comforts, pardons still;
As His faithful friends He greets us, Partners of His work and will.
All our days, on ev'ry shore, Christ is ours forevermore!

LSB478 The Day of Resurrection

John of Damascus

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
The passover of gladness, The passover of God.
From death to life eternal, From sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over With hymns of victory.
2. Let hearts be purged of evil That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light
And, list'ning to His accents, May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.

3. Now let the heav'ns be joyful, Let earth its song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen, Our joy that has no end!
- △ 4. All praise to God the Father, All praise to God the Son,
All praise to God the Spirit, Eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number Fall down before the throne
And honor, pow'r, and glory Ascribe to God alone!

LSB482 This Joyful Eastertide

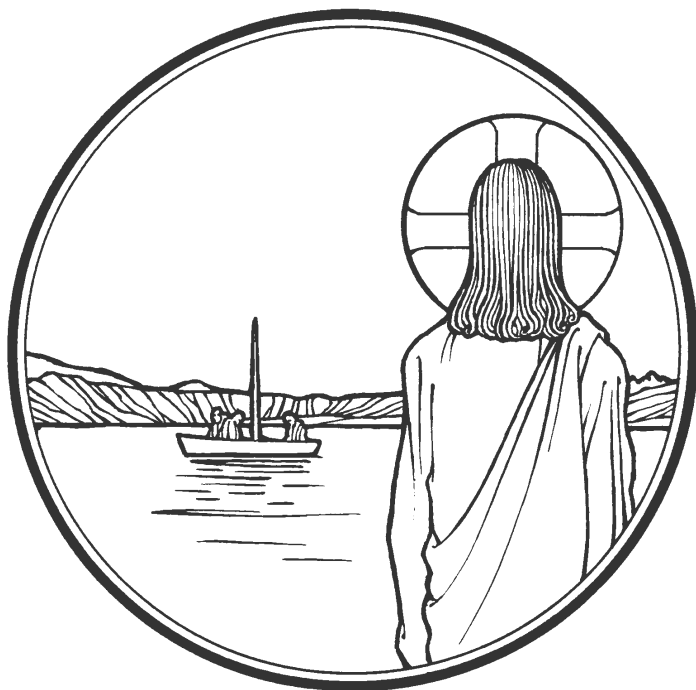
George R. Woodward

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

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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 Matthew Harrison and Nate Demlow, for Paul Mroczenski vicaring in Puerto Rico, and for those who received their calls and vicarage placements.
- + For our nation; for our leaders; for our military, including James Hall
- + 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, especially Marq Rogers
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Richard Lammert, Phyllis Lattimore, Nate Demlow, Debra Busche, Carl Albersmeyer, Connie Houser, Estella Ramirez, Bill Weinrich, Dwight Bieberich, Willodean Bates, Dick Hollman, Elaine Seifert, Bob Ockree, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Marlow Hogan, Marissia White, Gary Phillips, David Groth, Gary Castle, Ron Rastl, Robert & Jenny Hobby
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages, especially Connie & Steve Houser
- + 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 the Holliday and Weinrich families
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Walter Pickett
- + 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 Walter Pickett by his daughter Karen Coleman and family. The Altar Vases are given in celebration of the 30th wedding anniversary of Connie & Steve Houser. Please complete an attendance communion card, including the names of all children, and indicate if you are communing. Non-members, please read the back of the card.

CALENDAR

May 4, 2025 thru May 10, 2025

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:45 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:45 AM	Alternate Adult/Teenager Bible Study	Conference Room
MON.			
TUES.	2 – 8 PM	Directory Pictures	Bauer Hall
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS.	9:00 AM	Pastor meeting with Pres. Stuckwisch	District Office
FRI.			
SAT.	10:00 AM	Julian Holliday visitation	Narthex
	11:00 AM	Julian Holliday funeral	Church
	1:00 PM	Adult Catechesis	Conference Room

May 11, 2025 (Mother's Day)

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:45 AM	Education Hour	Bauer Hall

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: Dr. Voelz continues in the Gospel according to St. Mark, in Bauer Hall. Our alternate adult/teenage class will begin considering our Lutheran Identity, in the Conference Room. We are using Dr. Gene Veith's new book *Embracing Your Lutheran Identity*. You have two opportunities for growth in God's word.

