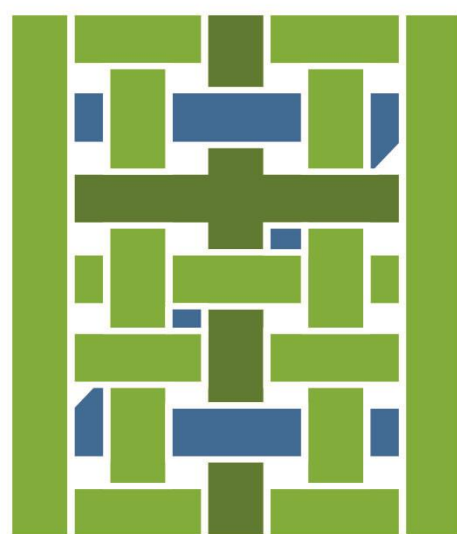




# Third Sunday in Lent

March 24, 2019



Connecting  
through Grace  
**ZION**  
EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

# Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Salt Lake City, Utah  
801.582.2321 | [zelc.org](http://zelc.org)  
Pastor Steven A. Klemz

## 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 Today

- 8:15 am Awakening Worship
- 9:15 am Sunday school
- 10:30 am Worship



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God's work. Our hands.

## Zion Events This Week

- Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>
  - 9 am | Yoga exercise class
- Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>
  - 3 pm | Book Club
  - 6:30 pm | G/A Chorus
- Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>
  - 7 am | Men's Bible Study
  - 9 am | Yoga exercise class
  - 12:15 pm | Conversations in Grace w. Pr. Steve
  - 6 pm | Soup Supper
  - 7:15 pm | Lent Worship
- Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>
  - 6:30 pm | Meditation Group
- Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>
  - 9 am | Yoga exercise class
- Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>
  - 8:30am | Children's Choir Day
- Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>
  - 8:15 am Awakening Worship
  - 9:15 am Sunday School
  - 10:30 am Traditional Worship

## Resources for Worship

- Online Bulletin
  - You can download today's and previous bulletins to your smart phone or tablet to view during worship or at other times. Simply go to [www.zelc.org](http://www.zelc.org)
- Child Care
  - Child care is available downstairs during worship for children 18 months-5 years.
  - Quiet Activity cloth bags 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.

**For information on this and other news and events go to [zelc.org](http://zelc.org)**

# Gathering

## Prelude

## Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us,  
anoint us,  
and make us new.

**Amen.**

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin,  
and receive God's promise of mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God at the margins,

**We have wandered far from your home;  
again and again, we lose our way.**

**We turn inward, afraid of the world around us.**

**We forget that you have saved your people before  
and promise to do so again.**

**Do not remember the deeds of our past,  
but turn our faces toward the future,  
where your forgiveness is sure,  
your welcome is clear,  
and your love overflows.**

**Amen.**

Like a hen who gathers her chicks,

God embraces you in tender care.

Like manna in the desert,

God feeds you with surprising mercy.

Like a loving parent,

God runs to meet you again this day,

forgiving your sins for the sake of Christ,

leading you from death into life.

**Amen.**


## Entrance Hymn

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" - Hymn No. 335

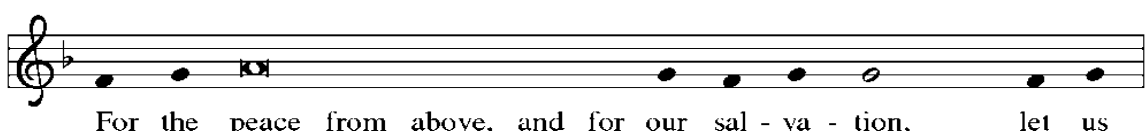
# Greeting

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



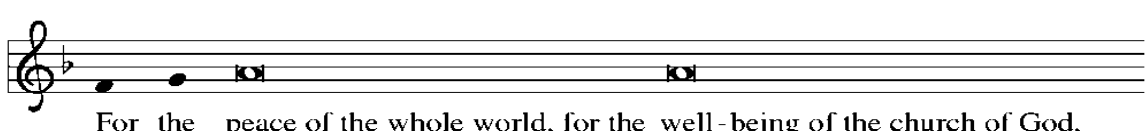
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**




For the peace from above, and for our sal-va-tion, let us




pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



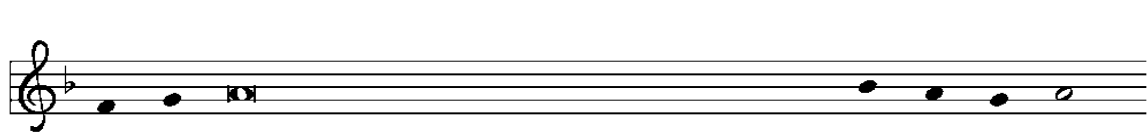
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,




and for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.




