

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am Sunday, April 12, 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] **Easter Acclamation**



Christ is risen. Al- le- lu- ia! He is risen in- deed! Alleluia! Al- le- lu- ia!

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.

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

Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir— it.

Collect for Quasimodogeniti: *Almighty God, grant that we, who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection, may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

A ——— men!

[*Be Seated*] + **The Office of the Word of God** +

First Reading..... **Acts 5:29-42**

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

Epistle of the Day **1 Peter 1:3-9**

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

[*Rise*] **Sequence Hymn** **O Sons and Daughters** **Burgundy Hymn 471**

[*All sing the opening "Alleluia"; Subdeacon sings stanza 1; Women sing stanza 2; Men sing stanza 3; All sing the "Alleluia".*]

Holy Gospel **St. John 20:19-31**

[*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!

[After the Gospel has been returned to the Altar following the Creed, the congregation is seated.]

Hymn of the Day O Sons and Daughters Burgundy Hymn 471

[All sing the opening "Alleluia"; Men sing stanzas 4 & 6; Women sing stanzas 5 & 7;
All sing stanzas 8, 9 and the final "Alleluia".]

Sermon

Reception of New Members

[Rise] **Prayer of the Church**

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

[Be Seated] **Offerings**

Voluntary

[Rise] **OffertoryCreate in Me a Clean Heart, O God**

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres- ence, and
take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of
Thy sal-va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

Preface

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

And with thy spir-it. We lift_ them up un-to_ the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is meet ___ and right so ___ to do. ___

Proper Preface for Easter, Sanctus

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

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



Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

[Remain standing] **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



[Vs. 1 & 2] O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the



sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



[Vs. 3] O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the



sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - - men.

[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns **These Things Did Thomas** **Burgundy Hymn 472**
Jesus Lives! **Burgundy Hymn 490**

[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.



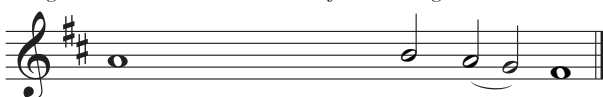
4. Glo- ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.



5. As it was in the beginning, is now, and e-ver shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Post Communion Rite

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



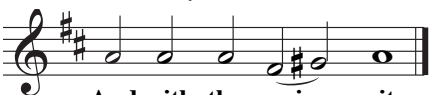
And His mercy endureth for - ev — er.

Prayer of Thanksgiving ...now and forever.



A — men.

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir — rit.

Bless we the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



A-men, A-men, A - men.



Christ is risen. Al- le- lu- ia! He is risen in- deed! Alleluia! Al- le- lu- ia!

During the Recessional, the Congregation turns and faces the Processional Cross, the symbol of Christ's promise to remain with and lead His people as they now go and live in the world in His name.

Recessional Hymn The Day of Resurrection Burgundy Hymn 478

Postlude

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Readings for the Second Sunday of Easter

The First Reading is Acts 5:29-42

But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

The Epistle is 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have

not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Gospel is John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Hymns for the Second Sunday of Easter

LSB471 O Sons and Daughters of the King (Sequence) Jean Tisserand

Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

- S 1. O sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave hath lost its sting! Alleluia!
- W 2. That Easter morn, at break of day,
The faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!
- M 3. An angel clad in white they see,
Who sits and speaks unto the three,
"Your Lord will go to Galilee." Alleluia!
- All Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

LSB471 O Sons and Daughters of the King (HOTD) Jean Tisserand

Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

- M 4. That night the Apostles met in fear;
Among them came their master dear
And said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia!
- W 5. When Thomas first the tidings heard
That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!
- M 6. "My pierced side, O Thomas, see,
And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia!
- W 7. No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia!
8. How blest are they that have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!
9. On this most holy day of days
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia!
- Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

LSB472 These Things Did Thomas Count as Real Thomas H Troeger

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1. These things did Thomas count as real:
The warmth of blood, the chill of steel,
The grain of wood, the heft of stone,
The last frail twitch of flesh and bone.
2. The vision of his skeptic mind
Was keen enough to make him blind
To any unexpected act
Too large for his small world of fact.
3. His reasoned certainties denied
That one could live when one had died,
Until his fingers read like braille
The marking of the spear and nail.
4. May we, O God, by grace believe
And thus the risen Christ receive,
Whose raw, imprinted palms reached out
And beckoned Thomas from his doubt.

