

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
HOLY COMMUNION
Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
February 22, 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
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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 (from Seven pieces)

Dubois

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 325 *

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

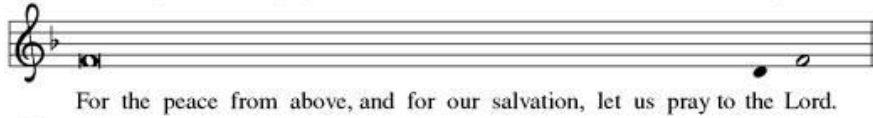
GREETING *

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

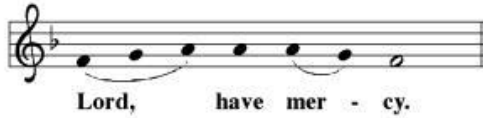
KYRIE *



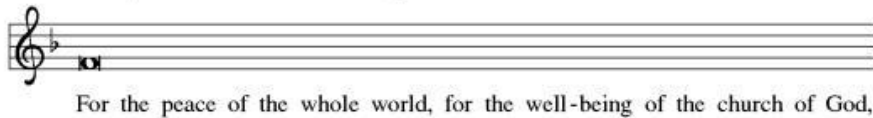
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



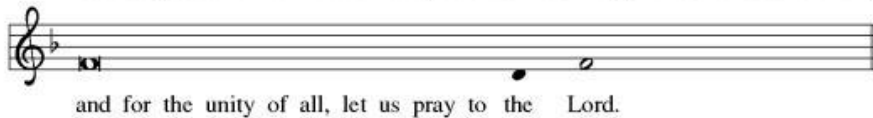
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.




Lord, have mer - cy.



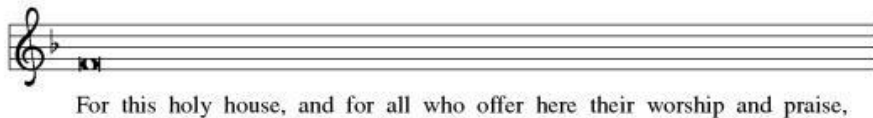
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



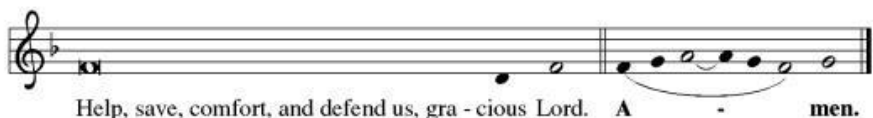
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *

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

Let us pray. Lord God, **our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

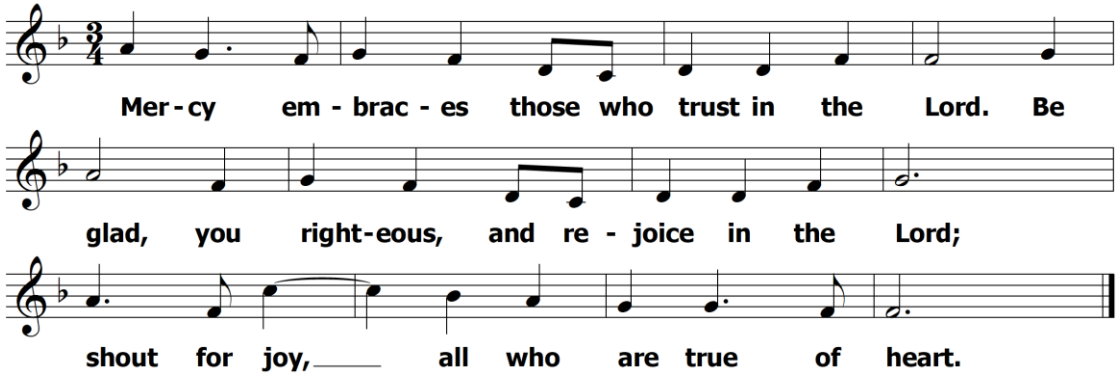
Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' " But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

PSALM 32

D. Chamberlin
2023

Refrain



Mer-cy em - brac - es those who trust in the Lord. Be
glad, you right-eous, and re - joice in the Lord;
shout for joy, — all who are true of heart.

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."

Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them. **Refrain**

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;

you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;

I will guide you with my eye.

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;

who must be fitted with bit and bridle,

or else they will not stay near you."

