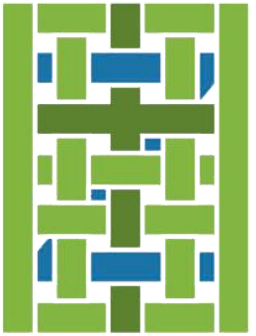


FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
HOLY COMMUNION
Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

April 26, 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*

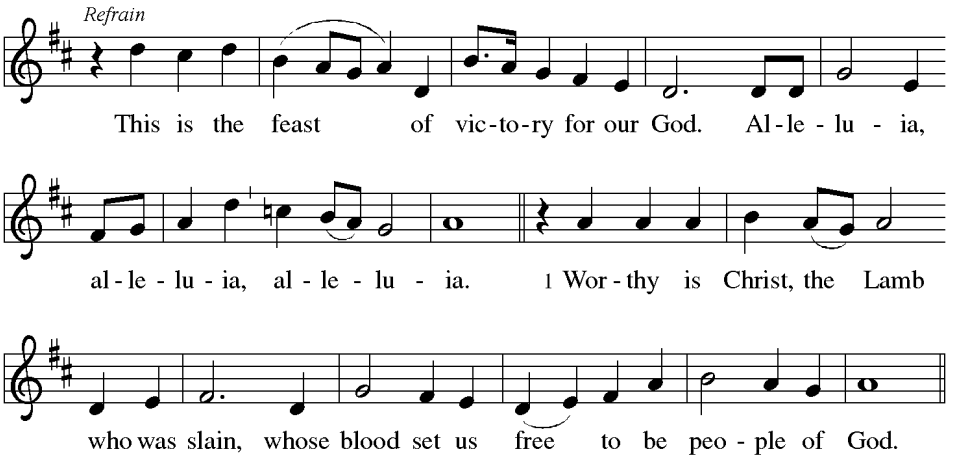
PRELUDE "Coming to Grace" medley Young

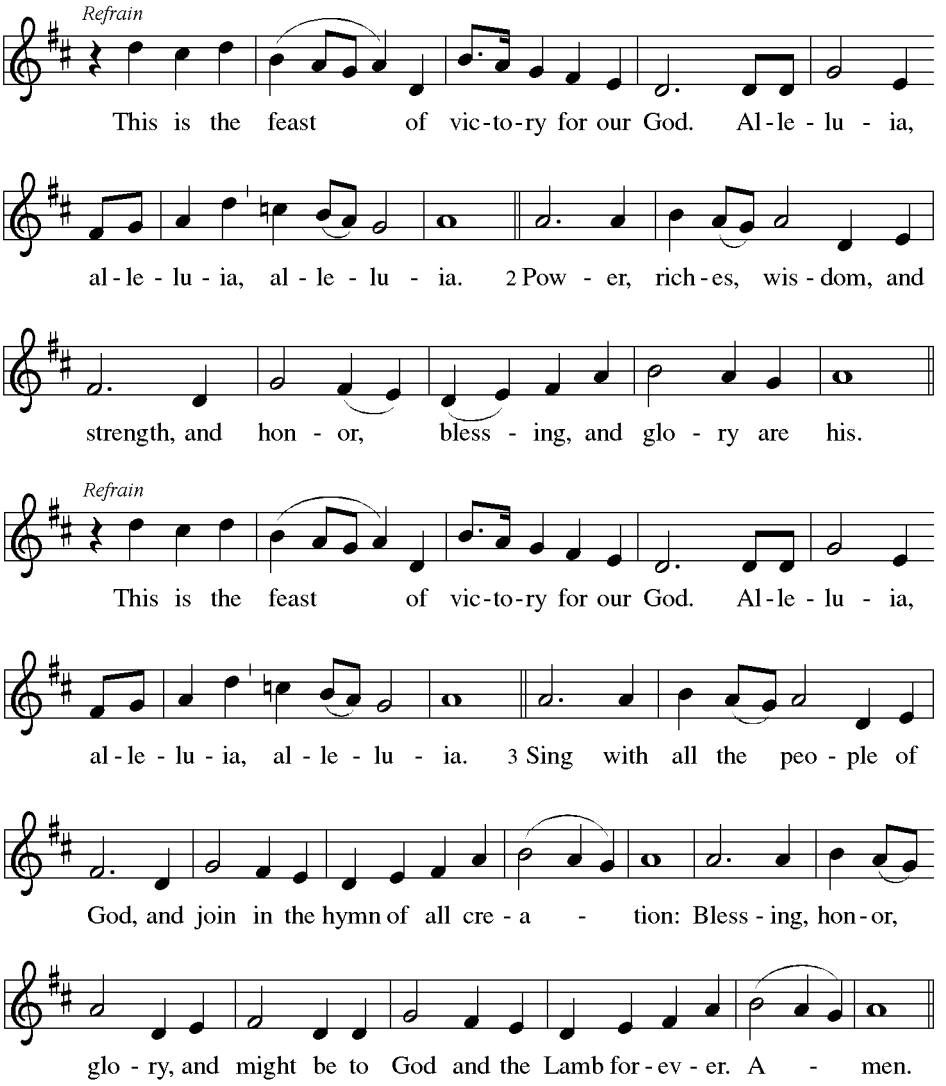
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 367 * *Now the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

