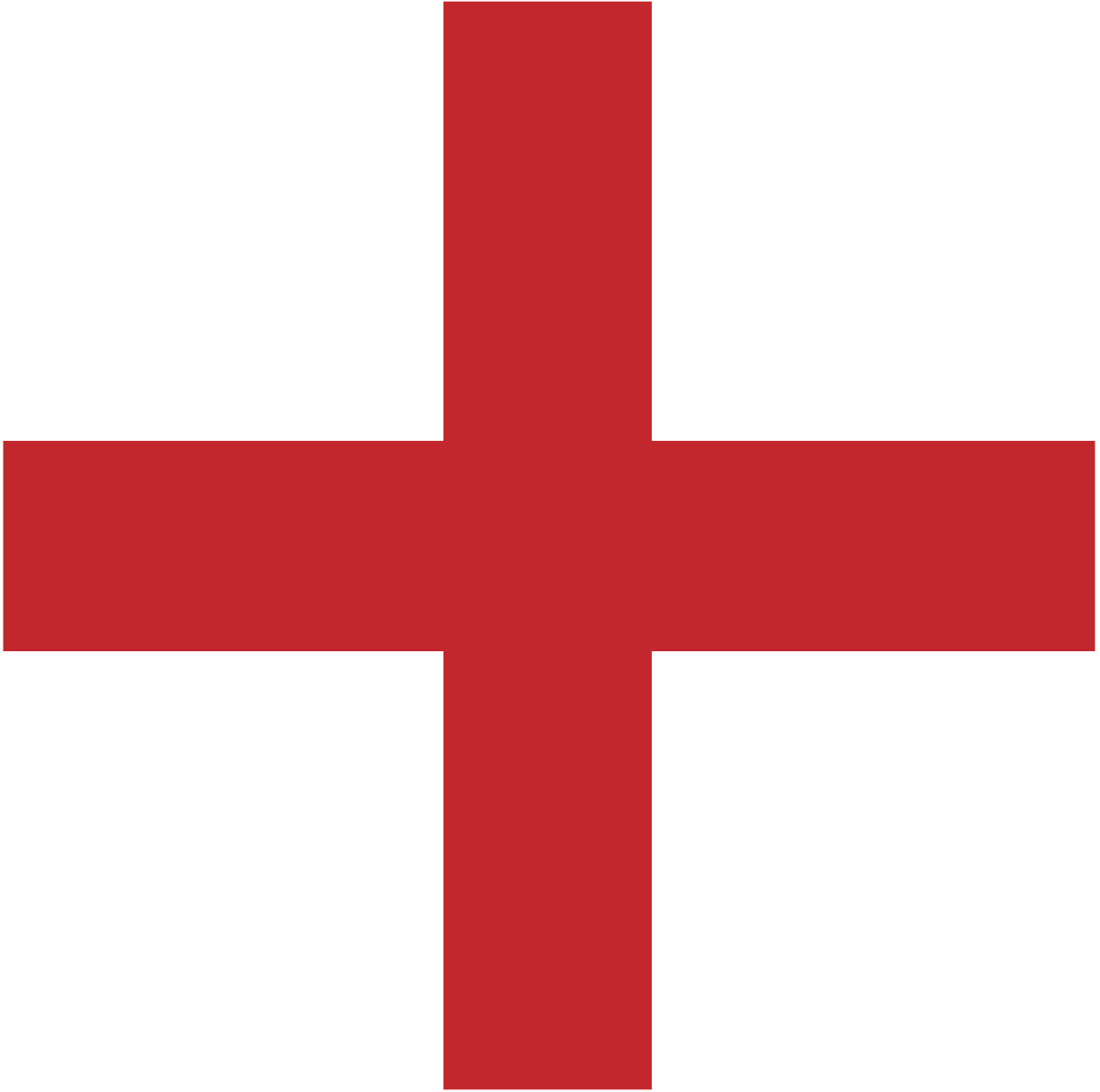


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## A Word from the Pastor

This All Saints' Day

I am amazed, caught up in the mystery of the Holy Spirit,  
who gathers us with all the saints  
"at all times and in all places"  
surrounding us with that great cloud of witnesses  
who are ever connecting us in grace.