LSB490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

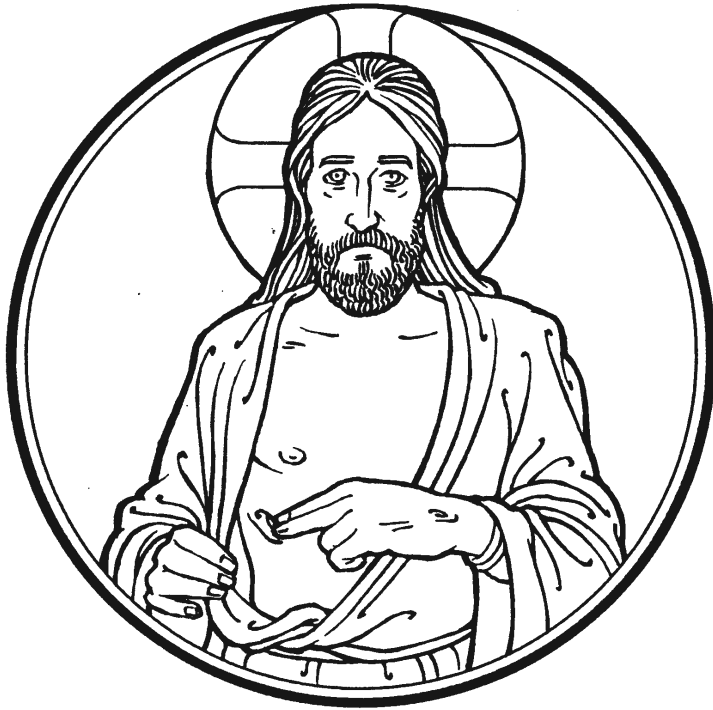
1. Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave Christ will recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.
2. Jesus lives! To Him the throne High above all things is given.
I shall go where He is gone, Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.
3. Jesus lives! For me He died. Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense; This shall be my confidence.
4. Jesus lives! I know full well Nothing me from Him shall sever,
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense; This shall be my confidence.
5. Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense; Jesus is my confidence!

LSB478 The Day of Resurrection

John of Damascus

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
The passover of gladness, The passover of God.
From death to life eternal, From sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over With hymns of victory.
2. Let hearts be purged of evil That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light
And, list'ning to His accents, May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.
3. Now let the heav'ns be joyful, Let earth its song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen, Our joy that has no end!
- △ 4. All praise to God the Father, All praise to God the Son,
All praise to God the Spirit, Eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number Fall down before the throne
And honor, pow'r, and glory Ascribe to God alone!

The Second Sunday of Easter



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

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

The Pastoral Ministry at Zion

Senior Pastor:

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Principal:

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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 (as they decide how further to proceed)
- + 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, Karen Coleman, Darryl Kirtz, Carl Albersmeyer, Estella Ramirez, Dick Hollman, Art Litke, Bill Weinrich, Dwight Bieberich, Damita Jordan, Jimmy Coffey, Al McFeter, Mike Ming, Elaine Seifert, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Gary Phillips, David Groth, Gary Castle, Ron Rastl, and Robert & Jenny Hobby.
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages, especially Jim & Judy Voelz
- + 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
- + 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 Second Sunday of Easter. The Cross Bowl is given in thanksgiving for God's blessings during 49 years of marriage of Jim & 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 12, 2026 thru April 18, 2026

