



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
HOLY COMMUNION
Tree of Life Setting

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
March 9, 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

"Slane"

G. Young

** Indicates stand as you are able*

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *

All may make the sign of the cross as the pastor begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,

You are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world.

We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us.

We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people.

We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again.

We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.

Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In ✝ Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. **Amen.**

Refrain first sung by cantor, then congregation:

Refrain

*[Come and gath - er] be - neath the tree of life.

[Come and gath - er] be - neath the tree of

life; Root of wis - dom, branch of peace, fruit of

heal - ing and re - lease. [Come and gath - er] be -

neath the tree of life.

* Refrain 2nd time: replace "Come and gather" with "**Lay your burdens...**"

* Refrain 3rd time: replace "Come and gather" with "**Grace and pardon...**"

The cantor sings the following verses:

Here we raise the saving cross of Jesus, singing praise to him who leads us on from death into new life. **Refrain (Lay your burdens...)**

Here beneath the branches of your mercy, we invoke your name, remember how your live has set us free. **Refrain (Grace and pardon...)**

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.**

The musical score is written in 3/2 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of ten staves of music. The lyrics are as follows:

[A] In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
 [C] Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
 Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all. [A] 1. For the
 [A] 2. For your
 reign of God, and for peace through-out the
 peo - ple here who have come to give you
 world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
 thanks, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the
 Lord: [C] Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
 Lord:
 [A] Help, save, and de-
 Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all.
 fend us, O God: [C] A - - - men.

Congregation sings final refrain:

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heal - ing and re - lease. Come and gath - er be -

neath the tree of life.

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

O Lord God, **you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through 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: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

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

Psalm 91 – Hymn 787

On Eagle's Wings

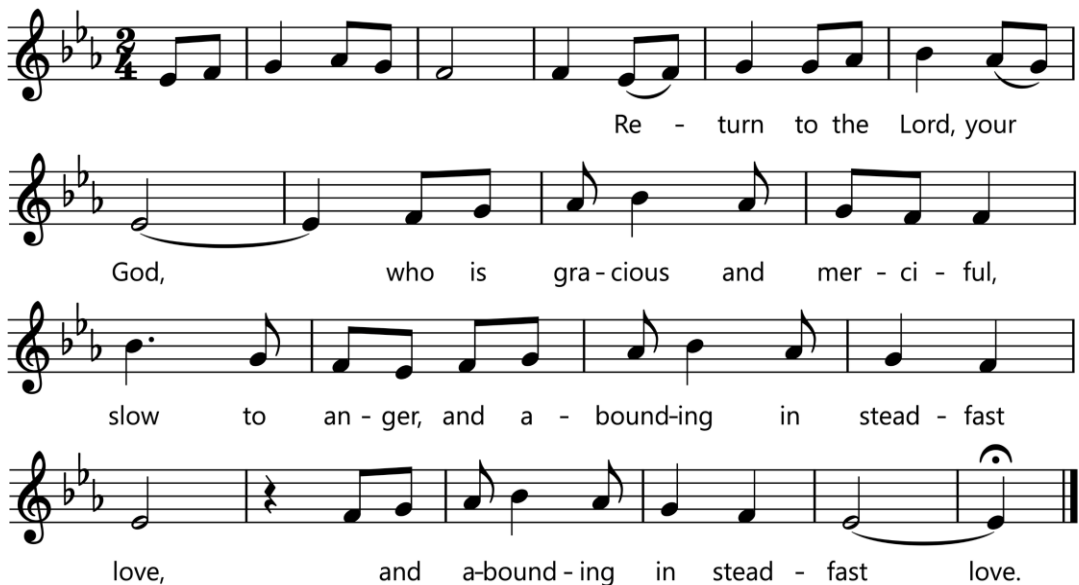
Cantor sings numbered verses; congregation sings refrain

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *



Re - turn to the Lord, your
God, who 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: Luke 4:1-13

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

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are

the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON & SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 322 * Vs 1-4

Oh, Love, How Deep

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 in your mercy, congregation responds: **receive our prayer.***

*Pastor: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love; in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **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 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Mack Wilberg

OFFERTORY *

Come, Let Us Bring



1. Come, let us bring the warm and fra - grant bread.
2. Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun - dant wine.
3. Praise be to you who set all peo - ple free.



