

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

9:00 am ..... Sunday, April 6, 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*

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

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### [ 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.*

*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.*

*Verse 1:*     **But you, O Lord, are a shield a- | bout\_\_ me, || my glory, and the | lift- er  
of my | head. || I cried aloud | to the Lord, || and he answered me | from his  
ho- ly | hill.**

[ *Antiphon* ] **Arise, O Lord! Save me, | O my God! || For you strike all my | ene- mies**  
**on the | cheek; || Salvation belongs | to the Lord; || your blessing be | on your**  
**peo- | ple!**

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

And with thy spir— it.

A ————— men!

A ————— men!

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[ Rise ] **Tract**



[ Deacon ] *What then is this that is | writ-ten: || 'The stone that the build-ers re-jec-  
| ted || has become the | cor-ner-stone'? || Everyone who falls on that stone will  
be | •broken• to piec-\_\_ | es."*

**All:** **O** come, let us fix our | eyes on •Jesus•, || the founder and per- | fec- tor 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. Luke 20:9-20**

[ 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..... My Song is Love ..... Burgundy Hymn 430**

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

**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**



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

### Preface

*The Lord be with you.*

*Lift up your hearts.*



*Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.*



### Proper Preface for Passiontide, Sanctus

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



### 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**

Musical notation for Agnus Dei. The first line of music is followed by the lyrics: 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. A - - - men!

Stanzas 1 and 2      Stanza 3

[ Be Seated ]

**Distribution Hymns** ..... **We Sing the Praise** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 429**  
**Alas! And Did My Savior** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 437**

**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**

Musical notation for The Nunc Dimittis. The first line of music is followed by the lyrics: 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.

**Post Communion Rite**

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

Musical notation for Post Communion Rite. The first line of music is followed by the lyrics: Ye do show the Lord's death till He\_\_ come.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** ... now and forever.

Musical notation for Prayer of Thanksgiving. The first line of music is followed by the lyrics: A — men.

*The Lord be with you.*

Musical notation for Prayer of Thanksgiving. The first line of music is followed by the lyrics: And with thy spir — rit.

*Bless we the Lord.*

Musical notation for Prayer of Thanksgiving. The first line of music is followed by the lyrics: 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.*

Musical notation for Benediction. The first line of music is followed by the lyrics: A-men, A-men, A - men.

*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 ..... My Hope is Built ..... Burgundy Hymn 575**  
[ *Sung to the melody, "Melita" / LSB 717.*  ]

**Postlude**

## **Holy Week Schedule**

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**Palm Sunday, April 13**

**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, April 17**

**Divine Service 7:00 p.m.**

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**Part II: Good Friday, April 18**

**Divine Service 7:00 p.m.**

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**Part III: Holy Saturday, April 19**

**The Great Vigil of Easter**

**Divine Service 7:00 p.m.**

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**The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord**

**Sunday, April 20**

**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 Fifth Sunday in Lent

### The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD,  
    who makes a way in the sea,  
    a path in the mighty waters,  
who brings forth chariot and horse,  
    army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
    they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
“Remember not the former things,  
    nor consider the things of old.  
Behold, I am doing a new thing;  
    now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
    and rivers in the desert.  
The wild beasts will honor me,  
    the jackals and the ostriches,  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
    rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
    the people whom I formed for myself  
that they might declare my praise.”

### The Epistle is Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

### **The Gospel is Luke 20:9-20**

[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!”

But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’? “Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.



## Hymns for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

### LSB430 My Song Is Love Unknown

Samuel Crossman

1. My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I That for my sake  
My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
2. He came from His blest throne Salvation to bestow;  
But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would know.  
But, oh, my friend, My Friend indeed,  
Who at my need His life did spend!
3. Sometimes they strew His way And His sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King.  
Then "Crucify!" Is all their breath,  
And for His death They thirst and cry.
4. Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these  
Themselves displease And 'gainst Him rise.
5. They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful He To suffring goes  
That He His foes From thence might free.
6. In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave.  
What may I say? Heav'n was His home  
But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.
7. Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise  
I all my days Could gladly spend!

### LSB624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born

Chad L. Bird

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1. The infant Priest was holy born, For us unholy and forlorn;  
From fleshly temple forth came He, Anointed from eternity.

