

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

9:00 am Sunday, January 25, 2026

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] I will tell of your name | to my •brothers•; || in the midst of the congre- | ga- tion I will | praise you: || You who fear the LORD, | praise_ him! || All you offspring of | Ja- cob, •glori- fy | him.

Verse 1: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD, || and all the families of the nations shall | wor-__ ship be- | fore you. || For kingship belongs | to the LORD, || and he rules | •over• the na-__ | tions.

Verse 2: All the prosperous of the earth | eat and •worship•; || before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not | keep him- self a- | live_. || Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming | gen- er- •ation•; || they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that | he has done_ | it.

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

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Kyrie

Ky - ri - e ____ e - lei-son. Lord, have mer - cy.
Chri - ste ____ e - lei - son. Christ have mer - cy.
Ky - ri - e ____ e - lei - son. Lord, ____ have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glo - ry to God in the high - est. And on earth peace,
a - mong men with whom He is pleased. 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 -
migh-ty. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ,
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, who ta - kest a - way the
sin of the world, have mer - cy on us. Thou who ta - kest a - way the sin of the world,

re - ceive our prayer. Thou who sit - test at the right hand of God
 the Father, have mer - cy on us. For Thou on - ly art ho - ly. Thou on - ly
 art the Lord, Thou on - ly O Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
 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 after Epiphany: Almighty and Everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A ——— men!

Collect for the Conversion of St. Paul: Almighty God, You turned the heart of him who persecuted the Church and by his preaching caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world. Grant us ever to rejoice in the saving light of Your Gospel and, following the example of the apostle Paul, to spread it to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 +

Old Testament Reading..... *Isaiah 9:1-4*

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

Epistle of the Day *1 Corinthians 1:10-18*

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

[Rise] **Alleluia Sequence**

[Deacon] *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Alleluia!*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - ia!

Holy Gospel *St. Matthew 4:12-25*

[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 \ddagger of the world to come. Amen!

[Be Seated] Hymn of the Day..... O Christ, Our True Burgundy Hymn 839

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

Choral Voluntary..... Epiphany Canon

[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 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.

And with thy spir - it.

Lift up your hearts.

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 Epiphany, Sanctus

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly, Lord God of hosts:
Heav - en and earth are full of Thy glo - ry;
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord; Ho - san - na in the high - est.

[Kneel] Lord's Prayer

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

For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo - ry
for - ev - er and ev - - er. A - men.

Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

A - - men.

Agnus Dei

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!

[Be Seated]

Distribution Anthem I Want to Walk (Burgundy Hymn 411)

Distribution Hymn The People That Burgundy Hymn 412

[All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Women alone sing stanza 3; Men alone sing stanza 4;

All sing stanzas 5 & 6; Rise for stanza 6.]

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.



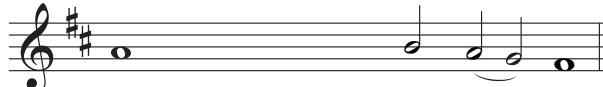
3. a Light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the Glo- ry of Thy peo-ple Is - - - - ra-el.
4. Glo- ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



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.

Bless we the Lord.



And with thy spir — rit.



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.

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 Praise the One Burgundy Hymn 849

Postlude

Readings for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany

The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,

on them has light shone.

You have multiplied the nation;

you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,

as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

For the yoke of his burden,

and the staff for his shoulder,

the rod of his oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

For 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.

The Gospel is St. Matthew 4:12-25

Now when [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled

“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,

the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
the people dwelling in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,
on them a light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

Hymns for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany

LSB839 O Christ, our True and Only Light

Johann Heermann

1. O Christ, our true and only light,
Enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear Your voice
And in Your fold with us rejoice.
2. Fill with the radiance of Your grace
The souls now lost in error's maze;
Enlighten those whose inmost minds
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.
3. O gently call those gone astray
That they may find the saving way!
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed
In you find peace and heav'nly rest.
4. Shine on the darkened and the cold;
Recall the wand'lers to Your fold.
Unite all those who walk apart;
Confirm the weak and doubting heart,
5. That they with us may evermore
Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore
And endless praise to You be giv'n
By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

LSB411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Kathleen Thomerson

Sung by the LSUS 3rd – 5th Grade Choir.