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Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun - dant wine.
Praise be to you who set all peo - ple free.



Bro - ken here so all God's peo - ple might be fed.
In this cup we taste the joy of grace di - vine.
Blest are they who share the feast of ju - bi - lee.



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OFFERING PRAYER *

Let us pray. Gracious Provider, **you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *

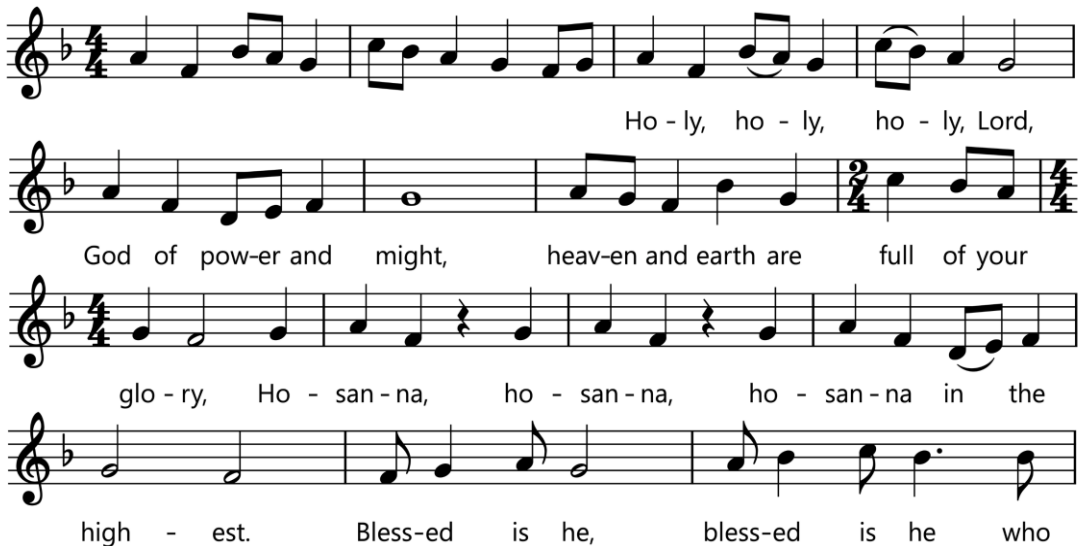
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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-er 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, bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs, we bless and magnify you. You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock. We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thank; 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.

Remembering, therefore his life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world. Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church and in the world you so love, both now and forever. **Amen.**

God, remember us in your love, and teach us 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

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 your peace, grant us your 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 325

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

COMMUNION HYMN 328

Restore in us, O God

TABLE BLESSING *

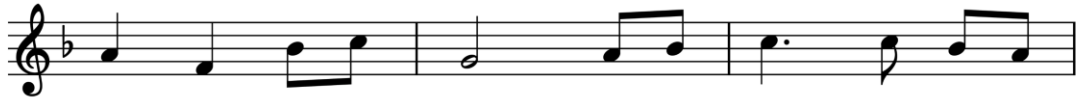
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

By Your Hand You Feed Your People



1. By your hand you feed your people food of
2. In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for
3. Send us now with faith and cour-age to the



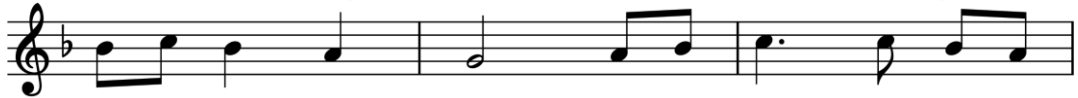
an-gels, heav-en's bread. For these gifts we did not
hun-ger, wine of peace. Ho-ly word and Ho-ly
hun-gry, lost, be-reaved. In our liv-ing and our



la-lor; by your grace have we been fed.
wis-dom, sat-is-fy our deep-est needs,
dy-ing we be-come what we re-ceive:



