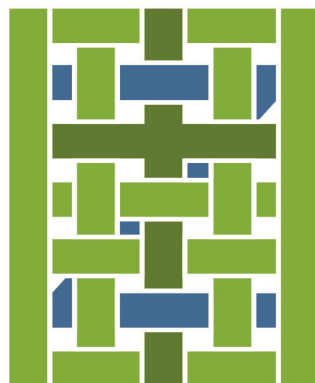




## Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2018



Connecting  
through Grace  
**ZION**  
EVANGELICAL  
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# ZION

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**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

## IN CHRIST'S NAME, WELCOME!

We extend a warm welcome to our guests. Please know you are included in Christ's own invitation to receive God's promise and presence in the "for you" of Holy Communion. Thank you for filling out the bulletin insert especially if you have prayer concerns. We also use this page to welcome and invite newcomers and guests into the events and activities at Zion.

*If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:17-18*

We are Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, committed to being a loving and welcoming community of faith in Jesus Christ. As a community of God we welcome all.

We rejoice in the manner in which diversity enriches, nurtures, and challenges the life and ministry we share in Christ. We embrace actions and attitudes within the Church that assure access to Word and Sacrament regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic or marital status, physical or mental capacities, age or race. We are a Reconciling in Christ community. All are welcome!



## WORSHIP RESOURCES

**Online Bulletin** You can download today's and previous bulletins to your PDA to view during worship or at other times. Simply go to [www.zelc.org/bulletins](http://www.zelc.org/bulletins)

**Child Care** Child care is available downstairs during worship for children 18 months-5 years.

**Quiet Activity Bags** Cloth bags with quiet activities are available for young children during worship. Our ushers would be happy to provide you with one.

**Hearing Devices** Please speak to an usher if you are in need of a hearing assistance device.

## Worship Today

- 8:15 Awakening Worship
- 9:15 Education Hour
- 10:30 Worship
- Action Forum Planning Mtg

## Church Events

- **Monday, March 12th**
  - \* 9 Yoga-based exercise group
  - \* 4:30 pm Worship Planning Mtg
- **Tuesday, March 13th**
  - \* 9 am Staff meeting
  - \* 7 pm Compassionate Friends Mtg
  - \* 6:30-8:30 G/A Chorus
- **Wednesday, March 14th**
  - \* 7 am Men's Bible Study
  - \* 9 am Yoga-based exercise group
  - \* 11:40 am LMS Chapel
  - \* 4:15 pm Website meeting
  - \* 6 pm Soup Supper
  - \* 7 pm Lenten Worship
- **Thursday, March 15th**
  - \* 6 pm Council Meeting
  - \* 6:30-8:30 Meditation Gr
  - \* 7-9 pm Camp K celebration
  - \* Voice Lessons + Organ work
- **Friday, March 16th**
  - \* 9 am Yoga-based exercise group
- **Saturday, March 17th**
  - \* Noon-3pm Private piano recitals
- **Sunday, March 18th**
  - \* 8:15 am Awakening Worship
  - \* 9:15 Education Hour
  - \* 10:30 am Worship
  - \* Noon Action Forum; Homelessness
  - \* 6pm SL Interfaith Roundtable Sacred Music Evening @ SL Tabernacle

# GATHERING

Welcome

Prelude

*"Psalm 18"*

*Marcello*

**Confession &  
Forgiveness**

During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Merciful God,  
***you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost.  
We confess that we have strayed from you  
and turned aside from your way.  
We fail in love, neglect justice,  
and ignore your truth.  
Have mercy on us and wash away our sin.  
Create in us clean hearts  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.***

Behold, now is the acceptable time;  
now is the day of salvation.  
Almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us all our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.  
***Amen.***

**Entrance  
Hymn**

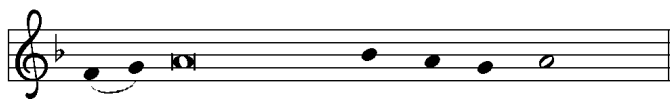
*"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Vs. 1, 2, 3*

*Hymn No. 759*

**Greeting**

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

# Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.



