



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
HOLY COMMUNION  
Evangelical Lutheran Worship  
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church  
February 16, 2025 – 10:00 AM

# WELCOME!

We are delighted you are here today! No matter who you are, or where you are in life's journey, you are welcome at Zion. All, without exception, are welcome to Holy Communion.

We invite you to wear a name tag. Single use name tags are available on the welcome table in the gathering space. When you desire one, a permanent name tag will be provided.



Connect with us or update your contact information! Please scan this QR code using your phone. You can indicate prayer requests and find a link to subscribe to our weekly email newsletter. You may also fill out a Welcome Card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

We are blessed to be able **livestream** our worship service, available on YouTube and the Zion Facebook page. While our cameras are generally directed at the front of the sanctuary, please be aware that you may appear in the livestream. Our Children's Sermon is blurred during the livestream.

Wi-Fi Network: Zion Guest    Wi-Fi Password: Zion5822321

Please join us for coffee hour after worship in the Atrium (near east entrance).

Prayer Podium – inside the center entrance to the sanctuary is a Prayer Podium where you can write your prayer request(s) to be included in today's Prayers of Intercession.

We welcome children of all ages and we welcome the sounds and actions that accompany them. Children are invited to enjoy the carpeted space in the rear of the worship space. There are activity bags, hanging on hooks along the back wall, for children to use. Check out our Kids Station in the same area.

Children are always welcome in the sanctuary, but if you desire childcare, our nursery, located downstairs, is available from 9:45 to 11:15 am, for ages 5 years and younger.

All floors of the building are accessible by elevator. Special seating areas in the sanctuary are available to support those with wheelchairs, walkers, or strollers.

Large print bulletins and hymnals are available.

# GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Andante"  
(theme and variations)

Mendelssohn

*\* Indicates stand as you are able*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 479 \*

*We Come to the Hungry Feast*

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

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.**

*Sung by Cantor:*



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

*Sung by all:*



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

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

Let us pray. Living God, **in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is in the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

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

# Psalm 1

D. Chamberlin

**Refrain**

Hap - py are they who de - light in the law of the Lord.

They are like trees plant-ed by streams of wat - er.

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful! Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, With leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper. **Refrain**

It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed. **Refrain**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION \*



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

## HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-26

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

[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

"But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

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

## CHILDREN'S SERMON & SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 725 \*

*When the Poor Ones*

## 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: God of grace, congregation responds: **hear our prayer.***

*Pastor: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen.***

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS \*

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God, **you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grip. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In ✚ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **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
- ✚ By scanning the QR code with your phone.



## MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

"Air"

Samuel Wesley

## OFFERTORY \*

Musical notation for the offertory, consisting of two staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
 all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta-ble  
 with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

### OFFERING PRAYER \*

Let us pray. God of grace, **your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **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

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.

## 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 eat it. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Continue to the side to receive either wine (red) or grape juice (white) in an individual cup.*

*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 723

*Canticle of the Turning*

COMMUNION HYMN 478

*Father, We Thank You*

TABLE BLESSING AND PRAYER \*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Nourishing God, **at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

BLESSING \*

May our good God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN 449 \*

*We Know That Christ Is Raised*

DISMISSAL \*

Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

"Sortie"

Tournemire

## TODAY'S MINISTRY LEADERS

Presiding & Presiding Minister	The Rev. Michael Tassler
Assisting Minister	Sabrina Bell
Organist/Pianist	David Chamberlin
Cantor	Jon Hall
Crucifer	Brandon Courtney
Reader	Chet Johnson
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Counters	Ethel Olson & Bob Hackworth
Fellowship Hosts	Teresa & Craig Gresham & David & Cynthia Rowatt

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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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Commissioning Stephen Ministers** - Zion's Stephen Ministers-in-Training (Jorgen Hollnagel, Holly Graham, Sabrina Bell, and Susan Auer) are nearing the completion of their multi-week, 50-hour course of study! They have excelled in their commitment to pre-class preparation, in-class group participation and role-playing, and an ever-growing demonstration of compassionate care-giving skills. They will be formally commissioned as Stephen Ministers during worship on Sunday, March 2. Please thank and celebrate them during the fellowship hour following service that morning. Details will be coming soon about how to refer potential Care Receivers to the Stephen Ministry team.

**Ash Wednesday, March 5** – Ashes-To-Go 7am to 9:30am, east side of church in cul-de-sac; Worship at Noon and 6:15pm. Soup supper begins at 5:30pm on Ash Wednesday.

**Soup Suppers** – Sign-up to provide soups (4) or bread/rolls (3) each week before Lenten worship. Soup supper begins at 5:30pm each Wednesday downstairs in the terrace room. Scan the QR code to access the Sign-up Genius.



**Lenten Worship - Holden Evening Prayer** – Each week at 6:15pm from Wednesday, March 12 thru Wednesday, April 9 in the sanctuary.

**New Monthly Utah Conference Newsletter** - Zion is part of the Utah Conference of the Rocky Mountain Synod, one of ten geographical conferences in the RMS. A conference is a regional grouping of ELCA congregations who live in mutual interdependence and share a common mission. Scan this QR code to sign up to receive the monthly newsletter and learn vital information about our ELCA congregations, ministries, and pastors in Utah.



**Bi-Monthly Mission January/February** - Lutheran Family Services, Rocky Mountains (LFSRM) is a faith-based, non-profit human services agency providing disaster relief, foster care, adoption, older adult guardianship, family support & education, and refugee/immigration services. The LFSRM Salt Lake City location houses an Immigration Legal Services Program that provides legal assistance and general immigration consultation for immigrants. Please visit [lfsrm.org](http://lfsrm.org).

Contributions may be made through Zion's donor link ([zelc.org/give.html](http://zelc.org/give.html)) or by writing "Lutheran Family Services" on your check or envelope. We collect "noisy offerings" on the final Sundays of each month. Please remember your loose change February 23. Thank you!

**Worship Assistants Opportunities** – Our weekly worship offers many the opportunity to participate. If you are interested in helping by serving as a reader, crucifer, assisting minister or communion assistant, please scan the QR code that will take you to the Sign-Up Genius for worship assistants.



**Crossroads Urban Center** – Zion is a drop off for Crossroads Urban Center, receiving donations of food and small household items for those in need across the Salt Lake Valley (the drop off bin is directly under the stairway leading to the balcony). **Currently in need of peanut butter, canned soup, vegetables & fruit, pasta, powdered milk.**

**Sunday School** – Zion extends a warm invitation for you to join our Sunday school classes.



We have wonderful, dedicated teams of teachers meeting each Sunday from 9-10am. Questions? Contact Teresa Gresham – teamgreshamgo@gmail.com. If your child is not yet registered, please scan this QR code to connect to the registration form.

**Adult Sunday Morning Bible Study** - We will meet Sundays at 9:00am to discuss the lessons of the day. (Forthcoming lessons are found at the end of the bulletin.) We will meet in the Lounge (directly across from the sanctuary). All are welcome. Contact Alyce Gross with questions. 801-557-9646; adgross1@msn.com.

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**Informal Yoga Exercise Group** – Please join us at 10am in the atrium each Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Bring your yoga mat. No experience needed! **No yoga Feb. 17.**

**Attendance February 9, 2025**      Worship: 145

**Readings and Psalm for next Sunday**

Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38