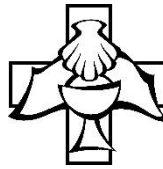


The Third Sunday in Lent  
 The Sunday of Jesus Rejected & Called Evil  
 March 3, 2024



**SERVICE  
 OUTLINE**

**INTROIT** - Ps. 25:1-2, 17-18, 20; *antiphon*: Ps. 25:15-16

*Antiphon*

**P** *My eyes are ever toward the LORD,  
 for he will pluck my feet out of the net.  
 Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
 for I am lonely and afflicted.*

**P** To you, O LORD,  
 I lift up my soul.

**C** **O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;  
 let not my enemies exult over me.**

**P** The troubles of my heart are enlarged;  
 bring me out of my distresses.

**C** **Consider my affliction and my trouble,  
 and forgive all my sins.**

**P** Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!  
 Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
 and to the Holy Spirit;  
 as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Antiphon*

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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| † | Hymn   | 424                                   |
| † | Conf. &<br>Absolution  | 203                                   |
| † | Introit  | (left)                                |
| † | Kyrie  | 204<br><i>(Omit Gloria in Lent)</i>   |
| † | Salutation &<br>Collect  | 205                                   |
| † | Readings &<br>Responses  | 205<br><i>(Omit Alleluia in Lent)</i> |
| † | Nicene Creed   | 206                                   |
| † | Hymn   | 521                                   |
| † | Sermon   |                                       |
| † | <i>(Offerings Presented)</i>   |                                       |
| † | Prayers  | 159                                   |
|   | *Each petition ends with:<br><i>P: ..let us pray to the Lord,<br/> <b>C: Lord, have mercy.</b></i> |                                       |
| † | Service of the<br>Sacrament  | 208ff                                 |
| † | Distribution<br>Hymn   | 435                                   |
|   | Hymn   | 542                                   |
| † | Nunc Dimittis  | 211ff                                 |
| † | Benediction  | 212                                   |
| † | Hymn   | 582                                   |

## Exodus 8:16-24

<sup>16</sup>[In those days:] The LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, so that it may become gnats in all the land of Egypt.'" <sup>17</sup>And they did so. Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt.

<sup>18</sup>The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast. <sup>19</sup>Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." But Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Rise up early in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh, as he goes out to the water, and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, "Let my people go, that they may serve me. <sup>21</sup>Or else, if you will not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants and your people, and into your houses. And the houses of the Egyptians shall be filled with swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand. <sup>22</sup>But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where my people dwell, so that no swarms of flies shall be there, that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth. <sup>23</sup>Thus I will put a division between my people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall happen.'"

<sup>24</sup>And the LORD did so. There came great swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh and into his servants' houses. Throughout all the land of Egypt the land was ruined by the swarms of flies.

## Ephesians 5:1-9

<sup>1</sup>[Brethren:] Be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup>And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

<sup>3</sup>But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. <sup>4</sup>Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. <sup>5</sup>For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an

idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. <sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not associate with them; <sup>8</sup>for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