This All Saints' Day

I pray with those who live in hope  
for that day, when every tear will be wiped away.

This All Saints' Day

I praise God  
for those Jesus calls blessed, our homeless friends,  
huddling for worship in Thursday morning devotions;  
for those who set the Table for our Holy Meal  
and all who offer refreshment and hospitality for coffee hour,  
for those who model generosity, with chocolate chip cookies and faithful giving,  
for all who work for justice, offering healing and hope,  
for the children, proclaiming the gospel news: "Jesus' heals ten leprechauns!"  
for all who make music, moving our worship onto holy ground,  
for teachers and leaders who administer and organize Let Me Shine!  
for all who have kept the candle of their faith burning, even through their suffering.

And, I thank God for those who have done nothing special at all,  
*who quietly yet faithfully live as beloved children of God,*  
living steady and bright in the light of God's love for them.

This All Saints' Day

I give thanks to God for all the saints  
in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church,  
for our fellowship shaped by love and forgiveness.

Pastor Steve Klemz  
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## in our prayers

- for all who mourn the death of Linde Wrathall
- for mission partners, especially with the ELCA, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, Vicar Lisa and Elim; for this congregation's stewardship appeal
- for those vulnerable to California wildfires; for firefighters and first responders
- for our nation; for all who mourn
- for continued wholeness and healing with Terri Moffit, Dave Zabriskie, Susan Swidnicki, Michael Chard, Bonnie Judge, Elfie Wright, John Krehbiel, Ron Finner, Cindy Haverkost, Preston Parkin, Paul Krehbiel, Rowan Ayers
- for those who request prayers: Amy Larsen, Saria Woodall, Jenny & Bryce, Ronnie, Vicki, Carla, Mike, Olena, Darrel, Rupel & Devin, Charm, Kirsten, Carol, Norma Klemz & Kristen Doran

# A Vicar's Voice

## Grace at the Table

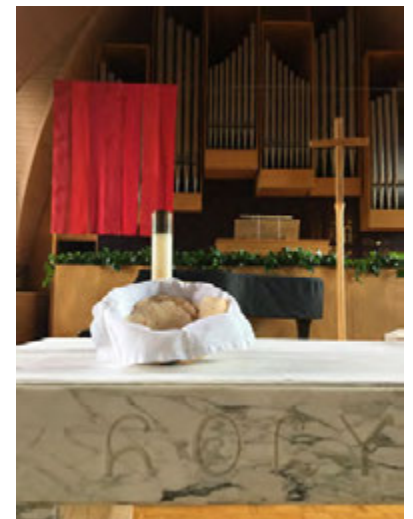
The first time that I gave communion at Elim during my internship I was awe struck. Well, any time that I give communion I have a vibrant picture of Grace in my mind. I see a picture of a very long table that extends beyond the altar in our sanctuary and connects with the altars at other ELCA churches from Elim & Ascension (Ogden) to Zion (Salt Lake City) as well as altars all over the world.

At the Lord's Table we all are fed with the bread of life and share in the new covenant remembering that we are forgiven. At times I tend to stumble over the Words of Institution because I get lost in this mind-blowing amazing grace that Jesus Christ constantly pours out for you. Reminding us of the key part - FOR YOU!

We bring many gifts to the table and I was able to share the gift of Elim's wine (thanks to Rick Widner) to the Lord's Table at Zion on Sunday, Oct 20th. I felt like Jesus was uniting two churches together at one shared table, and there was a physical representation. On October 27, we shared the bread from Zion during communion at Elim. It felt like a continuous exchange of God's blessing.

How have you been caught up in God's Infinite Grace at the table?

*Lisa M. Mensinger*



# Worship Volunteers



## Altar Guild

November 3 | Steve & Marie Newton + Holly Graham  
November 10 | Ann Marie Mogren + Jan Heins  
November 17 | Ann Marie Mogren + Lois & Bruce Stewart  
November 24 | Marci Hall + Lois & Bruce Stewart

## Counters

November 3 | Warren Patten + Bob Hackworth  
November 10 | Janice Ruggles + Marci Hall  
November 17 | Janice Ruggles + Warren Patten  
November 24 | Diane Teece + Paula Dastrup

## Assisting Ministers

November 3 | Lisa Mensinger  
November 10 | Ellen Liu  
November 17 | Denny Gross  
November 24 | Ross Anthony

If you'd like to volunteer to be a greeter, an usher, or host coffee hour, please sign up in the Narthex or contact the church office.

