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ZION

Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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

Child Care We do not have a nursery attendant at this time. The nursery is available for parents who want to stay with their child during worship. Please put all toys away in the nursery when you leave.

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 am Awakening Worship
- 9:15 am Sunday school kick off
- 10:30 am Traditional Worship

Church Events

- **Monday, September 10th**
 - * 9 Yoga-based exercise group
 - * 6:30-8:30 pm Girl Scout Troop
- **Tuesday, September 11th**
 - * 7 pm Compassionate Friends Mtg
 - * 6:30-9:30 G/A Chorus
- **Wednesday, September 12th**
 - * 9 Staff meeting
 - * 9 Yoga-based exercise group
 - * 3:30 pm Worship Planning Mtg
- **Thursday, September 13th**
 - * 6:30 pm Congregational Council
 - * 6:30-8:30 pm Meditation Group
- **Friday, September 14th**
 - * 9 Yoga-based exercise group
- **Saturday, September 15th**
 - * Brown bag lunch at ZELC w/Juan de Dios Lopez
- **Sunday, September 16th**
 - * 8:15 am Awakening Worship
 - * 9:15 am Sunday school hour
 - * 10:30 am Traditional worship, Guest preacher Juan de Dios Lopez

For more information on these and other events go to www.zelc.org

GATHERING

Call to Worship

God our Creator, you give breath to each person you made. You treasure the gifts of each unique person. But when life becomes a burden rather than a gift,

God of life, hold us.

When darkness strangles the will to live, when days become endless nights,

God of light, shine on us.

When no one seems to understand, when we walk and wait alone, God of love, embrace us with your presence. Where there is despair, bring hope; where there is shame, give value and worth; where there is emptiness, bring fulfillment; where there is suffering in mind and body, bring healing.

God of hope, hear our prayer for life.

Entrance Hymn

"All Are Welcome" Vs. 1, 4, 5

Hymn No. 641

Greeting

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.***

Kyrie

Assistant:

1. In peace, in peace... *(continued below)*
2. For the Reign of God... for the unity of all... *(continued below)*
3. For your people here... for the strength to live your Word... *(continued below)*

Congregation:

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - - - cy.

Assistant:

4. Help, save, and de - fend us, O
Congregation:
God. A - - - - men.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain:
Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for - ev -
er - more!

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, _____ whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great
peo - ple of God. _____ *to Refrain*

Congregation or Congregation 2:

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
 might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ _____
 _____ for - ev - er. _____ *to Refrain*

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us, _____
 _____ to make us peo - ple of God; to make
 _____ all things new. _____ *to Refrain*

⊕ CODA

more. _____

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

Amen.



WORD

First Lesson

Isaiah 35:4-7a
These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Chapter 34 portrays God's vengeance on Edom, Israel's age-old enemy, which makes the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles' return. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.

- ⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you."
⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

- ¹Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD, O my soul!
²I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
³Put not your trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there is no help.
⁴When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.
⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;
⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
The LORD sets the captive free.
⁸***The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;***
the LORD loves the righteous.
⁹***The LORD cares for the stranger;***
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
¹⁰***The LORD shall reign forever,***
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!



Second Lesson

James 2:1-10 [11-13]
14-17

Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip-service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [¹¹For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

All children are welcome to join Pastor Steve in the center aisle.

Gospel Verse

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life: Al - le - lu - ia!

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 7:24-37

In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophoenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Steven Klemz

"Ephphatha" "Be opened."

A brief silence for reflection.

Hymn of Day

"O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate"

Hymn No. 722

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, Linde Wrathall, Louise Nelson, Ron Finner, Stephen Anderson, Terri Finner, Jennie Johnson, Nelly Klooster, Leo Seegert, Berkley Foulks, Wayne Graham. Continued healing with Lacy Foulks, Cindy Haverkost. Health and safekeeping for Mallory, Jaime Klemz Diachun, Alice Gardner, Beckie Supiano Schmall, Janel Strohacker Gazunis, Christy Hillock, Christina Eddy and all mothers with child. For Pastor Joel Nau and family mourning the death of his father, Reverend Dr. Arlo J. Nau. We pray for those in need of our prayers: Family of Olivia Rodgersen, Emanuel Kyarra, Sanderson Family, Nancy Weber, David Pederson, Linda McGregor, Marie Gray, Lindsay, Mary Pat, John Bailey, Sue, Deborah, Liza, Susan & Corina Matonis, Ken & Teresa Lyons, the Peterson Family, Wesley Hawman, Steve Hayward, Dorothy Weber, Olena, Kay Brown, Maryanna & Jon, Kathy, Linda, Deena & Vlodny, Stan, Gary, Duane, Jamie, Carla, Becky, Laurie DeKorver, Kevin & Lori Davidson & children, Jamie, Beth, Kevin, Doris, Laura, Marsha McBride, Anna, Rob & Sharon, Marilyn Wood, Chuck, Henri Schrecengost, Mary Ann, Susie, Mary, Günter, Hanan, Jackie, Debra Sanderson; for seminary education with Lisa Mensinger and Juan de Dios Lopez. For all youth in transition and distress. For the reunification of refugee families at Cristo Rey in El Paso.

