SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
HOLY COMMUNION
Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

April 12, 2026 – 10:00 AM

WELCOME!

We are delighted you are here today.
Everyone is welcome at Zion and all – without exception – are welcome to Holy Communion.

FREE COFFEE
Why not join us for some great coffee and conversation after worship near the east entryway. See you there!

CONNECT
To connect with the Zion community, scan this QR code. You can indicate prayer requests and find a link to subscribe to Zion's newsletter.

PRAYER PODIUM
Inside the sanctuary entrance is a Prayer Podium. You can write prayer request(s) to be included in today's Prayers of Intercession.

ACCESSIBILITY
All floors of the building are accessible by elevator. Sanctuary space is available for those with wheelchairs, walkers, or strollers. Please ask an usher if assistance is helpful. Large print bulletins are available.

NAME TAGS
We want to be a place where everyone knows your name! Name tag stickers are available on the welcome table in the gathering space. When you want one, a permanent name tag will be provided.

WORSHIP LIVESTREAM
We livestream worship on YouTube and the Zion Facebook page. You might appear in the livestream, but for security purposes, our children's sermon is blurred.

WiFi Network: Zion Guest
WiFi Password: Zion5822321

CHILDREN
We welcome kids of all ages! Children are invited to enjoy the carpeted zone in the rear of the sanctuary. There are activity bags on hooks along the back wall. Check out our Kids Station in the same area. If you wish to take your child (<4 yrs) to our staffed nursery, it is in the lounge across from the sanctuary.

GATHERING

** Indicates stand as you are able*

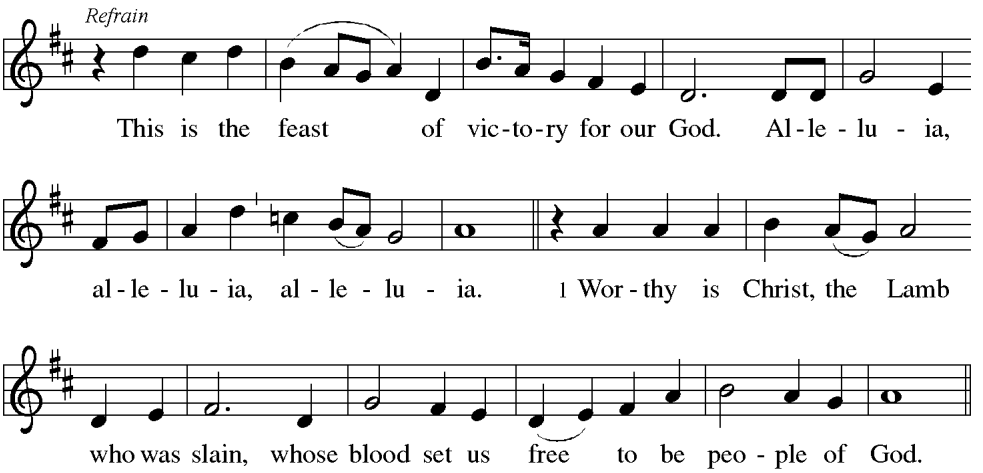
PRELUDE Fugue in C Major ("Jig") Buxtehude

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 384 * *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