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1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus. *Refrain*

Refrain: In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2. I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

LSB412 The People That in Darkness Sat

John Morison

1. The people that in darkness sat
A glorious light have seen;
The light has shined on them who long
In shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
2. To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness,
The gath'ring nations come;
They joy as when the reapers bear
Their harvest treasures home, Their harvest treasures home.
- W3. To us a Child of hope is born,
To us a Son is giv'n,
And on His shoulder ever rests
All pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.
- M 4. His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
The Everlasting Lord,
The Wonderful, the Counselor,
The God by all adored, The God by all adored.
5. His righteous government and pow'r
Shall over all extend;
On judgment and on justice based,
His reign shall have no end, His reign shall have no end.
- △ 6. Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
And make us Thine alone,
Who with the Father ever art
And Holy Spirit, one, And Holy Spirit, one.

LSB849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Rusty Edwards

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1. Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.

2. Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle word;
Praise the One who drove out demons With the piercing two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand;
From this Well comes living water Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
3. Let us praise the Word incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.



What Doctor Luther Says:

About the Righteousness that God Himself Has Done

Every other kind of righteousness depends on how we live and what we do. So Moses says: "Do this, and you will live." But this is like a beam with large and rough knots. No matter what one does, it will not come out level and true, nor be profitable, just as Solomon also complains throughout Ecclesiastes. Even though one labors a long time and accomplishes a great deal, it does not assuage the conscience or give peace to the heart. Now, however, God Himself takes over and arranges for preachers to preach to us, not about our works but about what He wants to do for us. He proclaims His righteousness, which is grace or the forgiveness of sins through Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. When He does this, everything is put right. ...

[A]s a matter of fact and experience, this kingdom of Christ, begun at Zion or Jerusalem, has been spread abroad in the world; and this King, born of the Jewish nation, is being accepted everywhere merely through the Word of the Gospel, which the apostles preached. It has run abroad in the whole world and still runs ... This scepter, or the office of the ministry, God has made so powerful that hearts are lifted out of their blindness and freed from the devil's power and are brought to the right knowledge and obedience of God, becoming righteous, pious, holy, and saved. Neither the Law of Moses nor any other doctrine has ever been able to do this before.

As has been said before, here God has set up the kind of dominion which He leads and manages in person so that things will go as they ought, as it is written in Psalm 22:31: "And proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn, that He has wrought it." Since it says, "The Lord sends," it is clear that He is in charge and, as they say, does it Himself. For anything done through others, by giving commands, is never done right. But when the Lord does it Himself, it works and endures, so that one has to say: "It is the work of God." *Luther's Works, 13:269-70.*

The 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany



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:

Nathaniel Demlow, Joshua Fuchs

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), Abbey Kohler (4th),

Rachel Wiegman (3rd), John Fink (2nd), Hannah Fink (1st), Michelle Madden (K),

Natalie Reynolds (Art), Elisa Sawall (Music), Lee Buxton (PE), Cathie Wakeland (Literacy Coach),

Arianna Blake (LSEM), Melissa White (FWCS) & Sarah Wheaton (EACS) (Title I Tutors)