## Prayer of Day

Let us pray.

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WORD

### First Lesson

*Numbers 21:4-9  
Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.*

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**



# Psalm (Ps. 107:1-3, 17-22)

D. Chamberlin

## Refrain



## Verses

(spoken  
responsively)

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,  
for God's mercy endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim**

**that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**  
gathering them in from the lands;  
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

## Refrain

Some were fools and took rebellious paths;  
through their sins they were afflicted.

**They loathed all manner of food  
and drew near to death's door.**

Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD  
and you delivered them from their distress. **Refrain**

You sent forth your word and healed them  
and rescued them from the grave.

**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love  
and your wonderful works for all people.**

Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving  
and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy. **Refrain**



## Second Lesson

*Ephesians 2:1-10*

*While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God's grace at work in our lives.*

<sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Message

All children are welcome to join Pastor Steve at the communion rail.

## Gospel Verse



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.



## **The Holy Gospel**

*John 3:14-21*

*To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today's first reading.*

*Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

[Jesus said:] <sup>14</sup>“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, O Christ.***

## **Sermon**

*Pastor Steve Klemz*

***“We Used to be Slaves”***

*A brief silence for reflection.*

## **Hymn of the Day**

***“God Loved the World”***

*Hymn No. 323*





## 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.*

## The Prayers

### IN OUR PRAYERS:

Christ's healing presence with Rodney Schroeder, Dianne Krehbiel, Marie Newton, Linde Wrathall, Bob Hackworth. Continued healing with Lacy Foulks, Cindy Haverkost. Health and safekeeping with all mothers with child. We pray for those in need of our prayers: Olena, Kay Brown, Ken & Teresa Lyons, Maryanna, Kathy, Linda, Paul and Sandy, Anna Maria Freeman, Olena, Deena & Vlodny, Stan, Gary, Mandy & Corey, Julie, Gloria Roundy, Alan, Gary, Duane, Jamie, Carla, Becky, Kollins, Kennady, Laurie DeKorver, Lori Davidson & Kevin, Jamie, Sue & husband, Beth, Kevin, Doris, Laura, Amy, Cheryl, Marsha McBride, Anna, Rob & Sharon, Marilyn Wood, Chuck, Henri Schrecengost, Mary Ann, Susie, Susie, Mike, Christian, Mary, Günter, Hanan, Jackie; for seminary education with Lisa Mensinger and Juan de Dios Lopez. We pray for patience for Paul and Kent during incarceration.

Each petition concludes, "Lord, in your mercy", and the people prayerfully respond, "**hear our prayer.**"

*Prayer requests can be submitted using the bulletin insert or anytime during the week via email to the church office ([office@zelc.org](mailto:office@zelc.org)) or Pastor Steve ([pastor@zelc.org](mailto:pastor@zelc.org)).*



## The Sharing of the Peace

*John 20 More than a greeting, we participate in Christ's gift of community.*

The Peace of the Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***

***The ministers and congregation signal their unity with each other in the family of Christ by sharing a moment of greeting with each other saying, "Peace be with you" and are seated when finished exchanging the peace.***

## Gathering of the Gifts



## MEAL

*Thank you for filling in the hospitality page (bulletin insert). It serves as an instrument for pastoral care, especially with the requested prayers. Please place the page in the offering plate.*

*If you give online, feel free to pick up a 'giving bookmark' found in the pew and place it in the offering plate.*

*If you would like to give online, please go to <http://www.zelc.org/giving> or scan the code to the left.*

## Anthem

*Chancel Choir*

***"O Dearest Lord, Thy Sacred Head"***

*David N. Johnson*

## Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.  
Merciful God,  
receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving  
and the offering of our lives,  
that following in the way of the cross,  
we may know the joy of the resurrection;  
through Christ our Lord.  
***Amen.***



## Thanksgiving at the Table

*Before the Lord's  
Supper is shared, the  
presiding minister  
leads us into  
Thanksgiving. With the  
whole creation, we  
join the angels' song.*

