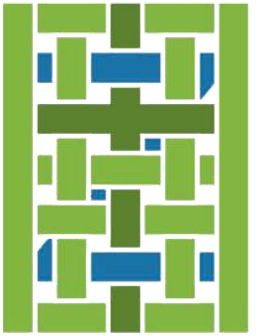


FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
HOLY COMMUNION
Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

May 3, 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*

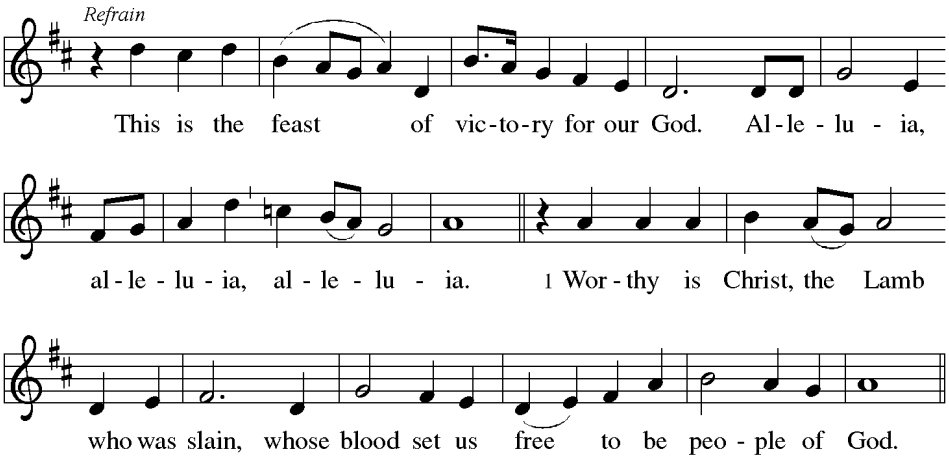
PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in G Major (Eight Little) attrib. J.S. Bach

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 645 * *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

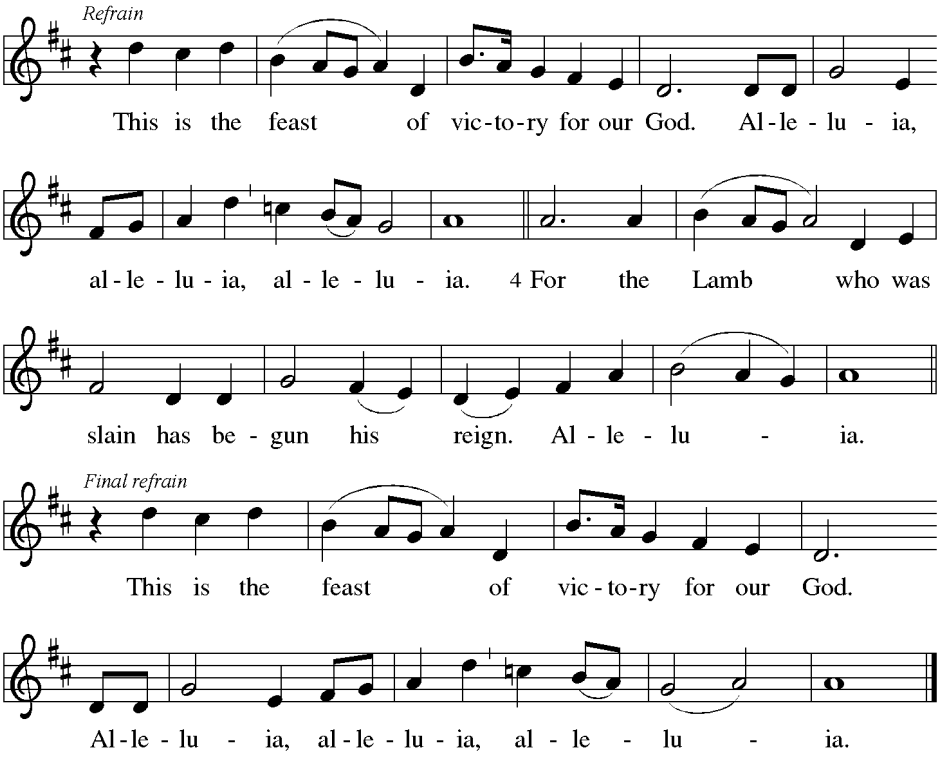
GREETING, HYMN OF PRAISE, & PRAYER OF THE DAY *

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. Almighty God, **your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