THANK YOU to everyone who came to help finish off the yard work here at the church and across the street at the pocket park.

SURVEY: Today is your last opportunity to complete our CADDs survey (Congregational Assessment of Development/Decline Status). Hopefully, most of you have received the emails with the survey link (lcms.cadds.alchemer.com/s3/&cong=C331117) and an encouragement to fill out the survey. Remember, your responses to the survey will be completely anonymous. Please be honest so that we can have an accurate assessment of where our church is and answer the question, "Where are we...really?" If you have no knowledge about a particular survey question, you may skip it. A skipped question with a blank answer will not affect the final survey report. Thank you for your participation.

VICARAGE ASSIGNMENTS: Our fieldworker Matthew Harrison (Courtney and Rosie) has been assigned to Zion Lutheran Church, Woodburn, IN (often called "Bull Rapids") for his vicarage. That's in the Fort Wayne East Circuit (not ours), but it will be nice to see Matthew our tri-circuit winks and at Pastors' Conferences. Congratulations! A second vicarage placement that might interest you is that of Thomas Malmstrom (one of Pastor Eric and Leslie Malmstrom's twins). Thomas has been assigned to the Lutheran Mission Society of Maryland, Baltimore, MD and Saint Paul Lutheran Church, Catonsville, MD. Congratulations also to Thomas.

CALLS: We've been privileged to have Sean McNeil (Katie and Becky) worshipping with us (and Sean preach on occasion). Sean received a call to serve Saint John Lutheran Church, Au Gres, MI. Benjamin Wessel's brother Zachary also received a call to serve Trinity Lutheran Church, Hartford, SD.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Psalms 103:13—"As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him." Last week's verse was Romans 6:8-9.

DON'T FORGET! This Tuesday (May 6) is picture day for the church directory. Melvia will be in the Great Hall with your last opportunity to sign up. She'll also have the list in case you have forgotten what time your appointment is. Please be here on time!

GRADUATIONS: This is the time of the year for end of school activities, including graduations. LSUS's 8th grade graduation will be held at Zion on Sunday, May 18, 1 PM, with a reception following in Bauer Hall. The 8th grade banquet will be the previous Tuesday, May 13, 6 PM. Congratulations to our graduates.

CLHS is looking for teachers — math, science, technology, visual art, JROTC, and study center assistant. To apply for an open position, please send your resume and cover letter to Concordia High School, 1601 St. Joe River Dr., Fort Wayne, 46805 or go to www.clhscadets.com/apps/pages/employment.

WE CAN FACE COMPETING PRIORITIES when we think about planning our estates. This month we will consider the balance of future needs with present needs. Sometimes it is difficult to plan future gifts to family or ministry through your estate because you have many pressing current priorities. An estate plan however is put in place asking, "If the Lord were to call you home today, how would you direct your gifts?" Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you begin thinking about the future. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfnd.org.

THE LCMS FOUNDATION has the following opportunities available for employment: Vice President for Investment Services, Gift Processing Support Specialist, Gift Processing Specialist, and a Gift Planning Counselor for the Upper Midwest. Please visit www.lcmsfoundation.org/careers for more information.

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 21:1-19

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 of Easter

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Evening Prayer

Acts 5:12-20

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 20:17-35

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Being Sons of Abraham by Faith Not Works

7. *So you see that it is men of faith who are the sons of Abraham.*

This is a general statement and the principal argument of Paul against the Jews, that those who believe, not those who are descended from his flesh and blood, are the sons of Abraham. Paul vigorously presses this argument here as well as in the fourth and ninth chapters of Romans. For this was the supreme confidence and boast of the Jews (John 8:33): "We are the offspring and the sons of Abraham. He was circumcised and observed the Law. Therefore if we want to be true sons of Abraham, we must imitate our father." It was truly an outstanding ground of boasting and of confidence to be the offspring of Abraham, for no one can deny that God spoke to the offspring of Abraham and about the offspring of Abraham. But this prerogative was of no benefit to unbelieving Jews. Therefore Paul, especially here, contends vigorously against this argument and deprives the Jews of this supreme confidence. As the chosen instrument of Christ (Acts 9:15) he was able to do this more than anyone else. For if we had had to argue against the Jews from the beginning without Paul, we would probably have accomplished little against them.