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

Shout for joy, all who are true of heart. **Refrain**

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19

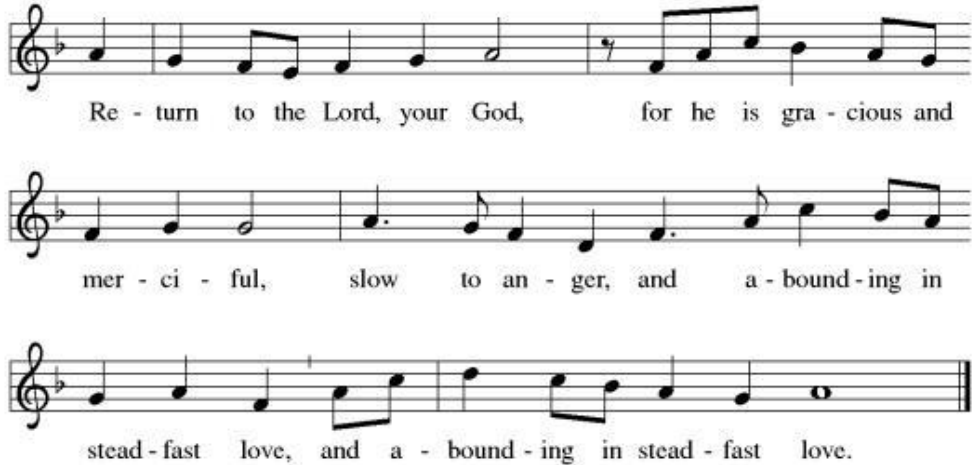
Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11 *

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only him.' "

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

On Eagle's Wings

Joncas/Hayes

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: hear us, O God, congregation responds: **Your mercy is great.***

*Pastor concludes: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. **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.

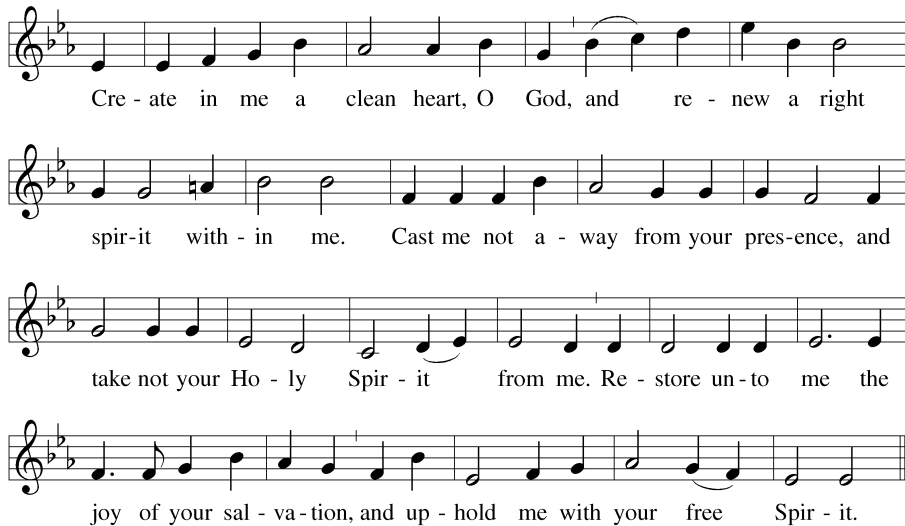


MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Lenten Meditation

J. Althouse

OFFERTORY *



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER *

Let us pray. O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. **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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

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, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

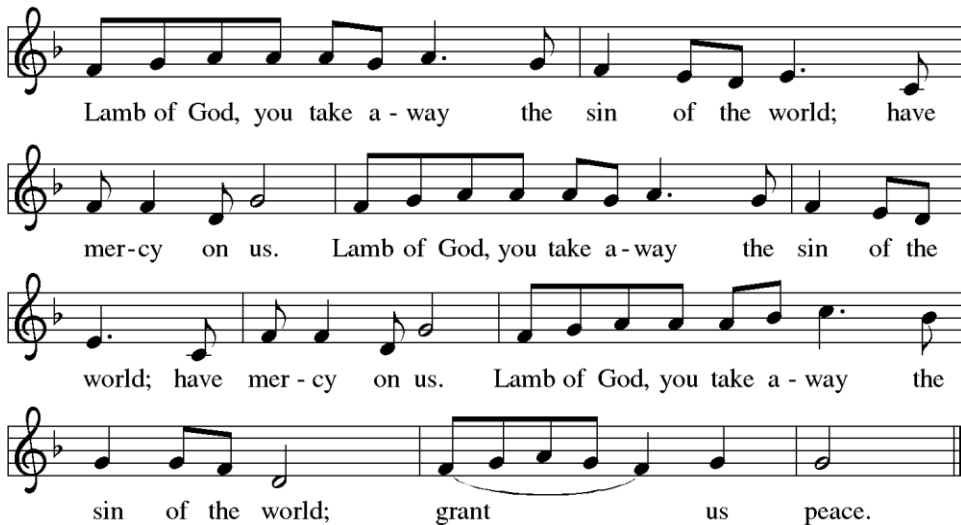
Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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



The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Lamb of God'. It consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have'. The second staff continues with 'mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the'. The third staff continues with 'world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the'. The fourth staff concludes with 'sin of the world; grant us peace.' The word 'grant' is underlined with a curved line.