2. This great High Priest in human flesh Was icon of God's righteousness.  
His hallowed touch brought sanctity; His hand removed impurity.
3. The holy Lamb undaunted came To God's own altar lit with flame;  
While weeping angels hid their eyes, This Priest became a sacrifice.
4. But death would not the victor be Of Him who hung upon the tree.  
He leads us to the Holy Place Within the veil, before God's face.
5. The veil is torn, our Priest we see, As at the rail on bended knee  
Our hungry mouths from Him receive, The bread of immortality.
6. The body of God's Lamb we eat, A priestly food and priestly meat;  
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours His quenching blood that life restores.
7. With cherubim and seraphim Our voices join the endless hymn,  
And "Holy, holy, holy" sing To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

### **LSB437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed**

Isaac Watts

1. Alas! and did my Savior bleed, And did my Sov'reign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head For such a worm as I?
2. Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!
3. Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut his glories in  
When God, the mighty Maker, died For his own creatures' sin.
4. Thus might I hide my blushing face While His dear cross appears,  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt mine eyes to tears.
5. But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away: 'Tis all that I can do.

### **LSB575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**

Gerhardt

1. My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Refrain:* On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*
3. His oath, His covenant and blood  
Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*
4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone,  
Redeemed to stand before His throne! *Refrain*

# The Fifth 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:

Matthew Harrison, Nathaniel Demlow

### The Teaching Staff at Lutheran South Unity

Principal:

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

Teachers:

Yvonne Schwantz (8<sup>th</sup>, MS ELA), Michael Cullen (7<sup>th</sup>, MS Science),

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Tiffany Scheurich (3<sup>rd</sup>), John Fink (2<sup>nd</sup>), Hannah Fink (1<sup>st</sup>), Rachel Wiegman (K-A),

Michelle Madden (K-B), Natalie Reynolds (Art), Open Position (Music),

Lizzy Hoham (Progress Partners Coach), Cathie Wakeland (Literacy Coach), Lee Buxton (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 Matthew Harrison and Nate Demlow, and for Paul Mroczenski vicaring in Puerto Rico
- + 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 Nate Demlow, Debra Busche, Carl Albersmeyer, Sarah Hollman, Richard Lammert, 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 James & Judy Voelz
- + 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 Fifth Sunday in Lent. The Cross Bowl is given in thanksgiving for God's blessings during the 48 years of marriage of James & Judy Voelz. 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

### **April 6, 2025 thru April 12, 2025**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Bauer Hall</b>
<b>MON.</b>			
<b>TUES.</b>	9:30 AM	FW South Circuit	Peace Lutheran
	2:40 PM	Lutheranism 101	LSUS
	7:15 PM	Bach Collegium Rehearsal	Bauer Hall
<b>WED.</b>	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Lenten Vespers</b>	<b>Bauer Hall</b>
<b>THURS.</b>			
<b>FRI.</b>			
<b>SAT.</b>	9:00 AM	Zion's Annual Clean up	Inside and Out

### **April 13, 2025 (Palm Sunday)**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b> (starting in the Great Hall)	<b>Church</b>
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## ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EDUCATION HOUR** is on "summer break" during our beautification/renovation project in church. We hope to be able to pick things back up in April after the Easter feast with Dr. Voelz'

class on the Gospel according to St. Mark meeting in Bauer Hall. A second adult/young adult/teenage class will begin in April also. It will meet in the conference room, unless we outgrow it. This class will take up our Lutheran Identity using Dr. Gene Veith's new book *Embracing Your Lutheran Identity*. We're ready. The books are here.

**ATTENDANCE AND COMMUNION REGISTRATION** is being done the Great Hall. Please fill out a card, indicate who is here and who is communing, and place it in the offering plate.

**LENT SEASON:** This Wednesday, 7 PM is the last of our Lenten Vespers. We have been doing a catechetical review of the Commandments. This Wednesday the Rev. Jim Teasdale will be preaching on Commandments 8, 9 & 10. NO Lenten meals before the Vespers. **Also, NO brief communion service after the Vespers, but if you're able, please stay to help move the altar and chancel furnishings back into church, put up chairs, etc., in preparation for Palm Sunday.**

**SURVEY:** The Council of Elders has decided to do a Congregational Survey associated with Re:Vitality, an LCMS program that may be able to strengthen our congregation and help us grow in membership. We'll be gathering information through the CADDs survey from April 13 to May 4. The preferred way to take the survey is online ([lcms.cadd.alchemer.com/s3/&cong=C331117](https://lcms.cadd.alchemer.com/s3/&cong=C331117)). You may also fill out a paper copy of the survey, but then we'll have to get someone to input the responses. We'll give you more information soon, but for now, get ready. We want your opinion.