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 (case being decided by the Finnish Supreme Court)
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our teachers as they start of another academic year, our fieldworkers Nate Demlow and Josh Fuchs
- + For our nation; for our leaders; for our military, including James Hall & Thaddeus Cody
- + 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 or nearing death, especially Bob Ockree
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Marty Thomas, Darryl Kirtz, Jim Teasdale, Estella Ramirez, Carl Albersmeyer, Dick Hollman, Art Litke, Henry Williams, Debra Busche, Bill Weinrich, Dwight Bieberich, Jimmy Coffey, Al McFeter, Mike Ming, Earl Marcel Sisson, Elaine Seifert, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Gary Phillips, David Groth, Gary Castle, Ron Rastl, Robert & Jenny Hobby
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages
- + For the gift of life and for length of days, especially Dorothy Scaer and Keiko Klein, and for pregnant mothers Hannah Fink, Rachel Wiegman, and Gabrielle Voss
- + 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, especially Paul August Zinter
- + 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 after the Epiphany. The Cross Bowl is given by James Crouse remembrance of his death of his uncle Paul August Zinter on that day in 1988, born 2 March 1908. One of his grandsons, Alan Zinter, has had a career playing and coaching in Major League Baseball. The Altar Vases are given in celebration of the 95th birthday of Keiko Klein 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

January 25, 2026 thru January 31, 2026

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:45 AM	Congregational Assembly	Bauer Hall
MON.	5:30 PM	CEA Board Meeting	CLHS
TUES.	9:00 AM	Weekly Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	12 NOON	Administrative Council Meeting	Conference Room
	7:15 PM	Bach Collegium Rehearsal	Bauer Hall
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS.			
FRI.	7:15 PM	Bach Collegium Rehearsal	Bauer Hall
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
	12:00 PM	Rally and March for Life	Parkview Field
	10A-4P	Bach Collegium Rehearsal	Bauer Hall
February 1, 2026			
SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:45 AM	Education Hour	Various

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: Sem. Josh Fuchs continues with the class on Lutheran Identity in the Conference Room. And the Adult Class is studying St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians led by Pastor Punke and our field workers.

WELCOME LSUS 3-5 grade choir, families, and teachers. We're glad that you are here with us today, and we look forward to the choir's musical offerings. If you need help with the service, nudge a Zion member close to you or tap them on the shoulder. We do serve the Lord's Supper each Sunday. You are invited to come forward to the altar during the Lord's Supper, even if you're not a member of one of the churches of Lutheran South Association. Just cross your arms over your chest, and Pastor will give you a blessing. And if you'd like to learn more about becoming a member, talk to Pastor after the Service.

LWML will be cleaning the basement on February 7th and the 21st, 10AM-Noon. If you would like to help please contact Melvia. Also, starting in February on the third Sunday of each month, you can bring in your gently used clothes, shoes and household items to be donated to the Seminary. Melvia will have a table set up to receive the donated items and get them to the seminary.

ZION'S CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY (one of two annually) is today at 10:45 AM, following the Divine Service. You will hear reports from the pastor, treasurer, trustee, councils, and LSUS. Items of business include making nominations for Synod President, First Vice-President, and Regional Vice-President, offering up an overture to the Synod Convention, and electing our congregational lay elector (for Synod President). Please attend.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Leviticus 19:18— “You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.” Last week's verse was 1 John 2:2

WE LIVE IN AN “I CAN DO IT MYSELF” CULTURE that has been cultivated by our access to technology. Yet the question is, “Do I need help to create my Christian estate plan?” This month we consider that your estate plan represents the biggest collection of decisions with far more impact than any other decisions in life. Estate planning is more than a task such as filing your income taxes online. Your attorney, financial advisor, insurance representative, and tax advisor all have a responsibility to help you plan well. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help make sure all the communication is working with all these people, also making sure that your goals are being respected. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfnd.org.

THE ANNUAL RALLY AND MARCH FOR LIFE are this Saturday, January 31, at Parkview Field, 1301 Ewing St, Fort Wayne. The doors open at 12:00 PM; the Rally is 12:30–1:00 PM; and the March begins at 1:00 PM. Go to www.ichooselife.org/march for more info. We have a 2 ft by 5 ft banner to carry and show our support for life from conception to natural death. Any volunteers to carry/help carry it? **Also**, join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana for the **24th Annual Legislative Forum** on Saturday, February 7th, 2026, 9-11 AM, at Parkview Field (doors open at 8:15 AM). Attendees should follow posted signage to the Suite Level Lounge. This free event offers a unique opportunity to hear directly from state legislators and pro-life leaders about current legislative efforts and policies affecting the sanctity of human life. RSVP at www.ichooselife.org/forum.