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.

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 613

Thy Holy Wings

COMMUNION HYMN 599

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

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

SENDING

BENEDICTION *

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and grant you grace and peace. In the name of the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN 624 *

Jesus, Still Lead On

DISMISSAL *

Go in peace. Believe the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

Bach/Biggs

TODAY'S MINISTRY LEADERS

Preaching & Presiding Minister	The Rev. Tony Auer
Assisting Minister	Denny Gross
Organist/Pianist	David Chamberlin
Chancel Choir Director	Dave Zabriskie
Cantor / Soloist	Rachel Kibler
Reader	Don Liddle
Communion Assistants	Sabrina Bell / Liz Prystas
Altar Guild	Ann Marie Mogren / Becky McIntyre
Ushers	Doug Graham
Counters	David Rowatt / Doug Graham
Fellowship Hosts	Marci & Jon Hall / Holly Graham

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

Zion Prayer Partners - Prayer partners hold each other in prayer - a child or teen is paired with an adult from our congregation to lift each other up in prayer and connect more deeply as a community in Christ. It has been a few years since we have renewed the prayer partners and it is time to update to make sure that all of our new people are included. If your prayer partner is still here at Zion, they can continue to be your partner and we will just update your photos. If you are new(er) or your prayer partner has moved away, we will give you a new partner. If you are interested and have not been involved before, please email Susan Swidnicki (sljswidnicki@gmail.com). In the next few weeks, we'll be taking photos on Sunday mornings. You are also welcome to send the photo you would like to have on your prayer partner bookmark to Susan.

Weekly Lenten Worship – begins Wednesday, February 25th with soup supper at 6:00 PM downstairs in the Terrace Room. To sign up to bring soup, bread, crackers or just bring your appetite, scan the QR code. Holden Evening Prayer will follow at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. All are welcome.



High School Youth Activity Service Project - Sunday, March 8th after worship 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM; We will be preparing and serving lunch at the Ronald McDonald House Family Room, SLC Primary Children's Hospital. Contact Sabrina Bell with questions (801) 661-5417 or sabrinambell05@gmail.com.

Utah Olympic Oval Competition – The weekend of March 6, 7, 8 races are scheduled at the speed skating oval (5662 Cougar Ln, Kearns, UT). Zion member Ilsa Shobe is skating in this competition with races beginning at 9:00 AM each day. Let's head out there to cheer her on!

Legacy Giving Seminar presented by Thrivent Financial – Monday, March 16 at 3:30 PM and 6:30 PM in the Atrium at ZELC. Subjects may include bequests, life insurance beneficiaries, retirement plans that include memorial gifts, charitable gift annuities and retained life estates. Thrivent will provide handouts and refreshments. Please let Denny Gross know of your intention to attend. 801-599-2280 or dennisg144@gmail.com.

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!*

Bi-Monthly Mission January / February - Volunteer of America, Utah Youth Resource Center. Volunteers of America (VOA) is a nationwide ministry of service, carried out by both professional employees and volunteers, all dedicated to helping the most vulnerable members of society. [VOA Utah's Youth Resource Center](#) in SLC offers comprehensive resources and emergency shelter for youth ages 15-22 who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness. The Center is open and professionally staffed 24/7, 365 days per year, providing emergency shelter, hot meals, clothing, case management, and legal services. To learn more about VOA, Utah, visit voautah.org. You may contribute to this remarkable ministry through Zion's online gifting portal ("bimonthly mission") or by noting "VOA, Utah" on your check or envelope. ****We will NOT collect Noisy Offerings during Lent.** Please place your earmarked contributions in the offering plates during the regular collection time.

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

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: canned soup for pantry & coats, blankets for thrift store.

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

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Attendance Feb 15, 2026 Worship: 103; Online views: 116;
Sunday school: 39; **Ash Wednesday:** Noon: 19; 7:00 PM: 24; Online: 74

Looking Ahead – Readings and Psalm for next Sunday: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121;
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17