**SAVE THE DATE:** on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, Zion will be taking part in getting an updated Church picture directory. Melvia will be in the Great Hall starting this Sunday, signing people up to have their pictures taken. Please stop by and let her know the time slot that you want.

**CLEAN UP:** Warmer weather means it's almost time for spring-cleaning at Zion! So please consider helping between 9 a.m. and noon on Saturday, April 12. We'll be spreading mulch and sprucing things up inside and out, so bring shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, and anything else you need. Refreshments will be served! Call Kevin Leininger at 615-9896 for more information.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** Galatians 6:14—"But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." Last week's verse was 1 Peter 3:18.

**CTSFw** is sponsoring the production of *Katie Luther*, a one-woman opera in three acts, written in English by Glenn Winters and performed by Kathryn Peperkorn. The performance, which is free and open to the public, tells the story of Katie Luther, her escape from the convent, her life as the wife to the great Reformer, and her life after Martin had died. It is a story of great courage, faith, and love. The performance will take place Saturday, April 12, 2025, at 7 p.m. in Sihler Auditorium on the Concordia campus, 6600 N. Clinton St.

**WE CAN FACE COMPETING PRIORITIES** when we think about planning our estates. This month we think of the tension that is produced by differing opinions of family members. Some family members believe the entire estate is obligated to be transferred as inheritance to heirs. Other family might believe there is an opportunity for charitable intent, including ministry. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you see the compromise that solves this tension. Here in the Indiana District, contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or [mark.muehl@lfnf.org](mailto:mark.muehl@lfnf.org).

**TEACHERS NEEDED FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR** Emmaus Lutheran School ([www.emmauslutheranfw.org/](http://www.emmauslutheranfw.org/)) is looking for a 5th grade and middle school teacher. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please call the school office at 260-459-7722 and ask for Esther Spanos or email [principal@emmauslutheranfw.org](mailto:principal@emmauslutheranfw.org) for more information.

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

**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](http://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 20:9-20

Mark 14:32-52

Mark 14:53-72

Mark 15:1-15

Mark 15:16-32

Mark 15:33-47

Mark 16:1-20

### DAILY LECTIONARY

#### The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

### Evening Prayer

Isaiah 43:16-21

Exodus 2:1-22

Exodus 2:23-3:22

Exodus 4:1-18

Exodus 4:19-31

Exodus 5:1-6;1

Exodus 7:1-25

### 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

#### Palm Sunday

Deut. 32:36-39

Phil. 2:5-11

(Jn 12:12-19) Lk 22:1-23:56



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## *About the Reformation "New Thing": Christ's Gospel*

[The papists] have indeed brought [preaching] to this point ... that they are boasting, not in obscure language but outspokenly and publicly, that the pope and his church are above Holy Scripture and that he has the power to alter, abolish, prohibit, and interpret the same, as he wishes. This was his trade so to use Scripture, even as a potter might fashion a tile or pitcher or chamberpot, and however he [the pope] fashioned it, it was an article of the Christian faith. They still do this nowadays with Christ's words and his institution of both kinds in the sacrament. He rules over these very words of Christ like a potter over his clay; as he fashions it, so one must accept it, or be burned, murdered, or driven to flight without any mercy at all. For they call him an earthly god [Note: Pope Julius II was in fact addressed as "a second god on earth" and Pope Leo X with the words "Your Divine Majesty." In respect to Leo X, his official on protocol wrote: "He is among us not as a man but as a demigod."] who is not simply man but an admixture of God and man. Indeed, they would like to say that he, just like Christ himself, is true God and man. But, God be praised, in the face of such a horrible blasphemy the sun has begun to lose its light, the curtain of the temple is torn in two, the earth shakes, the graves are opened, and rocks split [Matt. 27:45, 50 ff.]. "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, etc." [Isaiah 43:19] By this fruit, according to which the pope has placed himself in opposition to and above the text of the Gospel, one can indeed recognize the sacrilege in the holy place and distinguish between the gospel and his doctrine (I wanted to say blasphemy).

*Luther's Works*, 38:191-92.