GREETING, HYMN OF PRAISE, & PRAYER OF THE DAY *

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**



Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.
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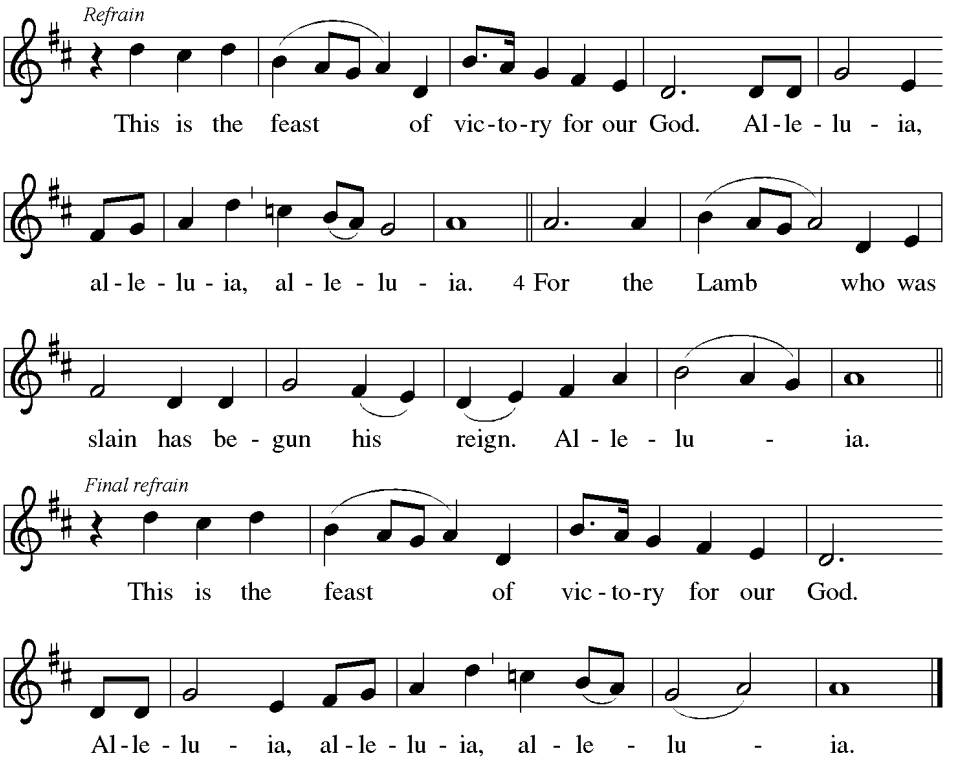
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 3 Sing with all the peo-ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,
glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, **the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

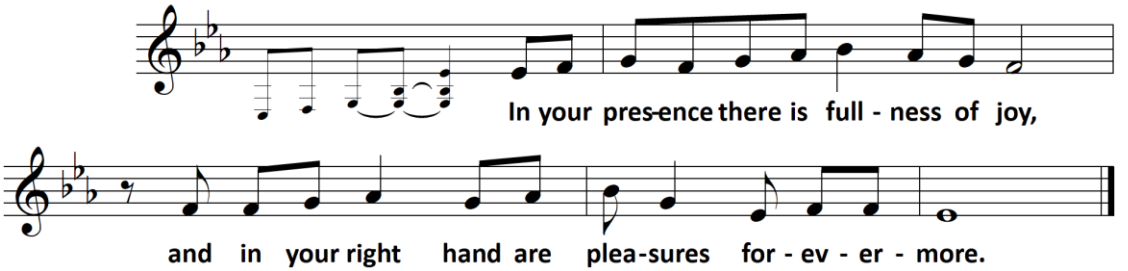
"This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 16

Refrain

D. Chamberlin



Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.
But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.
I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips. **Refrain**

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who upholds my lot.
My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.
I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.
I have set the Lord always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. **Refrain**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.
You will show me the path of life; **Refrain**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ALLELUIA

HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 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 retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, 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 the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, 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. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt 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 come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 390 * *The Risen Christ*

APOSTLES CREED *

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *

After each petition ending: Merciful God, *congregation responds:* **Receive our prayer.**

Pastor concludes: Hear our prayers, O God, for it is into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING

With gratitude, we receive offerings during worship to support the mission and ministries of Zion Lutheran Church. You may make your Sunday offering in one of two ways:

- ☩ By placing your offering in the plate that is passed now or
- ☩ Scan the QR code with your phone.

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING "All Creatures of Our God and King" Chamberlin

OFFERING PRAYER *

Let us pray. Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *

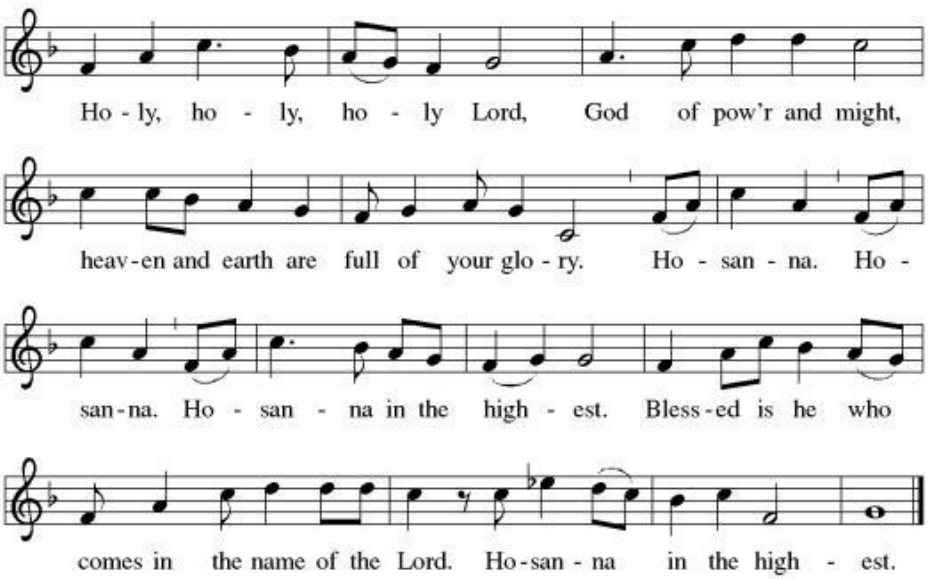
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