Thus Paul battles against the confidence of the Jews, who proudly boasted: "We are the offspring of Abraham." "Fine." "Abraham was circumcised and observed the Law. We do the same thing." "I concede this. Then what? You do not intend to be righteous and to be saved on this account, do you? No! Let us go to the patriarch Abraham himself, and let us see by what means he was justified and saved. Certainly not on account of his outstanding virtues and holy works ... but because he believed God. ..."

Luther's Works, 26:236.



Father's Day Sock Drive

The Ladies of Zion will be
collecting NEW socks for the
homeless shelter May 1, 2025
until June 1, 2025.

Socks will be presented to the
Rescue Mission before
Father's day

LSUS NOTES

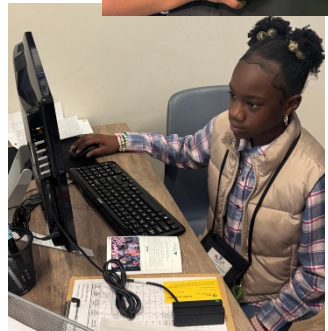
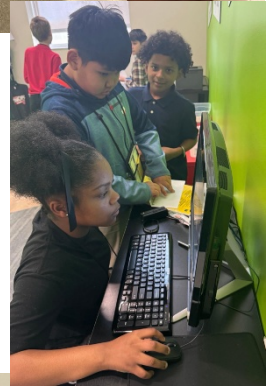
Praying for You!

Please pray for these students/staff:

Adonis	Josue
Elijah H.	Hailey
Dakota	Nycole
Jade	Keiayla
Amira	Conor
Alonte	Sophia



Our 4th and 5th grade students recently had the exciting opportunity to participate in Junior Achievement BizTown! This hands-on experience allowed them to explore the world of business and economics in a fun, real-world setting. Students took on roles such as CEOs, bank tellers, business managers, and more, learning valuable lessons about teamwork, leadership, financial literacy, and civic responsibility. It was an incredible day of discovery and growth, and we're proud of how our students represented our school with enthusiasm and professionalism!





Phil's Friends Care Packages

Phil's Friends is an organization that supports adults with cancer. Our chapel offerings will be supporting this organization this month.

Items to be collected:

- lip balm/chapstick
- fuzzy socks-women's only
- 5 oz. bottles of fragrance-free lotion
- decks of playing cards
- tissue packs
- puzzle books (crosswords, sudoku, etc.)
- single toothbrushes and 5 oz. toothpaste
- journals (5x7) - not spiral bound

Collection will run from now through May 16.



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2025- 2026

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BJOHNSON@LSUSFW.ORG
260-744-0459

RE-ENROLLMENT FOR CURRENT LSUS FAMILIES IS ON FAST DIRECT NOW.



Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." -John 20:29

LIFE NEWS—MAY 2025



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Life Newsbytes

Research Confirms 95.9% of Abortions Are Killing Babies as Birth Control, Just .4% for Rape – After the Supreme Court ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, states across the country have enacted laws that limit abortion. Frequently, these state laws make exceptions for abortions for certain reasons, such as rape and incest, risk to the mother's life or health, or a fetal abnormality ... To develop an estimate of the percent of abortions performed for a given reason, data was combined from each state reporting that particular reason. Overall, common exceptions to abortion limits are estimated to account for less than 5% of all abortions. *Rape and incest: 0.4%. Risk to the woman's life or a major bodily function: 0.3%. Other physical health concerns: 2.2%. Abnormality in the unborn baby: 1.2%. Elective and unspecified reasons: 95.9%* ... The CDC does not request information on reasons for abortion from the states, and so this data is not included in the national reports. As the *Dobbs* decision has resulted in a shift in where and why abortions are performed and the complications that are associated with them, the CDC should strengthen reporting requirements and request additional data from the states. Read the complete story at www.lifenews.com/2025/04/18/research-confirms-95-9-of-abortions-are-killing-babies-as-birth-control-just-4-for-rape-2.