Christ's own bod-y, blest and bro-ken, Cup o'er-



flow-ing life out-poured, giv-en as a liv-ing



to-ken of your world re-deemed, re-stored.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Generous Host, **you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING *

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✝ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN 329 *

As the Sun with Longer Journey

DISMISSAL *

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

"Jesus, Lover of my Soul"

D. Hustad

TODAY'S MINISTRY LEADERS

Presiding & Presiding Minister	The Rev. Michael Tassler
Assisting Minister	Marc Foulks
Organist/Pianist	Wayne Graham
Chancel Choir Director	Dave Zabriskie
Cantor	Rachel Kibler
Reader	Marc Foulks
Communion Assistants	Kathy Foulks & Ross Anthony
Altar Guild	Denny Gross & Jan Heins
Ushers	Doug Graham
Counters	Ann Marie Mogren/Doug Graham/David Rowatt
Fellowship Hosts	Denny & Alyce Gross

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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

Tree of Life Liturgy - Beginning today and throughout the Sundays in Lent, our worship will use a new-to-us liturgical setting composed by Marty Haugen called "Tree of Life," which in title and spirit is connected to the cross. Some pieces in the liturgy will, in fact, be familiar to many while, others will be new. We look forward to learning this more contemplative setting for our Lenten worship.

Soup Suppers – Sign-up to provide soups (4) or bread/rolls (3) each week before Lenten worship. Soup supper begins at 5:30pm each Wednesday downstairs in the terrace room. Scan the QR code to access the Sign-up Genius.



Lenten Worship - Holden Evening Prayer – Each week at 6:15pm from Wednesday, March 12 thru Wednesday, April 9 in the sanctuary.

Young Adults Group - Our kickoff event will be held at Piper Down Irish Pub (21+ only) for trivia night on March 16! Meet at 7 pm at Piper Down, 1492 South State Street. Trivia starts at 7:30 pm, so come by 7 pm so you can order food and drinks before the start. If you have any questions or need a ride, please contact Jon Hall (jhjh87@gmail.com) or Cynthia Rowatt (rowattc@gmail.com). It will be a great time of fellowship!

Dinner Church: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 – All are welcome to join us (again or for the first time) on Tuesday, March 18, at 6:00 pm, in the Terrace Room. We will share a meal, scripture, songs, prayer, and Holy Communion. We hope to see you there! Invite a friend!!

Monthly Utah Conference Newsletter - Zion is part of the Utah Conference of the Rocky Mountain Synod, one of ten geographical conferences in the RMS. Scan this QR code to sign up to receive the monthly newsletter and learn vital information about our ELCA congregations, ministries, and pastors in Utah. New edition tomorrow!



Bi-Monthly Mission March/April - Zion's bimonthly mission donations will support the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association (ELEA, <https://elcaschools.org>). ELEA fosters a supportive community of Lutheran education leaders and teachers through communication, advocacy, professional development, faith formation, and a wide range of professional resources. Zion's Let Me Shine! Christian Playschool and Preschool is an ELEA member. Contributions may be made through Zion's online payment portal (bi-monthly mission) or by

indicating "ELEA" on your check or envelope. Thank you! On March 30 and April 27, we will collect noisy offerings for ELEA. Remember your loose change!

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.



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). **Beans (canned or dried) and sleeping bags.**

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 9:00am 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.

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

Attendance March 2, 2025 Worship: 130
March 5: Ashes-to-Go: 19; Noon: 20; Soup supper: 31; 6:15 pm Worship: 45

Readings and Psalm for next Sunday

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35