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	LWML Meeting	Church
	10:45 AM	Adult Bible Class – Ephesians	Bauer Hall
	10:45 AM	Alt Adult Class – Lutheran Identity	Conference Room
MON.			
TUES.	9:00 AM	Weekly Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	9:30 AM	FW South Circuit	Lutheran Life Villages
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Divine Service	Chapel
THURS.	10:00 AM	Book of Concord study	Bauer Hall
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

April 19, 2026

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

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: the Adult Bible Class continues its study of Ephesians, chapter 2, in Bauer Hall, led by Sem. Josh Fuchs. The Alternate class on Lutheran Identity continues in the Conference Room with Rich Schwantz as the leader.

WE WELCOME Chase Mertz to our fellowship at Zion today. Chase is the 6th grade homeroom teacher at LSUS and Middle School Social Studies teacher. He has transferred to us from Ascension.

SECOND HAND CLOTHING: don't forget that next Sunday is the drop off date for clothing household items and shoes. Melvia will get them to the seminary.

SPRING CLEANING: The grass is getting greener, which means it's almost time for Zion's spring clean-up. Please join us Saturday, April 25, between 9 a.m. and noon as we turn mulch, rake leftover leaves, trim bushes, and do other chores needed to keep Zion beautiful. Bring shovels, garden rakes, tarps, and other needed equipment. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Kevin Leininger at 615-9896.

THE GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN UP: if you are interested in helping clean up the neighborhood on May 2, 9AM-11AM, please let Melvia know so that she can plan on having t-shirts, gloves, and snacks ready.

LWML ladies of Zion, DaVanna would like a crew of ladies to help deep clean Bauer Hall and the kitchen on April 25, at 9:00 AM. If you would like to help please let her know.

A HOPE CENTER'S annual fundraiser banquet is April 21, at 6:30 PM at the AC Memorial Coliseum. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Guest speaker is recording artist and author Matt Hammitt. Melvia has reserved two tables; there are 15 seats open. It's free; donations are welcomed at the event. Please let Melvia know if you're interested in attending. Thanks.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Ephesians 2:13-14 "Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility." Last week's verse was Romans 10:9-10.

A GOOD GIFT PLAN WITHIN AN ESTATE includes inheritance for family and gifts to ministry. Sometimes the family side of things can be a bit tricky to plan. Should you let your family members know the details of your gift plan from your estate, for family and ministry? It depends on many circumstances. But if at all possible, it is a great thing to draw family members in at the time of planning, to celebrate God's blessings together and to inform family members of your intentions so that they can do their part of honoring those intentions. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in those conversations. 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 16. This evening is a great opportunity to explore the campus, meet members of our community, and learn more about life at *Concordia*.

CTSFW, the two most-anticipated services at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (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. Both services will be livestreamed on ctsfw.edu/callday.

LSEM is looking for a temporary maternity substitute position for a full-time resource room teacher position at St. John Lutheran School in Kendallville, IN. Applicants must hold a current Indiana Teaching License and have a special education certification/endorsement. Interested applicants looking for more information or wishing to submit a resume are asked to contact Richard Schumacher at (734) 748-5253 or email him at rschumacher@luthsped.org.

RLNI: In a 3-hour introductory training, learn how to approach people outside our local abortion referral facility peacefully, prayerfully, and lovingly and redirect them to life-affirming alternatives in our community. Training is May 13, 2026, time 9AM-Noon, at 3106 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46805. To register go to <http://ichooselife.org>

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 20:19-31
Luke 4:16-30
Luke 4:31-44
Luke 5:1-16
Luke 5:17-39
Luke 6:1-19
Luke 6:20-38

DAILY LECTIONARY

The Second Sunday of Easter

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

Evening Prayer

Acts 5:29-42
Exodus 22:20–23:13
Exodus 23:14-33
Exodus 24:1-18
Exodus 25:1-22
Exodus 31:1-18
Exodus 32:1-14

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 Third Sunday in Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

1 Peter 1:17-25

Luke 24:13-35



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Righteousness that Comes from Christ

It is surely a great comfort that it did not please God that His Son should become man from any other material than the human race. He wanted His Son to become our brother and to adorn us with the exceedingly great honor of having a God born and made man in our flesh and blood.

