

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR JUDICA, THE 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

9:00 am Sunday, March 22, 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] *Precious in the sight | of the Lord || is | the death of his | saints. || I | love the Lord,
|| because he has heard my voice and my | pleas for_ mer-__ | cy.*

Verse 1: **Because he inclined his | ear to me, || therefore I will call on him | as long
as I | live. || The snares of death en- | com- passed me; || the pangs of Sheol
laid hold on me; I suffered dis- | tress and__ an-__ | guish.**

Verse 2: *Then I called on the name | of the Lord: || “O Lord, I | pray de- •liver• my | soul!”
|| For you have delivered my | soul from death, || my eyes from tears, my | feet
from__ stum-__ | bling;*

[Antiphon] **Precious in the sight | of the Lord || is | the death of his | saints. || I | love the
Lord, || because he has heard my voice and my | pleas for_ mer-__ | cy.**

Kyrie



Salutation

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir— it.

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



A ——— men!

[Be Seated]

+ **The Office of the Word of God** +

Old Testament Reading..... **Ezekiel 37:1-14**

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

Epistle of the Day **Romans 8:1-11**

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

[Rise] **Tract**



[Deacon] *I am the | res- ur- •rection• || and__ the__ | life. || Whoever be- | lieves in me, || though he | die, yet_ shall he | live.*

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. John 11:17-27, 38-53**

[*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

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 Passiontide, Sanctus

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry; Ho - san-na Ho - san-na, Ho -
 san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He that
 com-eth in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the highest.

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

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

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glo - ry for-

ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

A - men.

Agnus Dei

1-3. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,

Stanzas 1 and 2 | Stanza 3

have mer-cy up - on us. Grant us Thy Peace. A - - - men!

[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns ... Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense ... Burgundy Hymn 741

[All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Men alone sing stanzas 3 & 5; Women alone sing stanzas 4 & 6; All sing stanzas 7 & 8.]

Why Should Cross Burgundy Hymn 756: St 1, 4 & 5

[Sing stanzas 1, 4 & 5; - OMIT stanzas 2 & 3.]

[Rise] **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.

Post Communion Rite

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

Ye do show the Lord's death till He__ come.

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 If God Himself Be for Me Burgundy Hymn 724

[*All sing stanzas 1, 2, 4, 5, & 10 - OMIT stanzas 3, 6 thru 9.*]

Postlude

Holy Week Schedule

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Palm Sunday, March 29

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 2

Divine Service 7:00 p.m.

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Part II: Good Friday, April 3

Divine Service 7:00 p.m.

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Part III: Holy Saturday, April 4

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 5

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 Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

The Epistle is Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

The Gospel is John 11:17-27, 38-53

When Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." ...

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

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?
- M 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!
- W 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.
- M 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.
- W 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!

LSB741 Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

Otto Von Schwerin

1. Jesus Christ, my sure defense And my Savior, now is living!
Knowing this, my confidence Rests upon the hope here given,
Though the night of death be fraught Still with many an anxious thought.

2. Jesus, my Redeemer, lives; Likewise I to life shall waken.
He will bring me where He is; Shall my courage then be shaken?
Shall I fear, or could the Head Rise and leave His members dead?
- M 3. No, too closely am I bound By my hope to Christ forever;
Faith's strong hand the Rock has found, Grasped it, and will leave it never;
Even death now cannot part From its Lord the trusting heart.
- W 4. I am flesh and must return To the dust, whence I am taken;
But by faith I now discern That from death I shall awaken
With my Savior to abide In His glory, at His side.
- M 5. Glorified, I shall anew With this flesh then be enshrouded;
In this body I shall view God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded;
In this flesh I then shall see Jesus Christ eternally.
- W 6. Then take comfort and rejoice, For His members Christ will cherish.
Fear not, they will hear His voice; Dying, they shall never perish;
For the very grave is stirred When the trumpet's blast is heard.
7. Laugh to scorn the gloomy grave And at death no longer tremble;
He, the Lord, who came to save Will at last His own assemble.
They will go their Lord to meet, Treading death beneath their feet.
8. O, then, draw away your hearts From all pleasures base and hollow;
Strive to share what He imparts While you here His footsteps follow.
As you now still wait to rise, Fix your hearts beyond the skies!

LSB756 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

Paul Gerhardt

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1. Why should cross and trial grieve me?
Christ is near With His cheer; Never will He leave me.
Who can rob me of the heaven
That God's Son For me won When His life was given?
4. From God's joy can nothing sever,
For I am His dear lamb, He, my Shepherd ever;
I am His because He gave me
His own blood For my good, By His death to save me.
5. Now in Christ, death cannot slay me,
Though it might, Day and night, Trouble and dismay me.
Christ has made my death a portal
From the strife Of this life To His joy immortal!