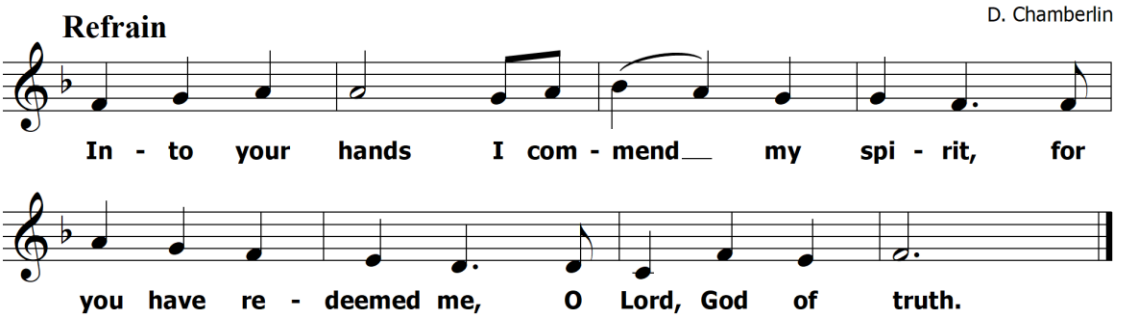
WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16



O Lord, you are my refuge; deliver me in your righteousness.
Incline your ear to hear me; make haste, O Lord, to deliver me.
Be my strong rock, my crag and my stronghold.
Lead me and guide me for the sake of your name. **Refrain**

Rescue me from the net that was set for me in secret;
For you are my tower, the tower of my strength.
Into your hands I commend my spirit;
For you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth. **Refrain**

My times are in your hands; rescue me from my enemies.
You are my God; I have trusted in you.
Make your face shine on your servant, O Lord;
And in your steadfast love, save me, O God. **Refrain**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,"

and

"A stone that makes them stumble
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

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

GOSPEL ALLELUIA

HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 758 * *You Are the Way*

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 Canticle of the Turning Anne Krentz Organ, arr.

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 *

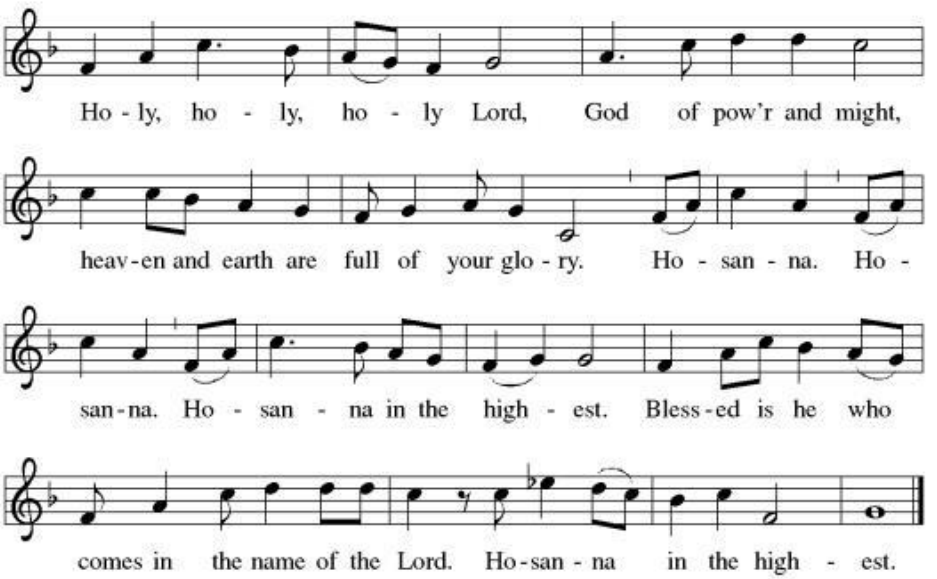
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.