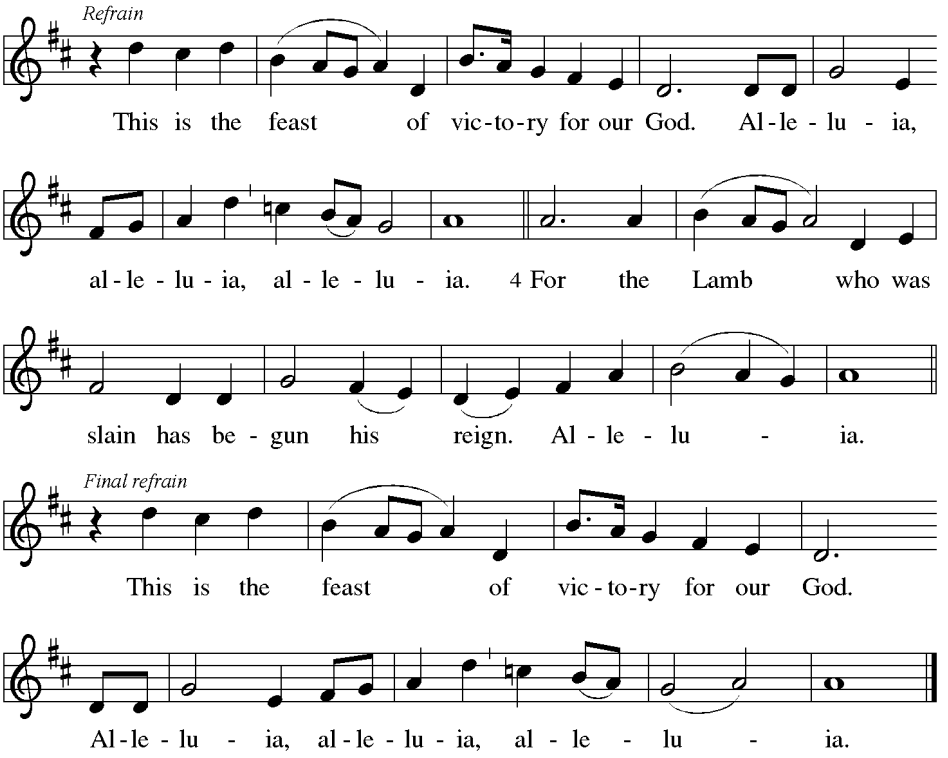
GREETING, HYMN OF PRAISE, & PRAYER OF THE DAY *

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.
Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
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. O God our shepherd, **you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25

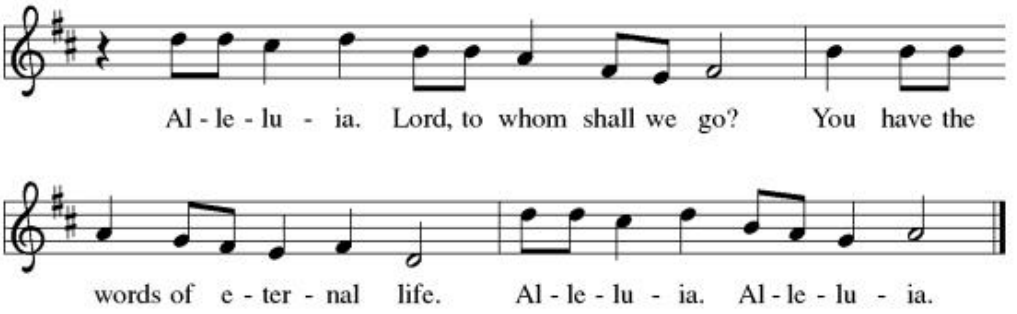
It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

"He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

GOSPEL ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

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

[Jesus said:] "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 780 * *Shepherd Me, O God*

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: God of resurrection, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **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 — Come Thou Fount — Hustad
Piano/Organ Duet

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 *

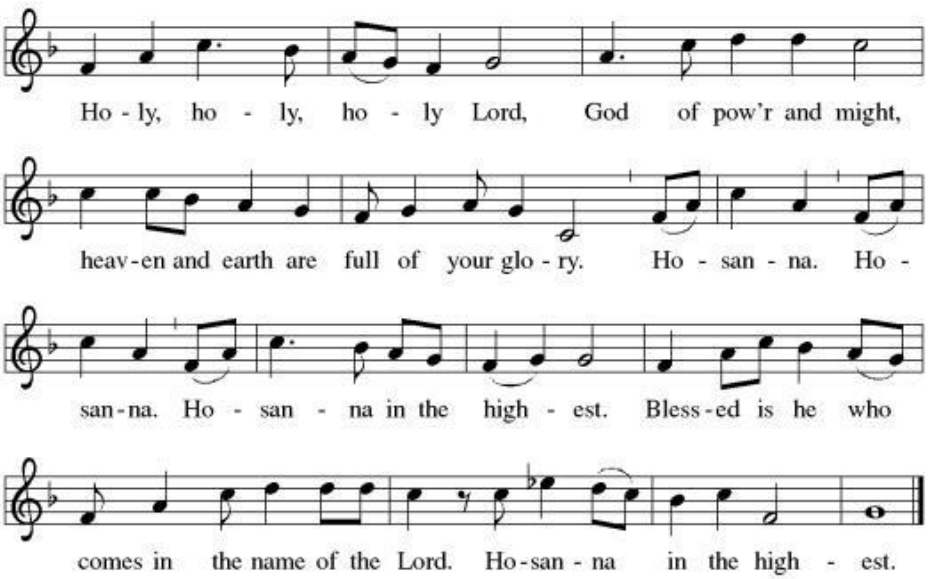
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.