As many of you know, Marq Rogers was diagnosed with Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma back in 2020. It was located only in his neck, but over the past several years, it has spread to his lungs. Marq has gone through numerous radiation treatments and surgeries these past few years. Back in July, Marq had a lobectomy to remove some nodules in his right lung. As of February 2024, the nodules in his lungs have increased in size and number. The doctors shared with Marq earlier this month that there is nothing else that can be done. Marq entered hospice care at his home earlier this week. Marq's medical needs are being met via Heartland Home Health Care but Marq and his family could use some love in the form of meals.

Marq, in particular, can tolerate soft foods (pasta, pizza, soup) he does enjoy smoothies as well. If you would be able to bless Marq, Alesa and the entire family with a meal please sign up. **Please contact Alesa prior to stopping by with your meal. You can reach her at 260-702-2169.** Please plan your meal to feed 5-6 people, as there are many family stopping in to help care for Marq and spend time with him.

**Address: 2327 Weisser Park Avenue, Fort Wayne**



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Easter Sunday  
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	Total Amount Enclosed		_____

***Pick Up Flowers after 9 am Service on Easter Sunday*** \_\_\_\_\_  
***Give Flowers to a Shut-In*** \_\_\_\_\_

*Return this form and monies to the church office by  
Sunday, April 13th, to have your dedication  
printed in the bulletin.*

## LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!

**Please pray for these students/staff:**

Brayden	Samuel
Avionna	Avari
Kyu Kyu	Wayde
May	Jaylyn
Avah	Ariza



### Fine Arts Festival



**CONCORDIA**  
*Fine arts*

The Fort Wayne Area  
Lutheran Schools Fine Arts  
Festival took place on  
March 23rd at Concordia  
Lutheran High  
School, showcasing  
the artistic and  
musical talents of students



from local Lutheran schools. The event  
featured student art on display and musical  
performances including choir and band  
concerts. LSUS's 4th Grade Honor  
Choir delivered a special  
performance and then performed  
with the mass choir. Additionally,  
intermediate and advanced band  
members took the stage,  
demonstrating their musical skills.



This festival provided young artists and musicians an opportunity to  
share their talents with the community while celebrating the  
importance of fine arts in Lutheran education.





## OPEN ENROLLMENT 2025- 2026

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS LOOKING  
FOR A GREAT SCHOOL?

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BJOHNSON@LSUSFW.ORG

260-744-0459

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



## IT'S PHOENIX SPIRIT WEAR TIME!

The Lutheran South Unity Apparel Store is now open!

<https://luthेरansouthunity.itemorder.com/shop/home/>



Check out what's available for your student and for you.

All orders will be processed after the store closes.



The store will **close at midnight on April 19th.**

### Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; his going out  
is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as  
the spring rains that water the earth. -Hosea 6:3

**2025 LWML Fort Wayne Three Zone Gathering**

***Blessed Are You* theme based on Matthew 5:1-12**

**Saturday, May 3, 2025**

**Emanuel Lutheran Church,**

**800 Green Street, New Haven , IN**

**Door # 11**

**Doors Open: 8:30a.m.**

**Breakfast: 9:00 a.m.**

**Registration: \$7**

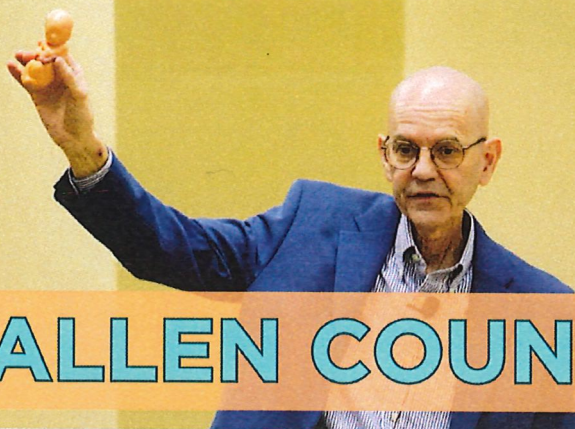
Gifts From the Heart In-gathering: Monetary offerings for Point of Grace Mission in Kenya and NEW GIRLS underwear size 8, 10, 12, 14, and 16

Come together in faith and fellowship for an inspiring morning with the Lutheran Women in Mission. Enjoy a warm tea party atmosphere with delightful conversations, uplifting discussions and a chance to strengthen your faith through worship!