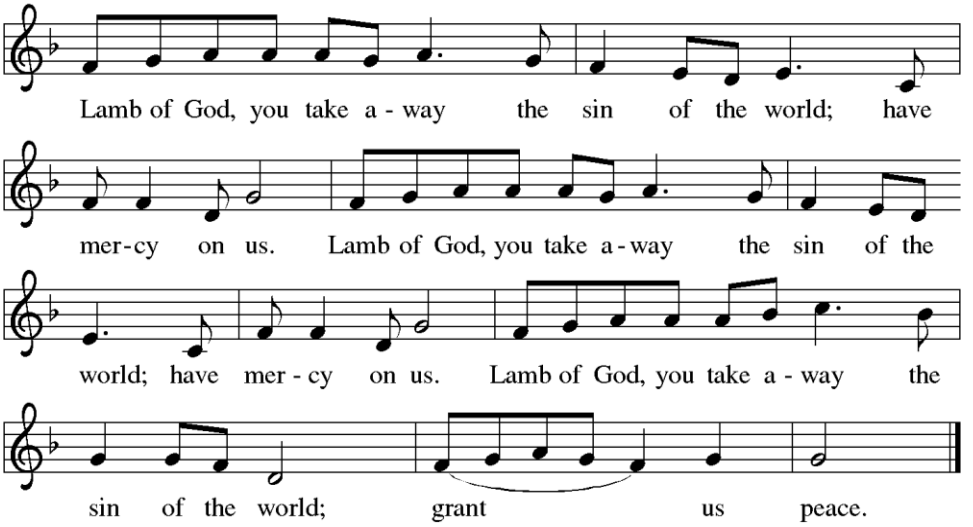
Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen, amen, amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to Holy Communion at Zion. To receive communion, please come forward at the direction of the ushers, forming two lines in the center aisle.

To receive the bread, place one hand in the other, like a manger or a bowl. Once you receive the bread, you may continue to the side to intinct the wafer in either wine (red) or grape juice (white). Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

If you would like to receive a blessing only, simply cross your arms in an x form across your chest and you will receive a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN 367 *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

COMMUNION HYMN 635 *We Walk by Faith*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING *

May the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *

Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION *

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and peace. In the name of the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN 535 * *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*

DISMISSAL *

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE Fugue in G Major ("Jig") Bach

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TODAY'S MINISTRY LEADERS

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Assisting Minister	Liz Prystas
Organist/Pianist	David Chamberlin
Cantor	Rachel Kibler
Reader	Michael Drews
Communion Assistants	Erin Basta / Marc Foulks
Altar Guild	Ann Marie Mogren / Steve & Marie Newton
Ushers	Doug Graham
Counters	Paula Dastrup & Ann Marie Mogren
Fellowship Hosts	Jan Heins & Don Schroeder

Congregation Council: President – Joe Darnell; Vice President – Ross Anthony; Treasurer - Dennis Gross; Secretary - Liz Prystas; Sabrina Bell, David Buff, Jon Hall, Steve Newton, Cynthia Rowatt, Gavin Tonkyro

Zion Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation – We are committed to being a loving and welcoming community of faith in Jesus Christ. As a community of God, we welcome all. We celebrate the manner in which diversity enriches, nurtures, and challenges the life and ministry we share in Christ. Our Table is open and we invite all to full participation in the life of our church regardless of race, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, socio-economic and marital statuses, physical or mental capacities, age, or social position. We commit to the work of anti-racism and all forms of structural, systemic, institutional, and personal bias.

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UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Lilies – Please feel free to take your Easter lily with you after worship today. Thanks to all who helped cover the cost of our Easter flowers.

Special Congregational Meeting: Sunday, April 19, 2026 - Zion's congregation council has recently approved updated versions of **Zion's Constitution and Bylaws**. Please join us following worship Sunday, April 19th to discuss and vote on these revised documents. A few copies of the Constitution and Bylaws are available in the Narthex. Please return them so others can take a look. They are also linked in the Friday newsletter.