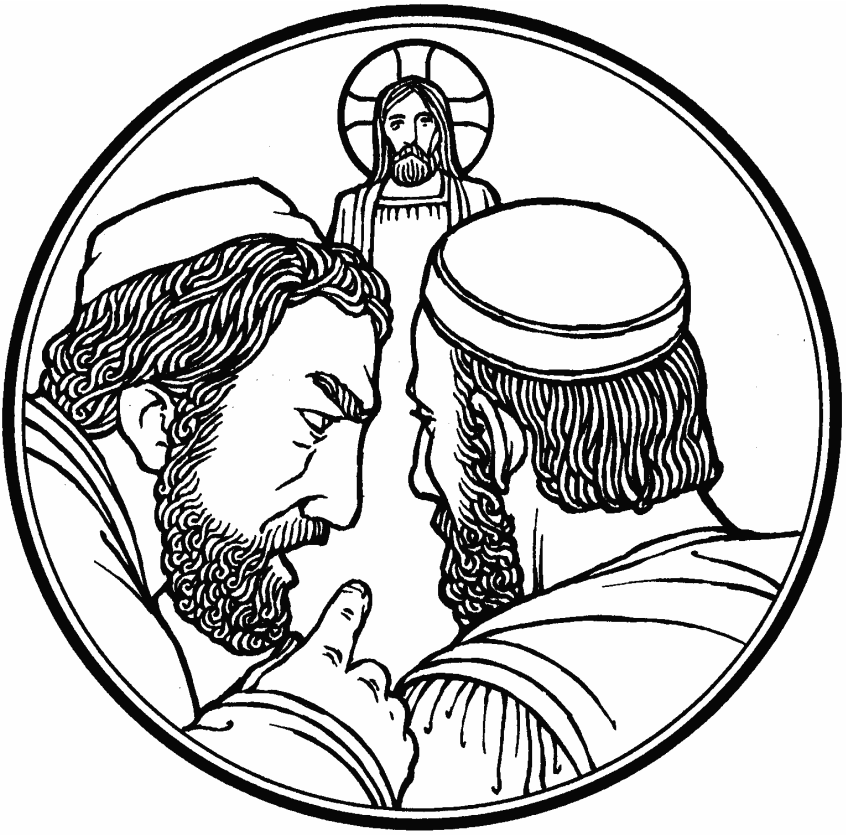
## Luke 11:14-28

<sup>14</sup>[At that time:] Jesus was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled.

<sup>15</sup>But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons," <sup>16</sup>while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. <sup>17</sup>But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. <sup>18</sup>And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. <sup>19</sup>And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. <sup>20</sup>But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>21</sup>When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; <sup>22</sup>but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. <sup>23</sup>Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

<sup>24</sup>"When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' <sup>25</sup>And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. <sup>26</sup>Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first."

<sup>27</sup>As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!" <sup>28</sup>But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"



## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

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| Liturgy.....            | Divine Service, Setting Four, p. 203    |
| Opening Hymn .....      | 424 O Christ, You Walked the Road       |
| Sermon Hymn .....       | 521 Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken |
| Distribution Hymns..... | 435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain     |
|                         | 542 When I Behold Jesus Christ          |
| Closing Hymn .....      | 582 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage    |



**THE LORD'S SUPPER** is being celebrated today. Trinity Lutheran upholds the Scriptural practice of Closed Communion. God's Word teaches the real presence of Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. It also teaches that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Cor. 11:27-29) and that Holy Communion is a confession of what is taught and believed at this altar (1 Cor. 11:26). Therefore, for your own spiritual welfare, if you are not yet instructed, in doubt, or if you hold a confession differing from that of this congregation (that is, belong to another church body or denomination), and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, you are asked to first speak with the pastor.

*The*  
**Word** *or the* **Lord**  
*endures* **Forever**



*Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum*

*1 Peter 1:24-25*

## EVENTS AND INFO

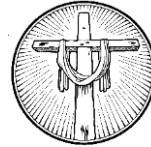
- **LENT MIDWEEK SERVICE** this Wednesday, March 6, at 6:30pm with soup supper preceding at 5:45pm.
- **LENT SOUP SUPPER** We'll have one Lent Soup Supper this Wednesday, March 6 at 5:45pm in the Parish Hall. The Boehnes are hosting it with the help of some others just for fun and for old times' sake! Everyone is welcome. Join us for soup, homemade bread, and desserts.
- **GREAT MUSIC OPPORTUNITY:** The Kapelle choir from Concordia University Chicago will be performing a concert at Christ Lutheran Church, 311 Hershey Rd, Normal next Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. The choir is directed by Dr. Charles Brown and will be finishing their Spring Tour at Christ Lutheran. A freewill offering in support of the Kapelle will be received.
- **UPDATE ON ORGAN AND SOUND SYSTEM:** We've received prices from Allen and Rodgers organ companies. We're setting up times to go hear a couple new installations. As to the sound system, we'll be receiving a bid soon and are looking into a second. The Board of Elders are leading the research into the sound system.
- **EASTER:** There will be an Easter Breakfast meeting after church today in the kitchen for anyone interested in helping this year. Also, there are still envelopes in the narthex to purchase a lily in memory of a loved one. See the envelope for instructions.
- **EASTER FLYERS** are on the table in the narthex to invite people to our Good Friday and Easter services. Pick one up and give it away or hang it on a bulletin board around town.