Thank you to Marsha Gilford, Linda Strohacker, Erin Basta & Michael Rusnack, the Ayers, Westman & Patten families, and the Butson Family for hosting recent coffee hours.

## Diaper Drive

Thank you to everyone who donated to the diaper drive for the month of October. We collected 4,069 diapers for kids to help fight childhood homelessness and help folks in need. Thank you to everyone who supported the cause and donated to the drive!



# Zion's Children's Christmas Program - Sunday, Dec. 22, 2019 - 6 pm

Children and youth please arrive at 5:30 pm to warm up.

Arrive at 5:15 pm if you want to use one of our robes or costumes.

Rehearsal: Sunday, December 22 - 9:15 am in Sanctuary

Reader rehearsal- Saturday, December 21 - 9 am

Joyful NOIZ - Youth choir rehearsal - Saturday, December 21 -10 am

Everyone may wear a costume which fits with the Bible story of Christmas (e.g. Angel, Mary, cow, sheep, wise person, not Frosty or an elf).

We have many angel robes and will have garland to make halos. Please don't spend money on this! A robe and stick and dish towel for a shepherd would be perfect.

We will need volunteers to set up and clean up our cookie reception afterwards. We also need lots of homemade cookies for our reception.

If your child wants to sing or play a Christmas solo or duet during the program, please let Susan know.

Questions? Email: Susan Swidnicki : [sljswidnicki@gmail.com](mailto:sljswidnicki@gmail.com)

As Thanksgiving nears, I'm reminded of how blessed I am and what I have to be thankful for. I'm thankful to serve as your director and I'm especially thankful for each of you - the congregation, board, staff, children and families at Let Me Shine. Thank you for the opportunity to educate, nurture and care for the children in our community!

Please join the staff, children and families of Let Me Shine in singing praises of Thanksgiving during our annual Thanksgiving Chapel Service and Potluck Feast. The service is Tuesday, November 26 at 11:30 am. Everyone is welcome to attend Chapel and invited to the delicious potluck meal following the service. Please watch for a potluck sign-up sheet outside your classroom door!

I'm happy to report on October's fundraising efforts. We received a check in the amount of \$385.63 for the mini photo shoots! Thank you so much, Jessica Hernandez, for your generous donation. Also, thanks to all who participated in 'Let Me Shine Day' at the Pizza Studio - we will receive a check for \$164.58. Yippee!

"Come; let us sing to the Lord! Let us give a joyous shout to the rock of our salvation! Let us come before him with Thanksgiving. Let us sing him psalms of praise."

Psalm 95:1-2 NLT

In His service,-

*Barb*

Barbara Ballif, Director



# Youth News

Fall Retreat - Saturday, November 9

Meet at Zion by 1 pm.

Small Catechism on the Road.

Wear comfortable shoes & jacket.

Wear things you don't mind getting dirty.

Wear hat & gloves too.



## Cottage Meetings - November 6 & November 13

"This is what grace looks like..." is the theme for our 2020 Stewardship Appeal. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to participate in this year's stewardship appeal. Please review the brochure, "This is what grace looks like..." Plan to attend a cottage meeting to join in conversation about the ways we are connecting through grace in Zion. Please pray for the Spirit's gift of thankfulness, generosity, and joy.

November 6 | 6:30 - 7:45 pm  
Home of Jason and Lacy Foulks  
951 East Avila Court  
Sandy, Utah 84095  
*Vicar Lisa and Brian Mensinger, facilitator*

November 13 | 7 - 8:15 pm  
Home of Terry and Cindy Haverkost  
549 East 4800 South  
Murray, UT 84107  
*Pr. Steve Klemz, facilitator*

**Save the Date**  
**Annual**  
**Meeting**

**Following Worship**  
**Sunday**  
**November 17th**

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