Dinner Church! Please join us on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the Terrace Room. We'll enjoy a simple meal and fellowship around a common table, along with music, prayer, scripture, and Holy Communion. All are welcome! We encourage you to invite friends and family who may be interested in worshipping in a less formal setting. Please contact Liz Prystas (eprystas@gmail.com) with questions.

2026 Vacation Bible School Music Camp – June 15-19. Mon-Thur 9 AM- 3 PM; Fri 9 AM - 1:30 PM, with a family mini-concert at 1 PM. Ages: completed Kindergarten-6th grade. 5th and 6th graders will have Praise Band and lap dulcimer instruction. $25 per child for the week. If you are interested in helping support VBS Music Camp, please email Susan Swidnicki at sljswidnicki@gmail.com or stop by the church office for more information. For registration/payment https://www.zelc.org/vacationbibleschool.html**.**

ZELC Opportunity to Serve - It's great to see so many people enjoying coffee, snacks, and conversation in the Atrium after Sunday worship. To keep it going, we're looking for one or two families each week to bring simple snacks. Coffee is provided and there are always people to assist as needed. Please sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Chet Johnson: chetj.slc@gmail.com.

Needs for Volunteers of America, Utah - Do you have a Bible or two on your shelf that you no longer use? If you are ready to pass it on, donate the Bible to Volunteers of America, Utah to be given to a client who requests one. We accept any version. Bring the Bible to ZELC and leave it in the blue box marked VOA that is under the stairs or give it to Erin Basta. Thanks!

Let Me Shine! Preschool Spring Appeal – This year, we are focusing on replacing the carpet in our Terrace Room downstairs. After 26 years of faithful use, the carpeting is ready for renewal. Last year you showed us what is possible when we come together! Can we do it again? If you feel led to give, every contribution – big or small – moves us closer to meeting our goal of $5,000. The total cost of the carpet is $20,380. We are a small non-profit school and your generous support will directly impact the comfort and safety of our students. LMS Preschool accepts cash, checks and Venmo (Holly-Graham-26) and also thru ZELC's Servant Keeper. Please note 'Let Me Shine' on donations through ZELC. Watch for fundraising progress during the spring season.

Caring Connections Prayer Circle Requests - Are you, or someone you care about, in need of prayer? Please send your prayer requests to Holly Graham (40Grambo@msn.com). Holly will forward them to the dedicated members of our developing prayer circle. *May our prayers rise up like incense before God!*

Bi-Monthly Mission March / April – Good Samaritan Neighborhood Center. As taught in the familiar gospel story, a good Samaritan is a compassionate person who unselfishly helps others, especially strangers. **The Good Samaritan Neighborhood Center in Rose Park (RPNC)** is a place where neighbors can meet, learn, and grow together. The mission of the RPNC is to support families and improve the educational outcomes of students living in Salt Lake City's westside neighborhoods. Its programs include English language learning, college scholarships, parent engagement classes, and immigrant resources. The latter include citizenship preparation, immigration legal clinics, assistance with referrals, and grants to help with government filing fees. For more information about this vital and relevant organization, visit https://gsfutah.org. You may contribute to the RPNC through Zion's online payment portal ("bimonthly ministry") or by earmarking an offering for the collection plate. We will resume Noisy Offerings on Sunday, April 26!! Thank you!

Adult Sunday School meets at 9:00am in the Lounge—come ready for good conversation and learning together, facilitated by Alyce Gross!

Chancel Choir rehearses each Sunday at 8:45am in the Choir Room downstairs—new voices are always welcome.

Sunday School Schedule (Sept. 14 - May 17):

PreK - K (Rm 7, Upstairs West Hall)
9:00 - 9:15am: Bible class
9:15 - 9:30am: Cherub Choir
9:30 - 9:50am: Activity and snack
1st - 3rd & 4th - 5th (Terrace Room)
9:00 - 9:30am: Bible class
9:30 - 9:50am: Youth Choir
Confirmation (Library) & **Youth Group** (Youth Room downstairs)
8:45 - 9:15am: Joyful NOIZ
9:15 - 9:50am: Bible class

Crossroads Urban Center – Share donations of food/small household items. The drop off bin is directly under the stairway leading to the balcony. Current needs: baby formula for the food pantry and women's clothing for the thrift store.

Informal Yoga Exercise Group – Please join us at 10 AM in the atrium each Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Bring your yoga mat. No experience needed!

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Attendance April 5, 2026 Worship: 211; Online views: 123; Sunday school: n/a

Looking Ahead – Readings and Psalm for next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35