## LENT & EASTER 2024

Mar 6, 13, 20

6:30pm Lent Midweek Services

*Soup Supper on March 6 at 5:45pm.*



**March 24<sup>th</sup> - 10am Palm Sunday /  
Confirmation Sunday**

**March 28<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm Maundy Thursday  
Divine Service**

**March 29<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm Good Friday  
Service**

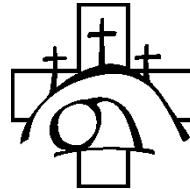
**March 31<sup>st</sup> - Easter Sunday!!**

**7am Sunrise Divine Service**

**8am Easter Breakfast**

**9am Easter Scavenger Hunt**

**10am Festival Divine Service**



**Theme for Holy Week 2024**

## **TO THE TESTIMONY!**

(Isaiah 8:20)

To the Testimony of the Blood of the  
New Testament (Maundy Thursday)

To the Testimony of the Water of  
Baptism (Good Friday)

To the Testimony of the Preaching of the  
Word (Easter Sunrise)

To the Testimony of the Empty Tomb!  
(Easter Festival Service)

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

|                  |         |                                     |
|------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>TODAY</b>     | 9:00am  | Sunday School and Bible Study       |
|                  | 10:00am | Divine Service with Holy Communion  |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | 8:30am  | Preschool                           |
|                  | 9:00am  | Quilting Ladies                     |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | 8:30am  | Preschool                           |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | 8:30am  | Preschool ( <i>Chapel at 8:45</i> ) |
|                  | 9:00am  | Bible Study (Parish Hall)           |
|                  | 10:30am | Bible Study at El Paso Health Care  |
|                  | 3:30pm  | Confirmation                        |
|                  | 6:30pm  | Lent Service with Holy Communion    |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | 8:30am  | Preschool ( <i>Chapel at 8:45</i> ) |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | 8:30am  | Preschool                           |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | 9:00am  | Sunday School and Bible Study       |
|                  | 10:00am | Divine Service with Holy Communion  |

### PASTOR BOEHNE'S SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

|     |   |
|-----|---|
| M:  | Bible Study Wenona / Anna Lehr Funeral AM; Office PM          |
| T:  | Office Day  |
| W:  | Bible Studies in AM; Lent@Wenona/Confirmation PM; Church 6:30 |
| Th: | Visits All Day  |
| F:  | Family Day  |
| S:  | Office AM   |



### THOSE SERVING TODAY

|                |                               |
|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Pastor .....   | Rev. Jonathan P. Boehne       |
| Elder .....    | Paul Meyers                   |
| Organist ..... | Dr. Tim Fredstrom             |
| Ushers .....   | Darrell Schieber & Ben Boehne |
| Acolyte.....   | Kasie Wills                   |

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## SERMON ON LUKE 11:14-28



# “STRONGER”

### Sermon Outline

1. The Problem: Satan and his demonic horde.
  - a. *“When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe...”*
2. The Answer: Jesus the Stronger Man and His Nike (victory)
  - a. *“But when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil.”*
3. The Warning: No neutral ground.
  - a. *“Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.”*
4. The Prescription: Fully Armed and Guarded!
  - a. *“Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”*

## DOCTRINE FOR THE DAY *(From Small Catechism)*

### **The Sixth Petition**

And lead us not into temptation.

*What does this mean?*

God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

### **The Seventh Petition**

But deliver us from evil.

*What does this mean?*

We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

### *283. How does God help us to resist those threats?*

He provides us with the Word of Christ, the Holy Spirit, Baptism, Absolution, the Lord's Supper, and the gift of prayer as armor and weapons.