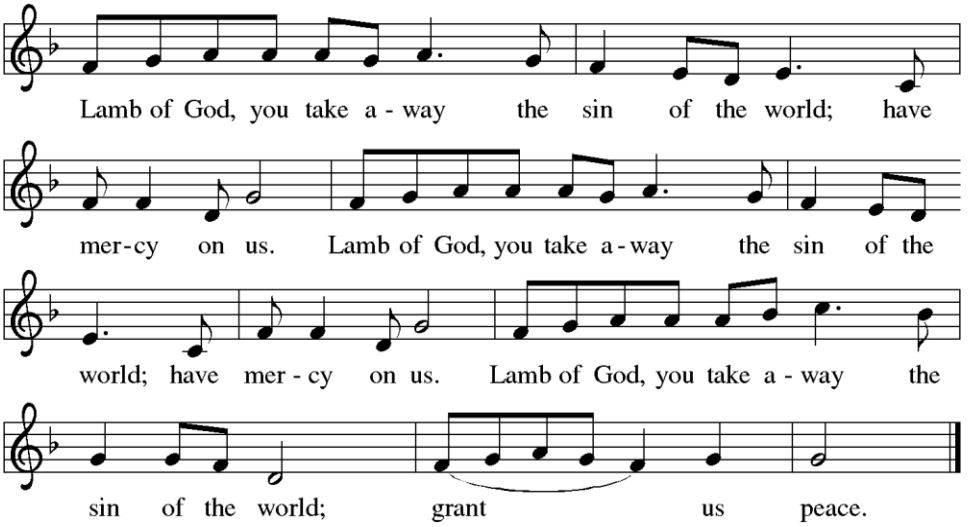
Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and 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 477 *I Received the Living God*

COMMUNION HYMN 471 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

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 380 * *Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!*

DISMISSAL *

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

POSTLUDE Fanfare Lemmens

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Organist/Pianist	David Chamberlin
Chancel Choir Director	Dave Zabriskie
Cantor	Scott Reuschel
Reader	Chet Johnson
Communion Assistants	Lois Graham / Marc Foulks
Altar Guild	Cynthia Rowatt / Denny Gross
Ushers	Doug Graham
Counters	Erin Basta / Doug Graham
Fellowship Hosts	David & Michelle Buff

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

Mother's Day Pancake & Parfait Brunch - Zion's senior- and junior- high youth (and leaders) invite ALL to a delicious Mother's Day brunch following worship on Sunday, May 10. Please join us in the Terrace Room for pancakes, parfaits, fresh fruit, juice, and coffee. The celebration is free of charge, though we will collect a free-will offering for an ELCA-sponsored charity and upcoming youth events. We look forward to seeing and serving you! In preparation for this event, if you have an electric griddle that the youth may borrow, please contact Rebecca Noonan Heale (noonanheale@yahoo.com). Thank you!

Kidney Transplant Patient – We are collecting funds to purchase a gift card from Uber for rides needed to and from University Hospital for a transplant patient. Once he gets the call that a kidney is available, this patient is flying in from Montana with his 80 year old father, who will be his caregiver. After surgery, they may need to stay in SLC for 4 to 6 weeks and will need transportation to and from the hospital. What an opportunity to live out our mission statement: *'We are a congregation on a mission to proclaim Christ through word and deed'*. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.

Let Me Shine! Preschool Spring Appeal – This year, we are focusing on replacing the carpet in our Terrace Room downstairs. 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 be accepting donations through the month of May. Thank you for the generous response so far! Let's keep it going!

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 9 – 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!

Jr & Sr High Youth Hike – All junior & senior high youth are going to hike to Donut Falls on Sunday, May 17th after worship. Be sure to bring your water bottle, snacks, hiking shoes, sunscreen and hats. Questions can be directed to Sabrina Bell 801.661.5417.

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!

Manual Labor Needed – Our church council has accepted a bid to widen the concrete sidewalk at our south entrance. We need to dig out the sod in preparation for the work to be done on Friday, May 29th. We will need 4 or 5 wheelbarrows, shovels, a couple of dirt rakes and possibly a small trailer to move the dirt. This prep work ideally needs to be completed the morning of Wednesday, May 27th. Please contact the church office (office@zelc.org) if you can offer assistance and/or equipment for this task.

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**.**

Bi-Monthly Mission May / June – The Other Side Village is a recently built "small home" community in Salt Lake City currently serving 500 previously chronically homeless men and women. Unlike many programs that address homelessness, The Other Side Village provides more than a place to live. Through peer-led training and daily support meetings, residents are held accountable to sobriety, are offered vocational training and work experience, and are expected to actively participate in governance and upkeep of the Village. To learn more about this life-changing community, visit https://theothersidevillage.com/ To contribute, please use Zion's online payment portal ("bimonthly ministry") or label an offering for the collection plate. We will collect Noisy Offerings on May 24 and June 28. Thank You!

UTAH Pride Month – June is Utah Pride month. On Friday, June 5th there will be an opening party; the Utah Pride Festival is June 6th & 7th; Utah Pride Parade is June 7th. Go to www.utahpride.org for all the details.

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!*

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 26, 2026 Worship: 111; Online views: 65; Sunday school: 33

Looking Ahead – Readings and Psalm for next Sunday: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21