1. If God Himself be for me, I may a host defy;
For when I pray, before me My foes, confounded, fly.
If Christ, the head and master, Befriend me from above,
What foe or what disaster Can drive me from His love?
2. I build on this foundation, That Jesus and his blood
Alone are my salvation, My true, eternal good.
Without Him all that pleases Is valueless on earth;
The gifts I have from Jesus Alone have priceless worth.
4. He canceled my offenses, Delivered me from death;
He is the Lord who cleanses My soul from sin through faith.
In Him I can be cheerful, Courageous on my way;
In Him I am not fearful Of God's great Judgment Day.
5. For no one can condemn me Or set my hope aside;
Now hell no more can claim me; Its fury I deride.
No sentence now reproves me, No guilt destroys my peace;
For Christ, my Savior, loves me And shields me with His grace.
10. My heart with joy is springing; I am no longer sad.
My soul is filled with singing; Your sunshine makes me glad.
The sun that cheers my spirit Is Jesus Christ, my King;
The heav'n I shall inherit Makes me rejoice and sing.

The Fifth Sunday in Lent



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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

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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 Henry Williams, Jim Teasdale, Marty Thomas, Darryl Kirtz, Yolanda Turner, Carl Albersmeyer, Estella Ramirez, Dick Hollman, Art Litke, Bill Weinrich, Dwight Bieberich, Jimmy Coffey, Al McFeter, Mike Ming, Elaine Seifert, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Gary Phillips, David Groth, Gary Castle, Ron Rastl, Robert & Jenny Hobby, the Hernandez family
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages
- + For the gift of life and for length of days and for pregnant mothers, Rachel Wiegman and Gabrielle Voss
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones, the family of Debra Busche
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed, including Debra Busche, Donald Ganaway, & Jerry Seifert
- + 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 loving memory of Donald Ganaway in celebration of his 83th birthday by his wife Julie Ganaway and family. The Altar Vases are given in loving memory of Jerry Seifert by David & Davanna Seifert and family. 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

March 22, 2026 thru March 28, 2026

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:45 AM	Adult Bible Class	Bauer Hall
	10:45 AM	Alternate Adult/Youth Bible Class	Conference Room
MON.	5:30 PM	CEA Board Meeting	CLHS
	7:00 PM	CEA Delegate Meeting	CLHS
TUES.	9:00 AM	Weekly Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	12 NOON	Administrative Council Meeting	Conference Room
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:45 PM	Lenten Supper	Bauer Hall
	7:00 PM	Lenten Vespers	Church
THURS.			
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
		March 29, 2026 (Palm Sunday)	
SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service (starting in the Great Hall)	Church
	10:45 AM	Education Hour	Various

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: the Adult Class is studying St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians in Bauer Hall, today led by Sem. Josh Fuchs. The class on Lutheran Identity continues in the Conference Room.

THIS WEDNESDAY is a special day in the life of the Church: The Annunciation of Our Lord. We'll have a light supper at 5:45 PM as usual, but instead of Vespers at 7:00 PM, we will have a Divine Service celebrating the angel's announcement to Mary and the incarnation by the Holy Spirit. Come and rejoice in this grace in the midst of somber Lent.

NEXT SUNDAY is Palm Sunday and the start of Holy Week. We will begin the Divine Service in the Great Hall with the blessing of the palms and the Palm Procession.

EASTER BREAKFAST will be served on Easter morning from 7:45 AM until 8:45 AM. Egg casseroles and fruit will be served. You are invited to bring sweet breads/pastries to share for breakfast. The Festival Divine Service will be at 9:00 AM.

LWML will hold its Spring Three Zone Ingathering on April 11, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 2131 Getz Road, Fort Wayne, IN. Registration & breakfast is 8:30 – 9AM; the meeting starts at 9 AM. The cost is \$7. Please let DaVanna or Melvia know if you will be attending.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS for 2025 are set to expire on March 31. That date is fast approaching. If you still have 2025 Choice Dollars available, please consider directing them to Zion.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Romans 5:1—"Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Last week's verse was Ephesians 2:4-5.

WE LIVE IN AN "I CAN DO IT MYSELF" CULTURE. The truth is that with creating a Christian estate plan, we need an entire team, to assist us to make sure that our plan is well grounded. It may very well be that part of your planning has included insurance. Those insurance needs change during different eras of life. Past insurance plans to guard against potential disasters, might now provide great inheritance opportunities for family, or even a charitable gift. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in conversations with your insurance representative to make sure your insurance policies are coordinated in your plans. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@flnd.org.

CLHS: will be hosting **Twilight Tours** in April, and would like to invite prospective families to join them on **April 9** or **April 16**. These evenings are a great opportunity to explore the campus, meet members of our community, and learn more about life at Concordia.