CLHS'S FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT invites you to experience the beauty of the sacred choral music performed during the 2026 A Cappella Choir Tour (February 5-8). The tour's capstone is a special home performance on **Monday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m. in Kramer Chapel on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne**. Join us for an evening of inspiring music and help us celebrate the joy of choral worship. All concerts are free to attend and open to the public.

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

Matthew 4:12-25

Romans 15:1-13

Romans 15:14-33

Romans 16:17-27

2 Timothy 1:1-18

2 Timothy 2:1-26

2 Timothy 3:1-17

DAILY LECTORY

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Evening Prayer

Isaiah 9:1-4

Zechariah 2:1-3:10

Zechariah 4:1-5:11

Zechariah 6:1-7:14

Zechariah 8:1-23

Zechariah 9:1-17

Zechariah 10:1-11:3

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 after the Epiphany

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Micah 6:1-8

Matthew 5:1-12

ZION LADIES OF LWML



SECOND-HAND

CLOTHING DONATION

STARTING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026
EVERY 3RD SUNDAY OF THE
MONTH

DROP-OFF POINT:

TABLE IN GREAT HALL

ALL DONATIONS
WILL GO TO CTSFW
SEMINARY STUDENTS

PLEASE DONATE
CLOTHES THAT
ARE...

CLEAN & FRESH

Recently washed, free of
odors.

GENTLY WORN

No major stains, tears, or
fading.

FULLY FUNCTIONAL

Zippers, buttons, and snaps
must work.



LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!

Please pray for these students/staff:

Sophia	DaMonica
Nora	Kenny
Nolan	Jadence
Krishawn	Music
Alonte	Mr. Cullen



Celebrating Success: Second Quarter Medallion Day

Students celebrated second quarter Medallion Day on January 1th. We recognized students' hard work and dedication this second quarter. Students earned rewards for being on time, maintaining strong grades, participating in sports, and being involved in other activities throughout the quarter. In addition, our Honor Roll students were invited to a pastry brunch on Tuesday morning to recognize and celebrate their outstanding academic achievement.



Phoenix Basketball Tournament

We encourage all church members to come out and show your support for our varsity basketball and cheerleading teams as they compete in the LSAA Tournament this week! We won our division and get a bye the first round! Your presence and encouragement make a meaningful difference to our student-athletes as they compete and represent our community. Let's fill the stands with Phoenix pride and positive energy.

Lets go LSUS Phoenix!

PHOENIX SPORTS CORNER

WEEK OF JAN. 26TH - JAN. 31ST



Tournament Game:

Thursday, Jan. 29th 6:45 PM
@ St. Peters (FW)

Admission:

Adults \$6 Children \$3

Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." - John 16:33



FEBRUARY EVENT SCHEDULE

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FEB 2026

BRIDGE BOWLING BASH

7 PM GEORGETOWN BOWLING
6770 E STATE BLVD FT WAYNE
\$10/PERSON INCLUDES SHOE
RENTAL & 3 HRS OF BOWLING

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FEB 2026

MEETUP - COUNTRY HERITAGE SINGO SOCIAL
TAYLOR & FRIENDS AND WOMEN OF R&B
5:45 PM 0185 COUNTRY ROAD 68 LAOTTO

17
FEB 2026

THE PORCH NIGHT: SERIES ON VANITY: A STUDY
OF THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES
7 PM THE HOLY CROSS YOUTH CENTER
3420 N ANTHONY BLVD

24
FEB 2026

LENTEN EXPERIENCE WITH PASTOR CHAD
7 PM THE GREENHAUS
3504 N. ANTHONY BLVD
FOLLOWED BY FELLOWSHIP &
FUN!



*I praise you, for I am
Fearfully
and
Wonderfully
Made.*



Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?
And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered.

Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Matthew 10:29-31

Jesus speaks these comforting words to us to remind us that we have nothing to fear, not even death itself. God, in His divine omniscience, knows all the details of our lives. And, because He loves us, He uses that omniscience to guard us and keep us safely in His kingdom. After all, if God guards and keeps even the sparrows, how much more will He keep you, who are of more value than the sparrows?!

But this comforting word from Jesus also raises the question, why are you of more value than the sparrows? The answer to that question is the foundation for our understanding of the sanctity of all human life. We are all of more value than the sparrows because we have each been **“fearfully and wonderfully made”** (Psalm 139:14) in the image of God.

Unlike the rest of creation—like the sparrows—which God spoke into existence and upholds with His mighty Word, mankind was wonderfully **“made and fashioned”** by the hands of God (Psalm 119:73) from the **“dust of the ground”** (Genesis 2:7).

Even now, God continues to show great care in making each human being, **“knitting”** every one of us together in our mother’s womb (Psalm 139:13). Therefore, from the moment of conception when God knits us together until the moment of our death, at every stage and in every condition in between, each person is precious to God. We are each so precious that God was willing to send His only-begotten Son to bear the **“sin of the world”** (John 1:29) and invite us all into His eternal kingdom.

As we are each valuable in the eyes of God, we can receive every single neighbor as a gift from the Lord regardless of their size, abilities, impairments, or age. Likewise, as we have been called and redeemed by Christ, we act as precious gifts—loving, defending, and protecting each one of them.



For we are all Fearfully and Wonderfully Made.



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WORSHIP ANEW ENGAGES AND EQUIPS AGING ADULTS WITH RESOURCES TO LIVE A FULL AND ABUNDANT LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST.



How does our ministry support Aging Adults?

Our Worship Program

Worship Anew provides a weekly traditional service that is available all over the country on television stations, as well as online (through our website, TV app, and YouTube) and via DVD subscription, allowing viewers to watch their favorite sermons again. Our regular rotation of Lutheran pastors allows viewers to hear a message centered on God's Word and personalized for their stage of life.

Care Ministry

Our Care Ministry puts love into action. Our care package program provides an opportunity to do something for aging adults who are hurting, as well as those who are caring for them. By providing physical and spiritual resources, these care packages remind them they are loved and not suffering alone.

Hope-Full Living Devotion

Hope-Full Living is a daily devotion written for seniors, by seniors. The devotion is released quarterly. Every devotional is large print. You can also read or listen to the daily devotions on our app or online.

More ministry opportunities include:

Broadcaster Magazine

Website & App

Scan to watch a video about our ministry

**Watch Worship Anew locally on
WPTA 21.2 (NBC) at 7:00 AM Sundays &
WPTA 21.3 (MyNet) at 8:00 AM Sundays**

Learn more at WorshipAnew.org





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66th Annual



Fish Fry

&
Bake
Sale


Saturday Feb. 14

6318 West California Road

Fort Wayne, IN

Enter door 10

4:00 PM - 7:00PM

\$15

Adult

\$7

Children
4-12
years

Free

Children
3 & Under

Dinner includes :
all you can eat fish,
potato salad, baked
beans, and dinner
rolls with a drink

You may also
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JAN 2026

LINE DANCING LESSONS - ALL TYPES

7 PM THE FORT WAYNE BALLROOM COMPANY - 3127 CARROLL RD
\$5/PERSON- CHECK IN AT 6:45 PM

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JAN 2026

THE PORCH NIGHT: SERIES ON VANITY: A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES

7 PM HOLY CROSS YOUTH CENTER 3420 N. ANTHONY BLVD

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DEVOTION ANCHOR NIGHT WITH BRIAN LOESL FOLLOWED BY CARDS & GAMES

7 PM THE GARDEN 3308 N ANTHONY BLVD

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JAN 2026

MEETUP - RACK & HELEN'S TRIVIA | TACO TUESDAY

7 PM T525 BROADWAY STREET NEW HAVEN