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) or Pastor Steve (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

Offertory Hymn

Cong. REFRAIN: *a tempo*

As the grains of wheat once
scat - tered on the hill were gath - ered in - to one to be -
come our bread: so may all your peo - ple from
(Last time)
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

VERSES:

1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst, _____
2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when
poco rit. To refrain
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.



Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth,
these resources of our life and our labor.
Take them, offered in great thanksgiving,
and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.

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. Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, and make us one with you. ***Thanks be to God.***



Lamb of God

Congregation: Congregation or Assistant:

Lamb of God, you

Congregation:

take a-way the sin of the world:
break the chains of ha-tred and fear:
are the way of jus-tice and peace:
are the way of mer-cy and love: have mer - cy on us,

mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.

Final time

Congregation or Assistant:

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world: grant us peace, grant us peace, *rit.* grant us peace.

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.

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

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

"We Come to You for Healing, Lord"

Hymn No. 612

Hymn No. 719

Hymn No. 617

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**

Holy and compassionate God,
in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous.
May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness,
that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.
Amen.

Announcements**Benediction**

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;
Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;
Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Vs. 1-4

Hymn No. 886

Dismissal

Go in peace. Sound the good news.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

SERMON NOTES:

MEET JUAN de DIOS LOPEZ:

We support Juan with our prayers and our partnership in his seminary training.

Next Sunday, Sept. 16th, we will have the opportunity to meet and greet Juan in person. He will preach at next Sunday's worship; lead the adult Sunday school class (9:15-10:15). Then following worship, we will share table fellowship with a special meal in his honor. We will hear his remarkable story of faith and learn about ministry at the border in El Paso, where he serves as lay pastor with Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey.

All are welcome! *Todos son bienvenidos!*

Lessons for next Sunday, September 16, 2018

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

- ♦ Isaiah 50:4-9a
- ♦ James 3:1-12
- ♦ Mark 8:27-38

Small Groups & Bible Studies:

Women's Small Group, Alyce Gross,

Shepherd. Meets the first and third Mondays at 7pm in various homes. We are studying the Gospel of John. Contact Alyce at 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.

Sunday Adult Bibles Study—Adult Open Forum Bible Discussion, all are welcome to discuss the current Sunday's lessons, focusing on the Gospel. We will meet at 9:15-10:15 across from the sanctuary. (Sept. 16 we will meet with Juan during this time.)

Pastor Steve's Adult Bible Study—TODAY at 9:15 AM in the church library. All are welcome to explore the ELCA draft social statement on Women and Justice. This study and discussion is a thoughtful participation of God's work in the world, especially as we discern what the church teaches about contemporary issues related to sexism and patriarchy in our society. It offers a way to be connecting through grace, as we are rooted in God's biblical claim of full and abundant life for all people. Next Sunday, we will meet with Juan during this time.

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

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.

South end of our building!



Connecting This Week Recap

Two outside groups used our facility for meeting this week—still making connections in the community!

Building construction continues — weekly updates on back page.

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.

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

Greeters Wanted! Please use the sign-up sheet outside the church library to pick the Sundays that work with your schedule and be a greeter at Zion! It's a great way to meet congregational members you may not yet know.

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: \$7,439.00**
- **Last Week's Offerings: \$4,245.00 = 43% Weekly**
- **Total Received this year: \$263,140.00 = 76.9% Yearly Budget**
- **September 2, 2018: 58**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Weekly update: Making headway—stucco crew still working on exterior; awaiting remaining light fixtures; painter done. We are keeping the work crew in our prayers.

Sunday School Teacher—We are still looking for a teacher and helper for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd grade combined class of approximately 10 students. Please see Pastor Steve if you are willing to volunteer.

Nursery attendant – we are in need of a nursery attendant. This is a paid position and a background check is required. Contact Holly Graham for more details if you are interested: 40grambo@msn.com Until this position is filled, parents are welcome to use the nursery during worship as long as they stay with their child. Please put all toys away when you

leave.

SAVE THE CORRECTED DATE: Saturday, October 13th Oktoberfest at Zion. More details to come. Want to help? Contact Jon Hall: jhjh87@gmail.com.

Zion joins in this weekend of prayer and participation in **One Sabbath for Suicide Prevention**. As people connecting through grace, we seek to be a caring community offering hope and healing, even in the face of discouragement and feelings of despair. If you have not already done so, please include the Suicide Prevention Hotline number in your contact list.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

We can all help prevent suicide. The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals.

1-800-273-8255; <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

The 17th Annual

Olivia Rose Memorial Golf Tournament

To benefit VBS Music Camp

Sunday, September 23rd
Stansbury Park Golf Course

18 holes of golf with carts
and refreshments - \$50 Refreshments provided by Thrivent Financial

Call or email to sign up before Sept. 16
801.582.2321 or office@zelc.org



*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
Rachel Kibler — Pianist | Diane Gardner - Music Director
Susan Swidnicki — Children's Choir Director
Jan Heins + Marsha Gilford, Altar Guild
Ron + Marci, Counters

8:15 AM Awakening Worship

Rachel Kibler, Cantor | Volunteers needed, Ushers

10:30 AM Worship

Erin Basta, Assisting Minister
Doug Graham, Chuck Schmitt, John Krehbiel + a volunteer, Ushers

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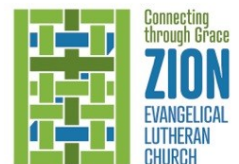
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