CTFSW WILL OBSERVE HOLY WEEK with a Passion Choral Vespers featuring Heinrich Schütz's St. Matthew Passion sung by the CTSFW Schola Cantorum and soloists under the direction of Kantor Kevin Hildebrand. The service is open to the public and will take place in Kramer Chapel on Sunday, March 29, at 4:00 p.m. If you cannot attend in person, you can livestream the service at ctsfw.edu/daily-chapel. Also, the two most-anticipated services at CTSFW, will be held on April 28 and 29, when students will find out where they will serve as vicars, deaconess interns, and pastors in the coming year. We invite you to join us in Kramer Chapel or via livestream for these exciting events at 7:00 PM both days. **Then**, to the Alumni, students, community members, and friends of CTSFW you're invited to their annual Golf Outing at Noble Hawk Golf Links in Kendallville, Indiana, on May 29, 2026. The event begins with registration and a warm-up at 10:30 a.m. Lunch is provided, followed by a shotgun start at 12:45 p.m., with hole contests and prizes for flight winners. Proceeds from the event will help construct a new Food and Clothing Co-op for students and their families. For more details or to register, visit ctsfw.edu/Golf-Outing.

CAMP LUTHERHAVEN offers adventure, friendship, and playing classic camp games all while growing in faith, community and confidence. Programs are available for students from K-high school with options for families as well. Register online at lutherhaven.org or call 260-636-7101 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

John 11:17-27, 38-53
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 42:14-21
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

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Philippians 2:5-11 Jn 12:12-19 & Matt 26:1–27:66



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Resurrection, Our Hope in the Face of Death

You see why the Apostle uses these particular words: you should be different from the other people, who have no hope, simply because you believe that Christ rose from the dead and that through him death has been conquered. It is as if he were saying: In this way you have become people who are altogether different from what you were as you came from your father and mother and earthly being. Since you have been baptized in His name, as well as into His nature and kingdom, death and resurrection, you must remember that your whole attitude toward those things of which the world is terrified should be different, and that you should have eyes, ears, senses, and thoughts which are different from those you had before from Adam, when you were frightened and sorrowful, as those who had no hope. But now you no longer act this way, but think and speak just the opposite, confident that, because he has overcome death, he will also snatch us from death and bring us with him. For he rose again in order that he take us with him out of death into life and eternal glory [cf. Eph. 2:6].

This, after all, is what had to be done by the dear patriarchs, who had not yet seen the work and image of Christ's rising from the dead which has been presented to us, but saw it only in faith and from afar, as through dark blue clouds, whereas for us the clear, bright sun is shining. Nevertheless, they had to depend on Christ, who was still far away, and also soar up to the comforting thought that through his resurrection they too would rise up from death and live with him. That is why they sang such comforting songs: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" (Ps. 116 [:15]). ...

So they go on speaking, those devout hearts, and from such words they must have spun many a strong sermon ... for they have provided mighty and rich consolation, with which one can lift up a man's heart

Luther's Works, 51:245.

**Order Your 2026
Easter Flowers for
Easter Sunday
Now!**

PLEASE PRINT



Name :

Given in Loving Memory Of:

Other Dedication

Qty.	Description	Price Each	Total Amt \$
_____	6" Lilies (1 stem)	\$26.00	_____
_____	6" Tulips	\$20.00	_____
_____	6" Hyacinths	\$20.00	_____
_____	6" Hydrangeas	\$30.00	_____
	General Donation		_____

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
Wednesday March 31st, to have your dedication
printed in the bulletin.*

LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!

Please pray for these students/staff:

Brooklyn	Leilani
Ezra B	Kali
Artez	Jadence
Anyla	Aveyah
Yu May	



It's Scholastic Bookfair Time!

Share the Fair is the giving program built into the Scholastic Book Fair, empowered by contributions from people like you! These funds support students at our school who need help getting new books. Your contribution helps even more kids take home a book from the Fair—and experience the all-the-feels, read-past-lights-out rush that we call “Bookjoy.”

Learn how to contribute at

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/lutheransouthunityschool>.

The logo for Share the Fair Scholastic is set against a bright yellow background. It features a large, stylized heart outline in red. Inside the heart, the words "SHARE THE FAIR" are written in a bold, sans-serif font. "SHARE" is in red, "THE" is in white, and "FAIR" is in red. Below this, the word "SCHOLASTIC" is written in white on a red rectangular background. Two small red starburst graphics are positioned on either side of the text "No kid should leave the Fair empty-handed." which is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

**No kid should leave the
Fair empty-handed.**





Registration is now open at Lutheran South Unity School! We are excited to continue providing a strong academic foundation rooted in Christ-centered values. If you know any families with elementary-aged children who are looking for a nurturing, faith-filled school community, please help us spread the word. Your invitation and support make a meaningful difference as we grow this ministry together!

