



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
HOLY COMMUNION  
Evangelical Lutheran Worship  
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church  
February 2, 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

"Lobe den Herrn"

Walther

*\* Indicates stand as you are able*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 866 \*

*We Are Marching in the Light*

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. Almighty and ever-living God, **increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

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

Psalm 71:1-6

**Refrain**

D. Chamberlin

From my moth-er's womb you have been my strength; you have sus-  
tained me— ev - er since I was born.

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me. **Refrain**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold. Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

**Refrain**

For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young. From birth you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you. **Refrain**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror,

dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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 4:21-30

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

Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.' " And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. 30 But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

## CHILDREN'S SERMON & SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 737 \*

*He Comes to Us as One Unknown*

## 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 "Jesus, What a Wonderful Child" African American Spiritual

## OFFERTORY \*

Musical notation for the offertory, consisting of three staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). 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.**

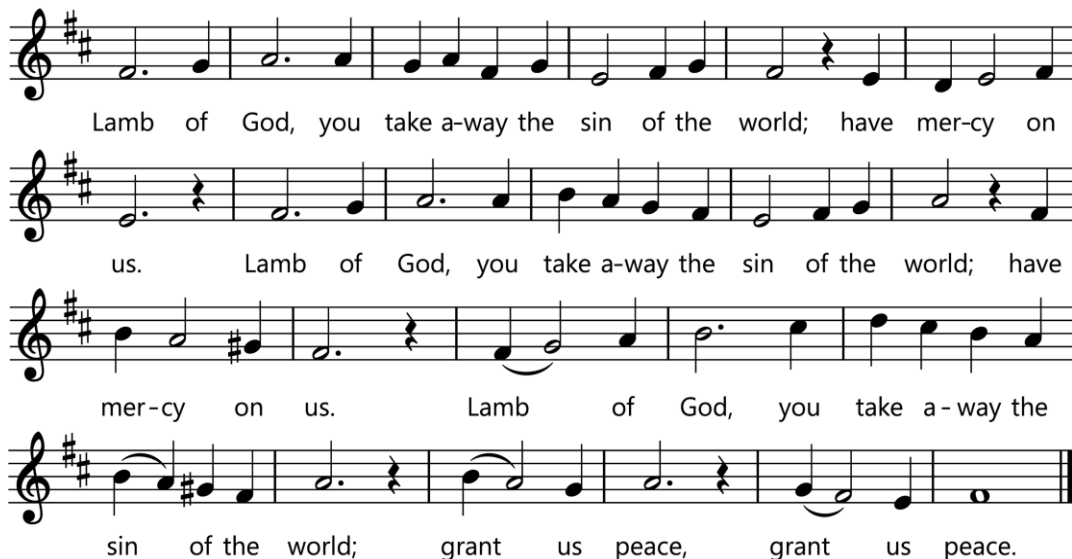
Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

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 491

*Come, Let Us Eat*

*Gambit Sok, 'Leader' - Congregation, 'All'*

COMMUNION HYMN 461

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

COMMUNION HYMN 466

*In the Singing*

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 543 \*

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

DISMISSAL \*

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

POSTLUDE

"Siyahamba"  
"Lobe den Herm"

Farlee  
Drischner

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## TODAY'S MINISTRY LEADERS

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Organist/Pianist	David Chamberlin
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Cantor	Rachel Kibler
Crucifer	
Reader	Marc Foulks
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Nathan Seegert



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

**Dinner Church: February 12, 2025** - Thank you to all who attended and participated in our inaugural January Dinner Church! We shared a meal, prayer, scripture, and songs, as well as a thoughtful discussion about times when we have felt "lost," then saved, by our loving God. Our next opportunity to worship is **Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 6:00 pm**. If you have questions or would like to participate in the service, please contact Liz Prystas (eprystas@gmail.com). All are welcome to attend! Please bring a friend!!

**A Series of Conversations on Lutheran Identity with Pastor Tony** – The class continues today and next Sunday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, at 9am in the atrium. Today will be another look at Revelation and next Sunday, we will discuss the Reformation.

**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.



**New Monthly Utah Conference Newsletter** - Zion Lutheran Church is part of the Utah Conference of the Rocky Mountain Synod. The Utah Conference, which Pastor Michael serves as dean, is one of ten conferences in the RMS. One of the main purposes of a conference, a regional grouping of congregations, is for its congregations to discover their mutual interdependence and use that interdependence as a tool for mission. In order to help our congregations and members live into the vision of what it can mean to be the Utah Conference, this new monthly newsletter will share vital information about the ministries of our congregations and their various missions. While each of our ELCA congregations is unique, we share a common witness and tradition to celebrate and share. Scan this QR code to sign up to receive the Utah Conference Newsletter.



**Zion's 2024 Annual Report Now Available** - The 2024 Annual Report is now published. Click here to view. 2024 was a year full of ministry inside and beyond the walls of our church. Thanks be to God!



**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!

**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](mailto: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 9:00 am 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](mailto:adgross1@msn.com).

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

**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.**

**Attendance January 26, 2025**      Worship: 114

**Looking Ahead** – Readings and Psalm for next Sunday  
Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11