948 **Romans 13:14** But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

949 **1 Corinthians 10:13** No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

950 **Ephesians 6:11, 17-18** Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ... And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.



## LAST SUNDAY

*The Second Sunday in Lent*

"This is the will of God—your holiness" (1 Thess. 4:3. God is extremely patient, gracious, and forgiving toward us sinners who continue to struggle in the fight against sin. At the same time, He also desires us to walk closer and closer to Jesus every day and further away from the world, leaving behind our old sinful desires.



## NEXT SUNDAY - March 10, 2024 The Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Sunday of Feeding 5,000

Ex. 16:2-21; Gal. 4:22—5:1a; John 6:1-15

Hymns: 711, 743, 423, 709, 774

Doctrine: Coveting and Contentment (9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Commandments)



## DAILY READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS



### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*LSB p. 299*

|                |   |               |
|----------------|---|---------------|
| <b>Mar. 3</b>  | Gen. 27:30-45; 28:10-22                 | Mark 9:1-13   |
| <b>Mar. 4</b>  | Gen. 29:1-30<br><i>Gen. 29:31—34:31</i> | Mark 9:14-32  |
| <b>Mar. 5</b>  | Gen. 35:1-29                            | Mark 9:33-50  |
| <b>Mar. 6</b>  | Gen. 37:1-36                            | Mark 10:1-12  |
| <b>Mar. 7</b>  | Gen. 39:1-23                            | Mark 10:13-31 |
| <b>Mar. 8</b>  | Gen. 40:1-23                            | Mark 10:32-52 |
| <b>Mar. 9</b>  | Gen. 41:1-27                            | Mark 11:1-19  |
| <b>Mar. 10</b> | Gen. 41:28-57                           | Mark 11:20-33 |

## PRAYER LIST

- † Nancy Eichelberger
- † The family and friends of Anna Lehr
- † Paul Brennan (son of Jeanne)  
Larry Byrd (Cancer)  
Nick Cargill (cancer – cousin of Amy Whisker)  
Evangeline Crump  
Roger Fredrickson (friend of Todd Johnson)  
Linda Hocker  
Ethan Jeffreys (cancer)  
Bev Jones (cancer)  
Brian Kurz (cancer)  
Erika, stepdaughter of Rhonda (Phillis) Martin  
Jerry Whisker
- † For those suffering from mental illness
- † For those who don't believe in Jesus Christ
- † For our nation & leaders; for our police & emergency services
- † Military: Adam Burton 3051 Albacore Circle K18, Silverdale, WA 98315  
James & Annley Armstrong (grandchild of Marilyn & Darrell Schieber)  
Michael Kearney (LCMS Chaplain from El Paso)  
Shelby Oertwig (Grandson of Connie Wills)  
John Richardson (nephew of Valerie Boehne)
- † Rev. Matthew Harrison, Synod Pres.; Rev. Michael Mohr, District Pres
- † Trinity Lutheran Preschool, Michelle Wahls & Linda Haas



# CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT

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*“Change and decay in all around I see”  
(LSB 878:4).*

Plants which died in the fall decay rapidly in spring. Human beings can die at any time of year, followed by our own decay. The ethical decay around us “stinks to high heaven.” Our sinful nature is so decayed that “I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want, that I do” (Rom. 7:8).

But God provides the antidote to decay. Psalm 16:10 expresses our Christian hope: “You will not leave my soul for sheol; You will not allow Your Holy One to see decay.” St. Paul (following St. Peter’s Pentecost sermon) explained this: “David, after assisting with the plan of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was added to his fathers and saw decay. But He whom God raised [Jesus Christ] did not see decay. So, it should be known to you, brothers, that through Him forgiveness of sins is announced to you; and from all things from which you could not be justified in the law of Moses, in Him everyone who believes is justified” (Acts 13:36-39).

