



THE REPORTER

*When they look on Me,
On Him whom they have pierced,
They shall mourn for Him,
As one mourns for an only child.
(Zechariah 12:10)*

The prophet Zechariah is known to most people as the prophet who proclaimed Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem. We read Zechariah 9 every Palm Sunday and First Sunday in Advent.

Zechariah not only prophesies about the beginning of Holy Week. He prophesies about the end of Holy Week as well. He prophesies about the Messiah being pierced, causing great mourning among the people. Don't remember that happening? Don't remember that during the Passion? Let's refresh your memory.

*And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle,
When they saw what had taken place,
Returned home beating their breasts.
(Luke 23:48)*

Jesus gave up His spirit. All the miracles that surrounded Jesus' death had taken place. Even to the staunchest among the Pharisees and Sadducees, this was evidence that something supernatural had just gone wrong. Everyone who had assembled on Golgotha to witness Jesus' crucifixion went home beating their breasts. They were mournful because of all that had transpired. All that they had seen with their eyes, heard with their ears, felt with their hands and feet. They could not deny the fact that something terrible had transpired. Yet, many of them continued to refuse to believe what they had seen.

How are we to focus on these verses today? How can we find comfort in Zechariah's prophecy of Jesus' piercing? We have mixed reactions. We mourn for His piercing because of our sin. However, we also rejoice because His piercing brings us salvation. We look upon the cross with hope and love because the cross is where hope and love were joined for all eternity. On the cross, the hope of all the nations was crucified. On the cross, God shows His sacrificial love for us.

Jesus' piercing brings us comfort in our own pain. He was pierced that we might mourn our sins. But He was also pierced so that we might know, for certain, that God has given us everlasting life with Him in Heaven. We have that promise now. All because Jesus was "pierced for our transgressions ... and with His wounds we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5).

In Christ,

Rev. Doug Minton

Men's Bible Breakfast

We will continue studying the *Psalms of the Messiah* on November 9. Dean L. will be our host. This month, we will focus on Psalm 101. All men of the congregation are encouraged to join us.

Focus on the Family Inserts

Each month, the Focus on the Family insert is available. Cost to sponsor these inserts is \$16/month. If you want to sponsor November or December, talk to Renee. Grab your copy from the narthex.

Wednesday Fellowship Meal

We will have our Wednesday Fellowship meal November 6 at 6pm. This month we will have a Soup Night. Talk to Renee if you want to bring a pot of your favorite soup or any extras.

Sunday School News

Our Sunday School children will be singing during service on November 10. Starting November 17, the children will begin practice for the Christmas Program.

Special November Birthday

On November 7, Melvin Rieches will celebrate his 98th birthday. He loves his family and waiting for the mail. Can you help fill his mailbox with cards and well wishes? His address is 315 N. Axtel, Milford. Thank you!

All Saints' Remembrance

The church celebrates All Saints' Day on November 3. We will remember those that have died this past year. If you would like a friend or family member that has died between November 2023 and October 2024 included, please send their name, birth date, baptism date (if known), and death date. Please send that to the church office by October 30, 2024.

Prairieview Lutheran Homes Thank You

The 50th Anniversary Fall Festival was a huge success! Thank you for all your help and support. When we talk about 50 years of Prairieview, it is community that has driven us to be able to celebrate such a historic milestone. Thank you for being you and lending a helping hand in bringing together our communities. It was the biggest event we have ever hosted. Our hearts are full, and we cannot wait to do it again next year!

-Jared Lauritson

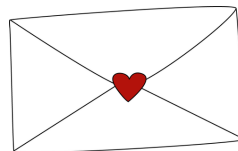
Thanksgiving and Advent Services

We will gather for the Divine Service Thanksgiving Day, November 28 at 9:00am.

Our Wednesday Advent Services will be Wednesday, December 4. Meal at 6pm, Service at 7pm. This year Pastor's series will be "From Heaven Above". Look for more information in the December newsletter.

Remember Those Unable to be with Us on Sunday Morning

Dianne Estes	423 N Dixie Hwy
Delmer Henrichs	IMH Residents Home, 200 E. Fairman Ave
Arlene Hines	503 S Chicago St
Sara Janssen	325 E Orange, Rm 303
Dorothy Knake	106 Fritz Dr
Joanne Sloan	2364 E 900 North Rd
Brenda St. Peter	817 S Hanson Dr



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Poinsettia Orders

If you would like to purchase poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary for Christmas, please fill out the order form and give it to Renee or put form and payment in the Secretary mailbox in the narthex. Poinsettias are \$15. Extra order forms are in the narthex. Return orders by November 17.

Radio Ministry Fund

For 2024, the Radio Ministry Fund is behind \$691. The last quarter (July - Sept) \$100 was donated to the Radio Ministry while \$1800 was spent. If you would like to make donations to the Radio Ministry, please note that on your check. **Radio Sponsorships** are also available. If you have a special day you would like recognized, you can sponsor a Sunday morning radio broadcast. The cost for us to broadcast our service each week is \$150. Radio sponsorship donation is \$75 or more. Give date sponsoring to Renee (anytime throughout the year) to be added to the Radio scrip that is read each week.

Missions Fund

Our yearly missions goal is \$20,000. This money is split up between several different people/organizations helping to spread the gospel. Currently, our missions money given is just over \$10,500. We are coming up short with 2 months left in the year. Thank you to those that have donated to missions throughout the year. If you haven't donated to missions this year, you still have time.

2025 Offering Envelopes

Envelopes have arrived and we are getting them ready for distribution. If you have not used them in the past and would like a set OR if you have not used yours and don't want a set in 2025, please let Renee know by November 13 at 10am. Thank you for helping us update our records.

St. Paul's Lutheran School of Woodworth Upcoming Events

The students at St Paul's invite all veterans to join them for a Veterans Day program at 2:00 pm on Monday, November 11th in the gym. Everyone is welcome and the students would appreciate the opportunity to honor you for your service.

St. Paul's is hosting a **Fish Fry** on Friday, November 15th. Carry-outs begin at 4:00 pm in the lunch room with dining in the gym beginning at 5:00 pm. Free will donations will be accepted to benefit student technology.

Daylight Saving Time Ends

On Sunday, November 3 at 2am, daylight savings time ends. Remember to "Fall Back" and gain an hour of sleep before our Divine Service at 9am.

Podcast of the Month

Our podcast for November is the **Coffee Hour** podcast from KFUE. Andy Bates and Sarah Gulseth bring you stories of the intersection of Lutheran life and a secular world. Catch real-life stories of mercy work of the LCMS and partners, updates from missionaries across the ocean, and practical talk about how to live boldly Lutheran.

Wrestling with Theology Schedule

Confessional Corner – November 25 – Formula of Concord

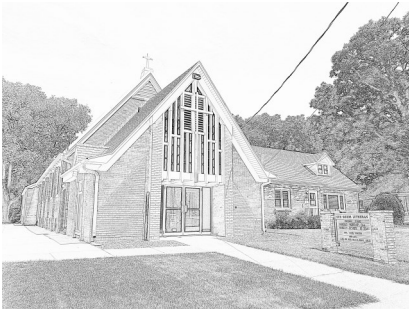
Digging Deeper

November 7 – Testing the Spirits in Love (1 John 4)

November 14 – Faith Is the Victory (1 John 5)

November 21 – The Elect Lady Walking in Truth (2 John)

November 28 – Beloved Gaius (3 John)



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Worship Service 9:00 am
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
10:30 am

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**Join Us Every Sunday Morning for Service
starting at 9:00 am**

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