### Eucharistic Prayer

## The Lord's Prayer

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.***

## Invitation to Communion

All are welcome. Return to God with all your heart. Receive bread for the journey,  
drink for the desert.  
***Thanks be to God.***



## Lamb of God

### Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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## Holy Communion

*In Christ's body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission. We sing as the bread is broken and as the meal is shared. We ask God to send us in witness to the world.*

*To receive Holy Communion, please come down the center aisle. You are invited to stand or kneel at the altar rail.*

***Newcomers & Visitors: You are welcome to join us for Holy Communion. The wine may be received by dipping the bread in the cup, or eating the bread and drinking from the cup. Individual cups are available for those who desire. Grape juice is clear, individual cups of wine are red. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.***

***If you would like to receive a blessing for yourself and/or your child, simply come forward with your hands folded, and the person serving the bread will offer you a blessing.***



**Communion  
Hymns**

*"What Wondrous Love Is This"*  
*"That Priceless Grace"*  
*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

*Hymn No. 666*  
*Hymn No. 591*  
*Hymn No. 803*

*After all have received, please remain seated until the Benediction.*

**Table Blessing**

The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep us in God's great grace.  
***Amen.***

**Post Communion  
Prayer**

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven.  
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:  
may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace,  
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord.  
***Amen.***

**Benediction**

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you + peace.  
***Amen.***

**Sending Hymn**

*"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"*

*Hymn No. 779*

**Dismissal**

Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God.***

**Postlude**

*Ciacona in D Minor (abridged)*

*Pachelbel*



## SERMON NOTES:

To be sung during the sermon today:

Da-dayenu! Da-dayenu! Da-dayenu! Dayenu! Dayenu!

**ABOUT CHURCH COUNCIL:** I am a person with good intentions. I always thought I "should" volunteer to serve on church council, but every time anyone asked, I declined. Too busy, I said. It'll take too much time, I said. There are others better qualified, I said. Well, last year I finally said "yes" and now I'm wondering why I waited. Turns out the meetings are brief and well organized, most of the discussion takes place over e-mail (which I can tackle at my leisure), and the sense of doing specific work to help with the "business" of Zion is surprisingly rewarding.

Why am I writing this? Because we have vacancies on church council and our bylaws mandate that they be filled. There are five general positions open at the moment, and one with more specific responsibilities. That is a need for building management liaison to work closely with the church office, triaging building repairs as needed (which might simply be calling the right service person for a repair).

Call the church office if you're interested. Or catch any of the current council members when you see them and ask about how you can connect through grace by serving on council!

Doug Graham, Marsha Gilford, Leslie Miller, Holly Graham, Terri Moffitt, or me. -- Ann Marie Mogren

### **\*Lessons for next Sunday, March 18, 2018\***

#### **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

- ♦ Jeremiah 31:31-34
- ♦ Hebrews 5:5-10
- ♦ John 12:20-33

## Small Groups & Bible Studies:

### **Women's Small Group, Alyce Gross,**

**Shepherd.** Meets the first and third Mondays at 7pm in various homes. We will be studying the Gospel of John. Contact Alyce at [adgross1@msn.com](mailto:adgross1@msn.com).

**Men's Bible Study**—meets each Wednesday morning at 7:00am downstairs. Come have breakfast with us and discuss God's Word! We are studying the weekly scriptures from the Taking Faith Home bulletin insert.

**Adult Bible Study**—Pastor Steve leads this class which meets each Sunday in the atrium, 9:15-10:15AM. All are welcome. Currently studying the Gospel of Mark.

**Beautiful Blessings Small Group**—Women are invited to join this small group meeting on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at Honeysuckle Coffee Co (8745 S 700 E, #2, Sandy). There is a play area, so feel free to bring the little ones while you share blessings with other women. Contact Lisa Mensinger with questions. [youth@zelc.org](mailto:youth@zelc.org).