The sinless Son of God “died for our sins” (1 Cor. 15:3) “and was raised for our justification” (Rom. 4:25), so that “everyone who believe in Him would not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). “In Him we live and move and exist” (Acts 17:28). “Oh, Thou who changest not, abide with me!”

Rev Mark Eddy – CID Board of Directors- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Zion Lutheran Church, Taylor Ridge, Illinois

**Pray For Our Central Illinois District Missions supported by your church’s Mission Dollars to the District. “Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored.”** Please remember in your prayers Cristo Rey (Christ the King) Lutheran Church in East Moline, and Pastor Pablo Dominguez, where the ministry is conducted almost entirely in Spanish.

## ***Items of Interest to Share***

**Dollar for Missions (DFM) Update:** After two months of 2024, CID has completed its first two DFM projects this year: 1) mileage money to support Pastor David Dunlop’s Prison Ministry visits to Lincoln, Illinois every week (\$1,800) and 2) funding for St. John, Beardstown to purchase a few Spanish language hymnals (\$300). The current DFM project is for \$2,100 to provide Pastor Pablo Dominguez of Cristo Rey, East Moline honoraria as he conducts Spanish languages services and Bible classes in Beardstown twice a month for the second half of this year. Thanks to all CID churches participating in DFM! For more, see <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-a-dollar-for-missions.html>

**The latest CID GatePost issue**, released at the beginning of Lent, contains important information about decline in the District's capacity to continue supporting missions here and through the national Synod. Every CID congregation is receiving a letter from the District President, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary on this important subject. Watch for it! (see News and Event Tab on CIDLCMS.org website or see <https://www.cidlcms.org/resources/gatepost/2024.GatePost.1.pdf> Also,

**Every-weekday Lenten Services continue** at Trinity, Springfield (across the street from the state capitol) through Good Friday, 12:15-12:40 p.m. Short sermons are on "The Life of All the Living – Jesus," telling the story of Christ winning salvation for us, with applications to life today. If you know people who work in downtown Springfield or have other reasons to go there, please suggest that they attend – and bring friends!

**Illinois March for Life:** Wednesday, April 17, 2024, As last year, Trinity Lutheran Church in downtown Springfield (across the street from the state capitol building) will host a Matins service in the morning, before the rally and march, and a light lunch will be provided at a nominal cost. Precise times are being determined. This year, parking will be available to you downtown at the State House Inn, a block north of the capitol and near Trinity. However, please make plans now to carpool whenever possible.

**2024 Institute on Liturgy Preaching and Church Music Scholarships  
July 9-12, 2024**

**Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska**

Thanks to a generous grant from the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund, 35 full scholarships (early bird registration fee) are available for church musicians. For more information on the conference and application, see the CID website News and Events tab or visit the following link;  
<https://www.cidlcms.org/resources/gatepost/2024.GatePost.1.pdf>

**2024 Central Illinois District Youth Bible Bowl:** "The Gospel according to St. John." In the best way you know how, study the Gospel according to St. John with your young people so they get to know better the only true God, and Jesus Christ. The CID Bible Bowl is planned for Sunday, April 14 at Camp CILCA. Circuit Bible Bowls may be held in March. If you would like more information, you may contact Pastor Mark Eddy at Zion Lutheran Church, Taylor Ridge, Illinois ([zionlcms@juno.com](mailto:zionlcms@juno.com)) or 309-795-1063.

**National Youth Gathering – Summer 2025 – New Orleans**

Plans are already underway to bring your youth and adults a fantastic experience. The theme for this upcoming Gathering is Endure, based on Hebrews 12:1-3.

Jonathan Guse is the DCE from Bethel Morton, and Christy Malinowski is the DCE from Trinity Bloomington, and they will be the District Coordinators for CID! Both have had many years experience in not only leading a group, but each has also had experience as District Coordinators!

We wanted to make sure you are connected to the LCMS Youth Gathering website: <https://www.lcmsgathering.com>. There you can find information, FAQ, resources, zoom link sign-up for monthly meetings, and more.