These facts are so grand and sublime that they cannot be apprehended and understood in any other manner than by faith, which produces in us that spiritual confidence through which we firmly believe that we have eternal peace in heaven and on earth — not in ourselves, of course, but in the Seed of Abraham.

But here every thought and presumption of one's own righteousness must be put aside. Moreover, that Seed must be carefully separated from all works. For the Seed of Abraham conceived by the Holy Spirit is not my work. But our righteousness and the Seed are distinct things. Works, of course, are called, and actually are, blessings. Of these John 14:12 says: "Greater works than these will he do." But they are truly good only if the blessing is there first.

The blessing of the Seed, however, is the work of another; it is not our own. Therefore justification must be ascribed neither to the righteousness of the Law nor to the papistic traditions; but I shall bless myself in Christ Jesus, our Deliverer, so that he who boasts, boasts of the Lord (1 Cor. 1:31). In Ps. 105:3 we read: "Glory in His holy name." Then we shall boast with confidence and everlasting joy.

Luther's Works, 4:162.

Holy Land Christians Are Going To Be Our Guests We Will Hear Their Story and See Their Beautiful Olive Wood Crafts

On April 19, during the announcements before the service, we will be hearing about the life of Christians of the Holy Land, and after the service we will be hosting in Bauer Hall a display of handmade olive wood religious articles from Bethlehem that you may purchase. These carvings include olive wood Nativity sets, crosses, Christmas ornaments, candle holders, angels and many other religious crafts that could make nice wedding, baptism, confirmation, Easter, or Christmas gifts. The carvings are handmade by Christian families from Bethlehem who rely on their sale for their daily bread.

More than 70% of the Christian community in the Holy Land depend upon tourism as their only source of income. For decades those Christians have been enduring many hardships as tourism in Bethlehem has plummeted and access to other sources of income has been sharply restricted due to ongoing conflicts, wars, a 12-yard-high wall built around Bethlehem, the COVID-19 pandemic, and most recently, the catastrophic war in Gaza for the more than two years. Because of these, tourists are afraid and unable to visit the Holy Land, and that has made it very difficult for Christian families to find their daily bread and has forced them to emigrate and flee their homeland, since they have lost their source of income. The Christian population of the Holy Land was 30% in the last century, but today it is less than 1%. If this trend continues like this, in few years we will find no Christians in the land of Christ, which could cause tragic consequences to our faith and the holy sites there.

We welcome your prayers, but we are also asking that you support your Christian brothers and sisters in the town of Bethlehem where Christ was born by purchasing their carvings.

Next Sunday, a Christian's family from Bethlehem [I know not who, yet] will be given time before the Divine Service to tell us the story of the Christians of the Holy Land, and they will be presenting these carvings after the services.

It is never too late to help. All proceeds go to support Christian families from Bethlehem .

Let us carefully tend to our roots, that is, to the Christian children of God in the Holy Land. And let us pray together for peace in the land where our Savior was born, walked, taught, suffered, died, and rose again to win the world's salvation.



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EARLY MUSIC
COLLECTIVE

Consolation & Praise: Protestant Reflections of the Heart

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

Pre-Concert Lecture: 6:40 PM

Concert: 7:00 PM

Zion Lutheran Church • 2313 South Hanna Street

Free Admission

Program

Christoph Bernhard (1628–1692) — Psalm 42,6: “Was betrübst du dich, meine Seele” (1665)

Philipp Friedrich Böhdecker (1607–1683) — Sonata for Violino Solo in D minor (1651)

Philipp Friedrich Böhdecker — “O Vater aller Frommen” (1651)

