



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
HOLY COMMUNION
Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
January 26, 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

"Prelude in A Major"

J. S. Bach

** Indicates stand as you are able*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 314 *

Arise, Your Light Has Come!

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. Blessed Lord God, **you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up

their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

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

Psalm 19

Refrain

D. Chamberlin



The teach-ing of the Lord is per-fect and re-vives the soul;—



the com-mand-ments of the Lord are clear, giv-ing light to the eyes.

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork. One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another. Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun. It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course. It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat. **Refrain**

The testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple. The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

Refrain

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward. Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults. Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer. **Refrain**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

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 4:14-21

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

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON & SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 715 *

Christ, Be Our Light

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 "Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing" G. Young

OFFERTORY *

Musical notation for the Offertory, consisting of five staves of music in a single system. The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The lyrics are printed 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 *

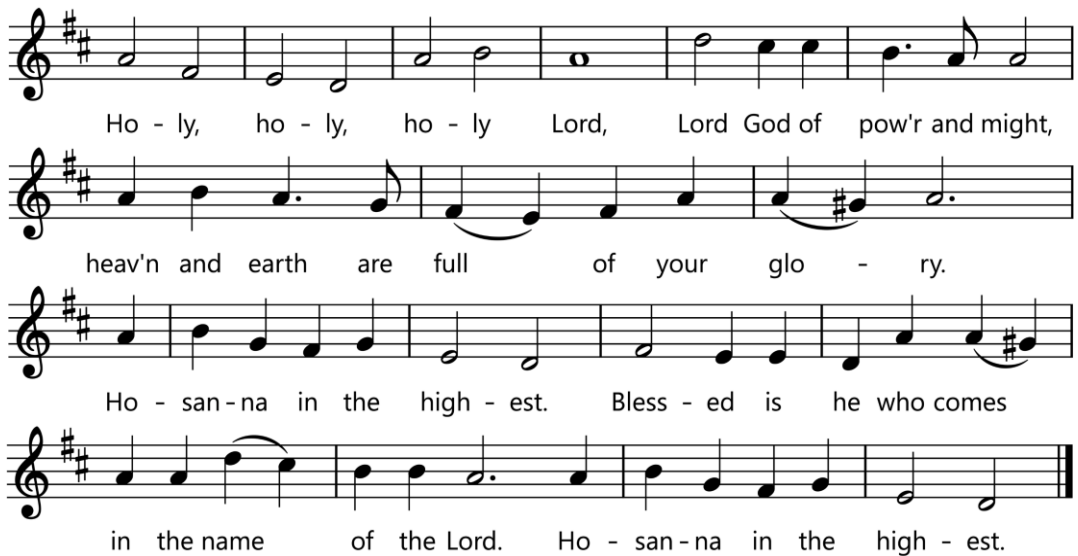
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

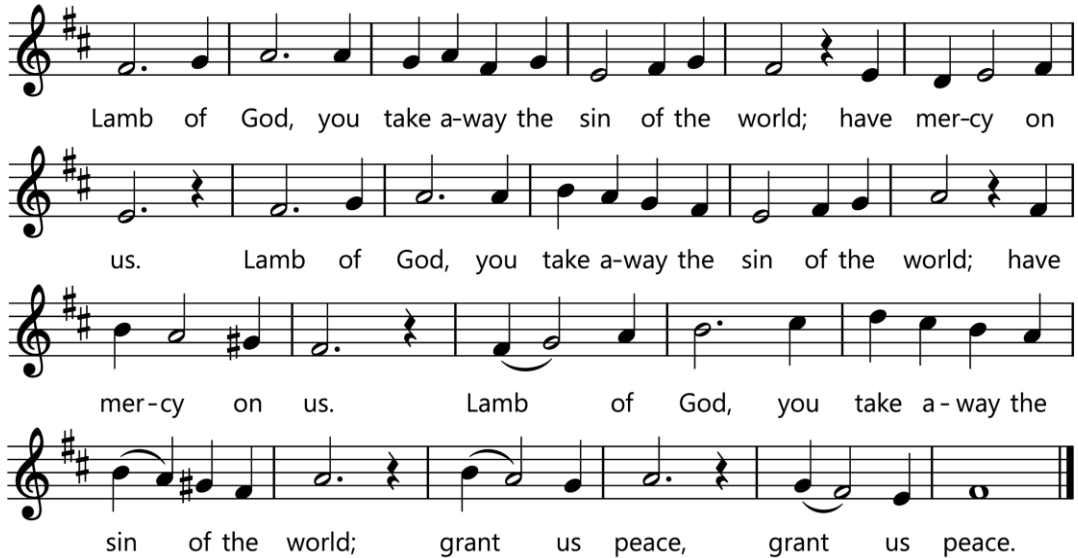
Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

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 677

This Little Light of Mine

COMMUNION HYMN 496

One Bread, One Body

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 551 *

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

DISMISSAL *

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

POSTLUDE

“Toccatà on F Major”

J. S. Bach

TODAY’S MINISTRY LEADERS

Presiding & Presiding Minister	The Rev. Michael Tassler
Assisting Minister	Sabrina Bell
Organist/Pianist	David Chamberlin
Chancel Choir Director	Dave Zabriskie
Cantor	Jon Hall
Crucifer	
Reader	Marc Foulks
Communion Assistants	Marc Foulks & Erin Basta
Altar Guild	Ann Marie/Becky & Jan Heins
Ushers	Doug Graham & Mike Gruenhagen
Counters	Ethel Olson & Bob Hackworth
Fellowship Hosts	Bill & Julie Mackie

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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

Let Me Shine Preschool! Open enrollment underway – Zion members are offered priority enrollment at our preschool (ages 18 mo to pre-k), **through January 31st**. If you are interested, please visit www.letmeshine.org or speak with Sabrina Bell or Holly Graham. Space is limited; act now!

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 since 1948. LFSRM supports children and families regardless of race, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation or age.

The LFSRM Salt Lake City location houses an Immigration Legal Services Program that provides legal assistance and general immigration consultation for immigrants.

To learn more about Lutheran Family Services, Rocky Mountain, please visit lfsrm.org. Contributions may be made through Zion's donor link (zelc.org/give.html) or by writing "Lutheran Family Services" on your check or envelope.

We will continue to collect "noisy offerings" on the final Sundays of each month to support our bimonthly missions! Please remember your loose change TODAY and 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. 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.

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.**

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Looking Ahead – Readings and Psalm for next Sunday

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30