**Lord, have mer-cy.**




For this holy house, and for all who offer 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 the Day

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## First Lesson

*Isaiah 55:1-9*

*To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to the Lord will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.*

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**



**Psalm**  
*(Verses sung by cantor)*

Psalm (Ps. 63:1-8) D. Chamberlin

**Refrain**

God, you are my God; eag - er-ly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you;

My whole being — clings to you, and your right hand — holds me fast.

My soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,  
that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your steadfast love is better than life itself;  
my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live  
and lift up my hands in your name.

**Refrain**

My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,  
when I remember you upon my bed,  
and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper,  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

**Refrain**

# Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Paul uses images from Hebrew story and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God’s faithfulness.

<sup>1</sup>I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup>These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup>So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup>No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Children’s Message

All children are welcome to join Lisa Mensinger at the communion rail.

# Gospel Verse

## We Are Turning, Lord, to Hear You



The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the verse, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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.

Text: Gracia Grindal, based on Joel 2:13

Music: KAS DZIEDAJA, Latvian folk tune

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## The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St Luke, the thirteenth chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Luke 13:1-9*

*Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.*

<sup>1</sup>At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.<sup>2</sup>[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?<sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

<sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ <sup>8</sup>He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

## Sermon

"Why do bad things happen?" - Seminarian Lisa Mensinger

*A brief silence for reflection.*

## Hymn of the Day

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"- Hymn No 588



## 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

We pray Christ's healing for Bonnie Judge and Terri Moffitt/Finner. We pray for strength of wholeness for Rhonda Joa, Ron Finner, Dianne Krehbiel, for guidance for Rich and for healing and relief of pain for Carla. Continued healing and peace for Susan Swidnicki, Linde Wrathall, Louise Nelson, Cindy Haverkost. We pray for all devastated by storms, especially in Mozambique. We commemorate on this day Archbishop Oscar Romero along with all who speak on behalf of the poor in the face of religious or political persecution. We pray for those in need of our prayers: for care of Henri Schrecengost, for seminary education with Lisa Mensinger and Juan de Dios Lopez. Thanksgiving for the hospitality shared with Grand View University Choir, especially with host families, the worship planning team, and all who assisted with and provided food for the meal and reception and who helped with transportation.

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

## 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*

## The Meal

### The Gathering of the Gifts

*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 would like to give online, please go to [zelc.org/give-now](https://zelc.org/give-now)*

### Anthem

*Chancel Choir*

*"I to the Hills Lift Up Mine Eyes" –Jean Berger*

### Offering Prayer

Generous God,  
you feed us with the harvest of the land,  
and you provide for our every need.  
Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor,  
and transform them into a feast that welcomes all,  
in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest.

**Amen**

### Thanksgiving at the Table

*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

Come to the table where all are welcomed.  
**Thanks be to God**

## The 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 welcome to kneel or stand at the communion 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

"Seed That in Earth is Dying" -Hymn No. 330  
"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"-Hymn No. 484  
"O Living Bread from Heaven"-Hymn No. 542

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

## The Table Blessing

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

## Post Communion Prayer

Tender and merciful one,  
at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing,  
turning our emptiness into joy.  
Filled with your abundant grace,  
send us now to be ministers of reconciliation,  
mending broken hearts, working for justice,  
and striving for peace among all people,  
in the name of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## Benediction

God, who fills the creation with abundance,  
Christ, whose arms are spread in forgiveness  
Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us,  
+ bless you and bring you to life everlasting.  
**Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"-Hymn No. 618

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude



## Lessons for Next Sunday

March 31, 2019

Fourth Sunday in Lent

- Joshua 5:9-12
- Psalm 32
- 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
- Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