**RSVP to your congregational representative by April 26, 2025**







# ALLEN COUNTY



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WORKSHOP

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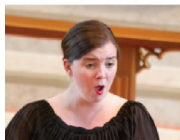


Koji Otsuki, Artistic Director

For tickets and more information visit  
[www.bachcollegium.org](http://www.bachcollegium.org)



## 2024-2025 Season



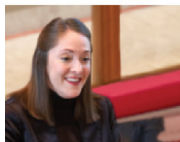
Sarah Shafer



Daniel McGrew



Edward Vogel



Ashlee Bickley



Brad Tatum



Leighann Daihl Ragusa

### Sun Nov 10 at 4 pm – Concert I Zion Lutheran Church, 2313 S. Hanna St., Fort Wayne

Ashlee Bickley, *mezzo-soprano*  
 Daniel McGrew, *tenor*  
 Edward Vogel, *baritone*  
 Leighann Daihl Ragusa, *flauto traverso*  
 Sung Lee, *oboe/oboe d'amore*

**J.S. Bach:** *Ich lasse dich nicht, du segnest mich denn*, BWV 157  
**J.S. Bach:** *Ich armer Mensch, ich Sündenknecht*, BWV 55  
**J. Brahms:** *Warum ist das Licht gegeben dem Mühseligen*, Op. 74, No. 1 [a cappella]  
**J.S. Bach:** *Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin*, BWV 125

### Sun Dec 1 at 2 pm – *Messiah* Sing-Along Queen of Angels Catholic Church, 1500 W. State St., Fort Wayne

The joy of singing *Messiah* is open for everyone in our annual *Messiah* Sing-Along, with **Thomas Remenschneider** directing. Bring your own score or borrow a copy we will have available. Holiday cookies will be served.

### Sun February 16 at 4 pm – Concert II Trinity Lutheran Church, 1636 St. Mary's Ave., Fort Wayne

Sarah Shafer, *soprano*  
 Ashlee Bickley, *mezzo-soprano*  
 Jonathan Busarow, *tenor*  
 Keith Brautigam, *baritone*  
 Brad Tatum, *corno da tirarsi*  
 Sung Lee, *oboe/oboe d'amore*  
 Luke Conklin, *oboe/oboe d'amore/recorder*

**J.S. Bach:** *Herr, wie du willst, so schick's mit mir*, BWV 73  
**J.S. Bach:** *Komm, du süße Todesstunde*, BWV 161  
**A. Bruckner:** *Motets; selection* [a cappella]  
*Zwei Totenlieder*, No. 1, WAB 47  
*Vexilla regis*, WAB 51  
*Zwei Totenlieder*, No. 2, WAB 48  
**J.S. Bach:** *Christus, der ist mein Leben*, BWV 95

### Sun April 27 at 4 pm – Concert III Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 917 W. Jefferson Blvd., Ft. Wayne

Sarah Shafer, *soprano*  
 Ashlee Bickley, *mezzo-soprano*  
 Mark Vogel, *tenor*  
 Edward Vogel, *baritone*

Esteban Hernandez Parra, *viola*  
 Sung Lee, *oboe/oboe d'amore*  
 Jenni Kirby, *oboe/oboe d'amore*  
**J.S. Bach:** *Wer da gläubet und getauft wird*, BWV 37  
**J.S. Bach:** *Alles nur nach Gottes Willen*, BWV 72  
**U.W.v. Wassenauer:** *Concerto armonico III in A major* [instrumental]  
**M. Durufle:** *Tantum ergo*, Op. 10, No. 4 [a cappella]  
**T. Kverno:** *Corpus Christi Carol* [a cappella]  
**J.S. Bach:** *Mein liebster Jesu ist verloren*, BWV 154





*"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now,"* writes St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians (PHIL. 1:3).

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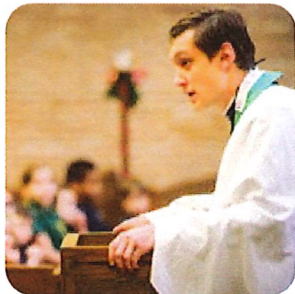
**THANKS**  
*be to*  
**God**  
for those  
who work in our  
congregations  
and schools!

**With this same gratitude,** we thank the more than 11,000 church workers who serve our Synod with the Word and mercy of Christ. Throughout this month, congregations and schools are encouraged to show their appreciation for all church workers.

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**For teachers especially** we give thanks, who teach God's Word to our children, dedicate countless hours to the classroom, who love the children of God they teach and who live a life of service to Christ and His church.

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**For all church workers,** from pastors to deaconesses to directors of Christian education, parish music, family life and outreach, who teach God's Word and point us to Christ. Tell them "Thank you!" this month for all they do!

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