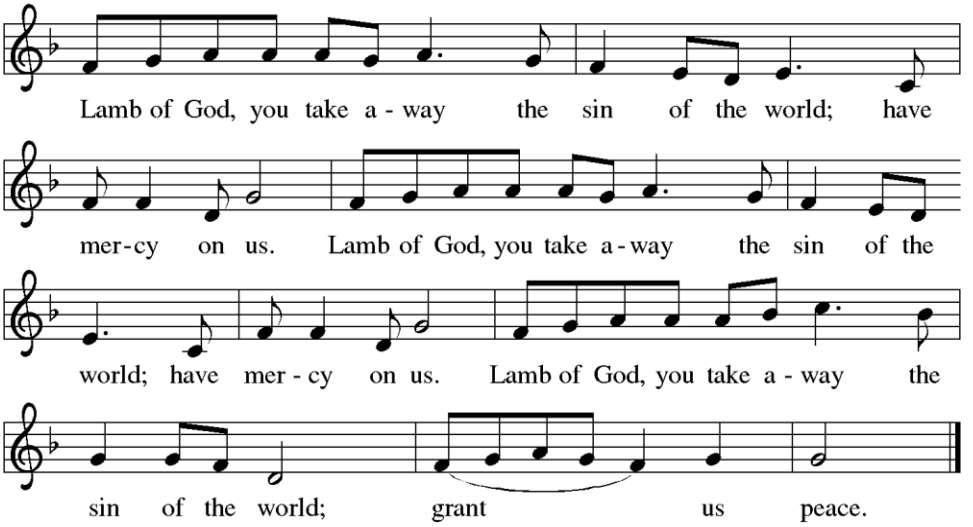
Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and 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 764 *Have No Fear, Little Flock*

COMMUNION HYMN 789 *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

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 376 * *Thine Is the Glory*

DISMISSAL *

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

POSTLUDE Postlude on "Festal Song" Young

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Communion Assistants	Lois Graham / Ross Anthony
Altar Guild	Ann Marie Mogren / Tracy Hackworth
Ushers	Doug Graham
Counters	Ann Marie Mogren / Andrew Benseler
Fellowship Hosts	Erin Basta & Michael Rusnack

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

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. We will accept donations through the month of May. Thank you for the generous response so far! Let's keep it going!

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Scholarship – Application deadline is May 1, 2026. This award is from the OSLC Educational Trust Fund, established to provide financial assistance to qualified persons who would use their education to serve Jesus Christ. Applicants must be members of a Lutheran congregation and residents of Utah but need not pursue a church or religious-related major in school. Go to www.oslcslc.org/oslc-scholarship to apply.

2026 Zion Speaker Series – Wednesday, May 6th at 7:00 PM here at Zion. First up, our guest speaker will be Ali Vallarta, host of the CityCast SLC podcast. She will talk about what makes Salt Lake so great (and its room for growth), and why there is so much to like and discover about our city. All are welcome; no RSVP needed; event free to all. Bring your friends & neighbors!

Community Health Fair, Saturday, May 9th – 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, sponsored by Calvary Baptist Church, 1090 S. State St., SLC. Walk one mile with special guest Mayor Mendenhall at 8:30 AM. Healthy snacks, raffles and prizes, activities for kids a 'Beat the Pro' basketball foul shooting contest, health screenings, blood drive, mental health resources and more!

Confirmation Sunday - May 17th - Zion will celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism of Matthew Drews, Amelia Johnson, and Micah Heale. A long-time Zion tradition involves gifting the confirmands personal copies of The Lutheran Study Bible. Over the upcoming weeks, we invite members of the congregation to highlight favorite Bible verses in these Bibles and/or write brief messages to the confirmation students. The Bibles, along with Post-it notes and index cards, will be available on the table near the Atrium before, during, and following Sunday worship in May, and in the church office during the week. Thank you for sharing your faith and inspiration with Zion's newest members!

SAVE THE DATE – All junior & senior high youth are going to hike to Donut Falls on Sunday, May 17th after worship. Mark your calendars. More details to come.

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.

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.

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 collect Noisy Offering **TODAY!** 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

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 19, 2026 Worship: 115; Online views: 88; Sunday school: 36

Looking Ahead – Readings and Psalm for next Sunday: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14