## Financial Stewardship

Yearly Operating Budget 2019: \$480,450

Weekly Operating Budget: \$9,240

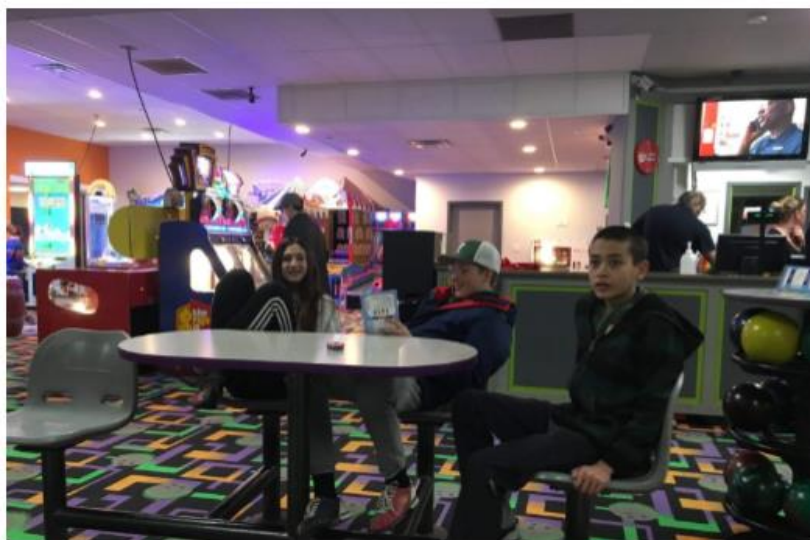
Last Week's Offerings: \$10,723

Total Received: \$92,967

March 17, 2019:

- 8:15 am = 29
- 10:30 am = 93
- Sunday school = 76

## ELCA Youth Gathering





Grand View University Concert







Zion Lutheran Church  
will be hosting our second

## *Christian Children's Choir Festival*

Saturday, March 30, 2019

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. || Rehearsal + Classes  
12:30 p.m. || Mini-concert and reception for families

We will be joined by guest director  
***Dr. Loneka Battiste***  
from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville

**Singing, Orff percussion instruments, games,  
Lunch provided by Zion Lutheran**

No charge for participating children  
Kindergarten – 6th Grade Welcome

Please register by calling  
Zion Lutheran Church at 801.582.2321  
or emailing [office@zelc.org](mailto:office@zelc.org)

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# What's Happening at Zion

## "Conversations in Grace"

12:15-1:00 Wednesdays, in Lent, beginning March 13. Bring a brown bag lunch and explore scripture and devotional writings on grace. Lisa Mensinger will facilitate our discussion. No prior knowledge of scripture is needed. All are welcome!

## Lenten Services

On March 13th, Midweek Lenten Worship begins at 7:15 pm with Holden Evening Prayer. Bible study and discussion groups will meet from 6:30 until 7:15. Our traditional soup suppers precede the evening's events, beginning at 6 pm.

\*\*March 27- Called Out | Ephesians 4:11-13

## In Our Prayers

We are in transition with prayer requests for Sunday worship. Thank you for adding loved ones to the prayer list (office@zelc.org or via Hospitality Page). And, thank you for updating your prayer request, removing or asking for a petition of thanksgiving when the status of your loved one(s) changes.

## Vacation

Pastor Steve is on vacation, March 23-29.

## Attention Thrivent Members

Don't forget to direct Choice Dollars® Grant funding from Thrivent Financial. Through its Thrivent Choice® program you can help support organizations you care about. Don't let Choice Dollars expire! Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until March 31 to direct any remaining 2018 Choice Dollars. Help support the youth at our church. If you would like your Choice Dollars to support the organ fund, building renovation, or other areas of the church, you may send a message to the church office stating such.

Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. Or call your local Thrivent Financial advisor. The church congregational coordinator, Angie Reuschel, may also be able to assist you.

## 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 conversations.

## Sunday Adult Bible 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.



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director@letmeshine.org | letmeshine.org

## Zion is social.

Zion cordially invites you to follow us on social media. In 2019, digital engagement is part of the fabric of daily life and we want to be a part of your social networks the same way Zion wants to be a part of your life. We share news, events, announcements, inspirations, and more.

- facebook.com/zionslc
- twitter.com/zelcslc
- instagram.com/zelcslc

## 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.

## 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 books in the New Testament.

## Chancel Choir

Meets Sundays at 9:15 am in the sanctuary. Singing in a choir has immeasurable 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.

## Pastor Bible Study

All are welcome. Today's discussion is led by Pastor Gordon Young.

## Today's Worship

Seminarian Lisa Mensinger—Preaching  
Pastor Gordon Young—Presiding  
David Chamberlin—Organist | Diane Gardner- Music Director  
Susan Swidnicki - Children's Choir Director  
Carrie Hinderaker, Melissa Livengood— Altar Guild  
Diane Teece, Paul Mogren— Counters

8:15 AM Worship  
Rachel Kibler, Cantor | Volunteers needed to usher  
10:30 AM Worship  
Lisa Mensinger—Assisting Minister

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