**Sunday Lectionary Bible Study**—An open forum on the lessons of the day, with a focus on the Gospel, will be held in the lounge from 9:15--10:15. Whether there is a leader or not, discussing scripture is one way to help it become the living word. All are welcome.

**Men's Small Group, Peter Staks, Shepherd** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm at various homes. [peter@wardleycompanies.com](mailto:peter@wardleycompanies.com). This group is studying Early Christian Family Tree.

**Pub Theology—Different Brews + Different Views** Meets one Thursday a month. Check out [Facebook.com/ZionSLC](https://www.facebook.com/ZionSLC) for the current schedule.

**Chancel Choir**—Meets Sundays at 9:15 am in the sanctuary. Singing in a choir has tremendous benefits for physical and mental well-being. Prepare music to support the day's lessons, learn more about church music traditions, reduce stress, and have fun. Singers of all abilities are welcome.

**Sunday Parent Drop-In Group**—After dropping your kids in their Sunday school classroom, you are welcome to join other parents in the church kitchen for some coffee and conversation.



### Connecting This Week Recap

Six outside groups used our building this week for meetings and sessions—still making connections in the community!

Let Me Shine Preschool celebrated Lutheran Schools week with lots of fun each day, including a visit from the Hogle Zoo!

### How You Can Connect This Week

Primary Children's Hospital—want to serve a meal to the families of patients? 4 people are needed. Please contact the church office for more details on ways to participate in this great service.

Attend a midweek Lenten service, Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. Soup supper at 6:00 PM. Please sign up to provide soup at the bulletin board by the library.

Ushers Needed! This is a vital role in welcoming people to worship with us. Interested? Please contact the church office.

## CONNECTING THROUGH GRACE: FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matt 6:21

- **Yearly Operating Budget 2018: \$508,350.00**
- **Weekly Operating Budget: \$9,776.00**
- **Last Week's Offerings: \$7723.56 = 79% Weekly**
- **Total Received this year: \$68,881.00 = 78.3% Yearly Budget**
- **March 4, 2018: 8:15 AM—19      10:30 AM—53**
- **Sunday school attendance: 37**
- **Lenten Worship: 7:00 PM—22**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mid-Week Lenten Worship:** Soup supper at 6:00 PM. Holden Evening Prayer, Rachel Kibler, Cantor each Wednesday through March 21. Zion youth will be sharing Ruth & the Woman at the Well stories next Wednesday. All are welcome.

**Action Forum, March 18th:** Join us at Noon downstairs for a discussion on Homelessness - What is currently being done to help the Homeless, what we need to do next, and what it's like to be Homeless.

**Voice Recital** by Rachel Kibler, Thursday, March 22nd at 7:00 PM at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 261 South 900 East, SLC. This is a free concert, but a free will offering will benefit the VOA Homeless Youth Resource Center in Salt Lake. Bring your friends!

**Holy Week Schedule:** Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00 PM; Good Friday Worship Noon & 7:00 PM; Easter Sunday Worship 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM; Easter Brunch served by our youth 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Dodo Bird Sightings!** (February 16—March 23, 2018)

Rumors are flying around about a wild flock of Dodo Birds just waiting to visit a friends home and roost for the evening.  
Details coming soon on how to spread the joy as you help support the youth on their outreach mission in Houston this summer.



*As a Community  
of God  
We Welcome All.*

*All this is from God who  
reconciled us through Jesus  
Christ and gave us the ministry  
of reconciliation. 2 Cor 5:18.*



## TODAY'S WORSHIP

Pastor Steven A. Klemz — Preacher & Presiding Minister  
David Chamberlin — Organist | Diane Gardner - Music Director  
Susan Swidnicki — Children's Choir Director  
Marci Hall + Bruce & Lois Stewart, Altar Guild

### **8:15 AM Worship**

Rachel Kibler, Cantor  
Volunteers needed, Ushers

### **10:30 AM Worship**

Eric Hinderaker, Assisting Minister  
4 Volunteers needed, Ushers  
Verna Hanson, Greeter



## Let Me Shine! Christian Playschool & Preschool

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