



GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP
Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
April 3, 2026 – 7:00 PM

WELCOME!

We are delighted you are here today.
Everyone is welcome at Zion and all – without exception – are welcome
to Holy Communion.



FREE COFFEE SUNDAYS

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
WiFi Password: Zion5822321



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*

Tonight, we gather in silence

THE PASSION NARRATIVE Matthew 26:69-75

PRAYER OF THE DAY *

Let us pray. Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

PSALM 22:1-8, 11

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;

and by night but find no rest.

Yet you are holy,

enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our ancestors trusted;

they trusted, and you delivered them.

To you they cried and were saved;

in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

But I am a worm and not human,

scorned by others and despised by the people.

All who see me mock me;

they sneer at me; they shake their heads;

“Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver—

let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”

Do not be far from me,

for trouble is near,

and there is no one to help.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:16-25

"This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:
I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,"
he also adds,
"I will remember their sins
and their lawless deeds no more."

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

THE BIDDING PRAYERS *

On Good Friday, the church's ancient Bidding Prayer is sung or spoken.

After each petition ending: We ask this through Christ our Lord, the congregation responds:
Amen.

*Pastor concludes: Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask:

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.

HYMN 353 *

Were You There

PASSION NARRATIVE Matthew 27:1-23

MUSIC

Pie Jesu

Lloyd Weber

PASSION NARRATIVE Matthew 27:24-44

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS

FIRST WORD: Luke 23:33-34

And when they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left. And Jesus said, "*Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.*"

Candle 1 extinguished.

SECOND WORD: Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "*Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.*"

Candle 2 extinguished.

MUSIC

Remember Me

Bella Voce

THIRD WORD: John 19:25-27

So the soldiers did this. But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

Candle 3 extinguished.

FOURTH WORD: Matthew 27:45-46

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "*Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?*" that is, "*My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?*"

Candle 4 extinguished.

FIFTH WORD: John 19:28

After this Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfil the scripture), "*I thirst.*"

Candle 5 extinguished.

SIXTH WORD: John 19:29-30

A bowl full of vinegar stood there; so they put a sponge full of the vinegar on hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "*It is finished*"; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Candle 6 extinguished.

SEVENTH WORD: Luke 23:44-46

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "*Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit!*" And having said this he breathed his last.

Candle 7 extinguished.

Pastor concludes: At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "*Truly this man was God's Son!*"

This is the Word of our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 349 *

Ah, Holy Jesus

The ministers leave in silence. Worshipers may remain for prayer and meditation.

TODAY'S MINISTRY LEADERS

Preaching & Presiding Minister	The Rev. Tony Auer
Organist/Pianist	David Chamberlin
Readers	Brandon Courtney / Lisa Stevens
Bella Voce	Savannah Beal, Jan Chamberlin, Karrine Christiansen
Liturgical Dancers	Amelie Bennett / Amelia Johnson

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

Church Offices Closed – Easter Monday, April 6th, the church offices will be closed.

Let Me Shine! Preschool – On spring break April 3-10.

Special Congregational Meeting: Sunday, April 19, 2026 - Zion's congregation council has recently approved updated versions of **Zion's Constitution and Bylaws**. Please join us following worship Sunday, April 19th to discuss and vote on these revised documents. Copies of the Constitution and Bylaws will be available for review soon.

Let Me Shine! Preschool Spring Appeal – This year, we are focusing on replacing the carpet in our Terrace Room downstairs. After 26 years of faithful use, the carpeting is ready for renewal. Last year you showed us what is possible when we come together! Can we do it again? If you feel led to give, every contribution – big or small – moves us closer to meeting our goal of \$5,000. The total cost of the carpet is \$20,380. We are a small non-profit school and your generous support will directly impact the comfort and safety of our students. LMS Preschool accepts cash, checks and Venmo (Holly-Graham-26) and also thru ZELC's Servant Keeper Online. Please select Let Me Shine Spring Appeal if you donate via Zion's Servant Keeper. Please note "Let Me Shine" on donations through ZELC. Watch for fundraising progress during the spring season.

2026 Vacation Bible School Music Camp – June 15-19. Mon-Thur 9 AM- 3 PM; Fri 9 AM - 1:30 PM, with a family mini-concert at 1 PM. Ages: completed Kindergarten-6th grade. 5th and 6th graders will have Praise Band and lap dulcimer instruction. \$25 per child for the week. If you are interested in helping support VBS Music Camp, please email Susan Swidnicki at sljswidnicki@gmail.com or stop by the church office for more information. For registration/payment <https://www.zelc.org/vacationbibleschool.html>.

Needs for Volunteers of America, Utah - Do you have a Bible or two on your shelf that you no longer use? If you are ready to pass it on, donate the Bible to Volunteers of America, Utah to be given to a client who requests one. We accept any version. Bring the Bible to ZELC and leave it in the blue box marked VOA that is under the stairs or give it to Erin Basta. Thanks!

Summer Camping Weekend – Mark your calendars for the weekend of August 21-23, 2026. Rachel Kibler has reserved a camp site at the Box Elder Campground near Mantua for this year's church camping weekend. Questions can be directed to Rachel – racheljoi@gmail.com.

ZELC Opportunity to Serve - It's great to see so many people enjoying coffee, snacks, and conversation in the Atrium after Sunday worship. To keep it going, we're looking for one or two families each week to bring simple snacks. Coffee is provided and there are always people to assist as needed. Please sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Chet Johnson: chetj.slc@gmail.com.

The Consoling Christ - Thanks to a generous gift from Lorinda Goff Belnap, a large oil painting which hung in the original Zion Lutheran Church building has been returned to Zion. Bernhard Plockhurst (1825-1907) was a German painter best known in the United States for his many religiously themed paintings. His work, *The Consoling Christ*, was created around 1888. While the location of the original painting is not known, this faithful oil copy (painted by Paul Fjellboe (1873-1948), a Norwegian painter who came to Utah as a convert to the Mormon church) hung in the original Zion Lutheran Church at 400 East and 200 South in Salt Lake City between circa 1905 and 1928. This large painting has been hung in the narthex above the staircase. A more detailed description can be found on Zion's website.

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 March / April – Good Samaritan Neighborhood Center. As taught in the familiar gospel story, a good Samaritan is a compassionate person who unselfishly helps others, especially strangers. **The Good Samaritan Neighborhood Center in Rose Park (RPNC)** is a place where neighbors can meet, learn, and grow together. The mission of the RPNC is to support families and improve the educational outcomes of students living in Salt Lake City's westside neighborhoods. Its programs include English language learning, college scholarships, parent engagement classes, and immigrant resources. The latter include citizenship preparation, immigration legal clinics, assistance with referrals, and grants to help with government filing fees. For more information about this vital and relevant organization, visit <https://gsfutah.org>. You may contribute to the RPNC through Zion's online payment portal ("bimonthly ministry") or by earmarking an offering for the collection plate. We will resume Noisy Offerings on Sunday, April 26!! Thank you!

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 meat for the pantry and shoes, work boots & socks for thrift store.

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