Speaking up For Life

"The Ascension assures us that Jesus has finished His work of salvation and now rules ALL things in this world for the good of His Kingdom and His Church: that is, you and me! What is Christ's goal that the song highlights? Jesus wants His Body, us, to be with Him where He is in paradise, in heaven." *Rev. Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota*

"Now we get to receive and enjoy our times and our lives as blessings. And we get to do the same with the gifts and privileges that each of our neighbors embodies, from unborn to elderly and from fertilization to forever. The Lord our God has blessed us for the purpose of life, and He has blessed us for the duration of life. So, let's partake in the blessing of proclaiming God's truth and putting Christ's love into practice, even as the Psalmist himself does!" *Pastor Michael Salemink*

"May God send an army of angels to protect the babies in the womb from the laws being enacted in some states that are taking away protections for God's smallest, most vulnerable humans. May hearts be changed with the truths found in Scripture. And may the influence the devil has on our society, with his culture of death, be deposed." *Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life*

lutheransforlife.org/resources/life-quotes

Moving On

by Pastor Michael Salemink



At the end of this month, I'll be moving on from my vocation with Lutherans For Life. A delightful decade is drawing to an end. It makes me somewhat sentimental to reflect on what the time together with you has taught me. No doubt I have learned far more than I have delivered and gained well beyond what I've given. As I consider how I can best orient and prepare the incoming successor, I want to share with you a few of the priceless insights and experiences our Gospel-motivated Christian fellowship has brought me. (And there are more!)

People are gifts and privileges. Every human life and person embodies a treasure to Almighty God and a blessing from the Heavenly Father. The best dimension of my undertakings and experiences in this ministry has come from interacting with neighbors, acquaintances, brothers, and sisters across the country. I've had no greater enjoyment than sharing life—celebrations and sorrows—in an abundance of capacities with such a multitude of individuals. And I take the greatest pride in the Gospel-motivated servants we have assembled as the staff and leadership of Lutherans For Life.

Lutherans are hurting. Life issues like surprise pregnancy, terminal diagnosis, infertility, abortion grief and guilt, living with disability, and so many more confront the sisters and brothers of our congregations. I continue to hear their stories within every imaginable demographic. Church membership doesn't make anybody immune. Often they're suffering silently and secretly.

We cannot neglect listening and affirming. Everyone has a story that informs their convictions and their complaints. The sanctity of life means relationship, not just argument, and so we welcome opportunities to enter another's world and inhabit their space, standing alongside instead of staring down at. No matter how different our conclusions, each conversation offers some common ground to which we can agree.

We don't have to leave out the Gospel and doctrine. Of course, nations ought not legislate the faith or forcefully impose Baptism and belief upon the population. Our persuasive case has to incorporate science, logic, history, and the common good. But the Lord's own words about sin and salvation give us the most convincing reasons for what we proclaim and practice. Why would we ever disregard it?

Government doesn't have the answer. Elections and legislation comprise only a component of our mission. Controlling behavior may prove quicker and easier, but it pales in comparison to the lasting effects of converting hearts. Civic action serves neighbors in necessary ways, as a partial means to a superior end. A safe, free, and fair land allows for declaring God's truth and demonstrating Christ's love.

We have company. A noble and untold host across countries and centuries stands with us. Humble but steadfast, they echo and amplify the same testimony as we do in every age and location. They know our hurts and our hopes and bear them beside us. The Holy Spirit of Christ Jesus abides, guides, and energizes the sanctity of life, and very soon every tongue will acknowledge it. We belong not only to an army but to a family. The kingdom of Almighty God is already prevailing.