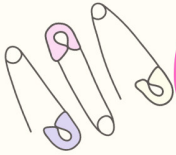
Samuel Capricornicus (1628–1665) — “Adeste omnes fideles” (1669)

Dietrich Buxtehude (ca. 1637–1707) — “Singet dem Herrn ein neues Lied,” BuxWV 98

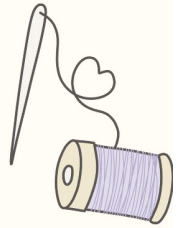
Philipp Heinrich Erlebach (1657–1714) — Trio Sonata No. 2 in E minor (1694)

Heinrich Schütz (1585–1672) — Psalm 1: “Wohl dem, der nicht wandelt im Rat der Gottlosen,” SWV 290 (1636)





CRAFTING SATURDAY



Come and do a DIY craft with us or learn something from other crafters, or just come hang out with us there's always something for everyone. The first Saturday of every month.

CREATIVE DIY
TECHNIQUES

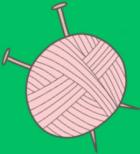
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DESIGN BASICS

PAPER CRAFTS
& KNITTING

SEWING, CROSS
STITCHING

PAINT, CLAY,
FELT, JUTE

CANDLE &
SOAP MAKING



SATURDAY,
APRIL 18, 2026

9:00am - 12:00pm
Bauer Hall

Due to Holy week Crafting Saturday was moved until April 18, 2026

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.





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!

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

Enroll Now

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:

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

— Matthew 11:28

SHEPHERD OF THE CITY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S
18TH ANNUAL



ORGANIST NICOLE BUSAROW

HYMN FEST

Presence (Genesis 28:16)



SUNDAY | APRIL 19, 2026 | 4PM
1301 S. ANTHONY BLVD.
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF 18 YEARS
OF HYMNODY IN FORT WAYNE

Please Join us as we worship our Lord Jesus Christ during this special event, which celebrates 18 years of hymnody for Shepherd of the City Congregation. Nicole Busarow is a child of God, daughter, sister, wife, and mother of four. Mrs. Busarow holds a Masters of Sacred Music degree from the University of Notre Dame and a Bachelor of Music degree in church music – organ from Valparaiso University. She has taught and played music for more than a decade in churches and schools in Michigan and Indiana. She also teaches music at Redeemer Classical School.

- A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW THE SERVICE.
- THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
- FREEWILL OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN TO SUPPORT THE RESTORATION OF OUR HISTORIC SANCTUARY.



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APRIL EVENT SCHEDULE

FACEBOOK: BRIDGE 20/30 GROUP FT. WAYNE

7
APR 2026

MEETUP: THE ITALIAN CONNECTION
7PM DINNER MENU & LIVE MUSIC!
***** 2725 TAYLOR ST, FT WAYNE

14
APR 2026

PORCH NIGHT
7PM THE HOLY CROSS YOUTH CENTER
***** 3420 N. ANTHONY BLVD

21
APR 2026

BRIDGE DUCKPIN BOWLING NIGHT
7-10PM THE FAIRFIELD - PINHOUSE SOCIAL
***** 1510 FAIRFIELD AVE, FT WAYNE
**\$12.50 BURGERS & PINT BEER SPECIAL
& FULL MENU!**

28
APR 2026

**THE GARDEN - ANCHOR DEVOTION NIGHT
WITH BRIAN LOESEL & BUNCO**
***** 3308 N. ANTHONY BLVD, FT WAYNE



The Shepherd's Hand
COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER

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shepherdshandfw.org

5K RUN & WALK



MAY 2ND, 2026

Time

9 AM - 10 AM

Location

1231 S Anthony Blvd.
Fort Wayne, IN



Ready to join the 5K fun? Find race info and registration at

[runsignup.com/Race/IN/FortWayne/
TheShepherdsHandCommunity5k](https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/FortWayne/TheShepherdsHandCommunity5k)

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