Enroll Now

Early Bird Specials

February 23rd–March 15th –\$60 with maximum of \$120
March 16th–April 30th \$80 with maximum \$160
May 1st–May 31st \$100 with maximum \$200
June 1st–June 30th \$120 with maximum \$240

Regular Tuition

July 1st–August 15th \$140 with maximum \$280

Registration must be paid within the registration discount dates for discount to apply

Contact Us  lsus.org  260-744-0459

Lutheran South Unity Kindergarten Round-Up & Pizza!!!

Registration for Kindergarten Admission for the new academic year is now open!!! Come join the fun!!!

April 16th 6p-7pm



5401 South Calhoun St
Fort Wayne, IN 46807

Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, let you strike your foot against a stone.

— Psalm 91:11-12

2026 LWML Spring Three Zone Gathering

Date: Saturday, April 11, 2026

Power and Glory through Christ based on Ephesians 3:20-21

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church

Address: 2131 Getz Road, Fort Wayne, IN

Registration and Breakfast: 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

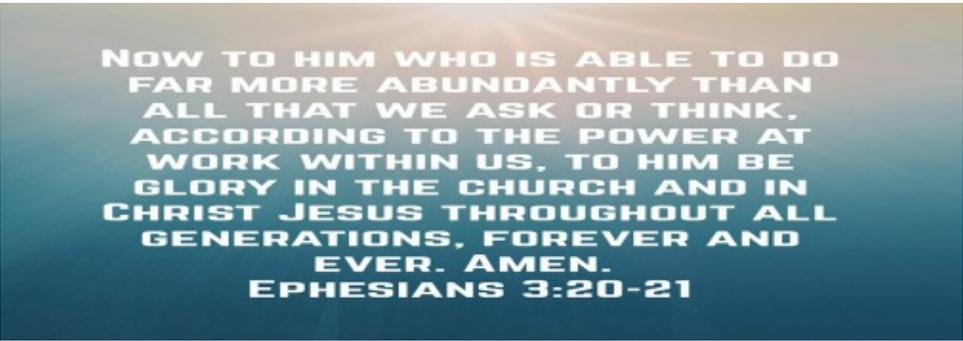
Meeting Begins: 9:00 a.m.

Registration Fee: \$7.00

Speakers: Rev. Jeffrey and Deaconess Gina Teeple

Gifts from the Heart In-Gathering: Monetary Gift in support of Rev. Jeffrey and Deaconess Gina Teeple's mission work in Eurasia and small Biblical children's books, (such as the ARCH books) and Biblical activity and coloring books for use in Missionary Care Packages.

Please RSVP to your congregational representative by April 3,
2026



**NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DO
FAR MORE ABUNDANTLY THAN
ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK,
ACCORDING TO THE POWER AT
WORK WITHIN US, TO HIM BE
GLORY IN THE CHURCH AND IN
CHRIST JESUS THROUGHOUT ALL
GENERATIONS, FOREVER AND
EVER. AMEN.
EPHESIANS 3:20-21**

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.

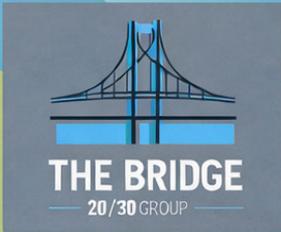
GENTLY WORN

No major stains, tears, or fading.

FULLY FUNCTIONAL

Zippers, buttons, and snaps must work.





MARCH EVENT SCHEDULE

FACEBOOK: BRIDGE 20/30 GROUP FT. WAYNE | INSTAGRAM: THEBRIDGE2030

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MARCH 2026

MEETUP: LIVE MUSIC

7 PM THE CLUB ROOM @ THE CLYDE
CAROLYN & DAVE MARTIN
FLATBREAD SPECIAL!

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MARCH 2026

THE PORCH NIGHT: SERIES ON VANITY

7 PM THE HOLY CROSS YOUTH CENTER
3420 N ANTHONY BLVD

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MARCH 2026

BRIDGE SKATE NIGHT

8-10:30PM BELL'S SKATI&I RINK
7009 IN-930 FT WAYNE

\$10 ADMISSION & SKATE RENTAL
WEAR YOUR GREEN!

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MARCH 2026

LENTEN EXPERIENCE WITH PASTOR CHAD

7 PM THE GREENHAUS
3504 N. ANTHONY BLVD
FOLLOWED BY FELLOWSHIP & FUN!

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MARCH 2026

NO BRIDGE 20/30
CLOSED FOR SPRING BREAK

CAMP LUTHERHAVEN ALBION, IN



CAMPERSHIPS
AVAILABLE



Children - Youth - Teens - Families



...INTO ADVENTURE