



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
HOLY COMMUNION  
Evangelical Lutheran Worship  
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church  
March 1, 2026 – 10:00 AM

# WELCOME!

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

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## FREE COFFEE

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*

PRELUDE                      Chorale, Variations and Fugue (Sonata No. 6)                      Mendelssohn

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS \*

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 522 \*

*As We Gather at Your Table*

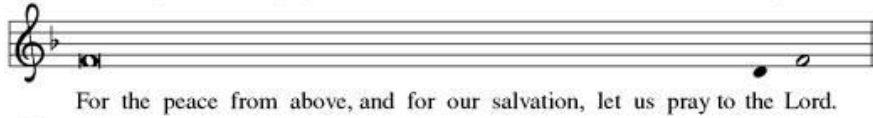
## GREETING \*

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**

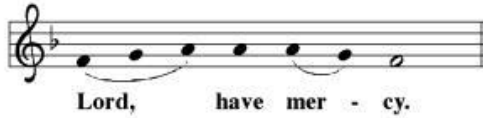
KYRIE \*



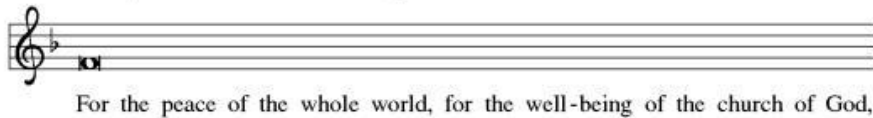
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



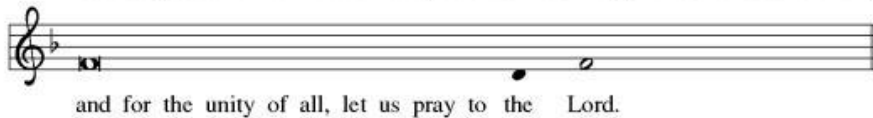
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.




**Lord, have mer - cy.**



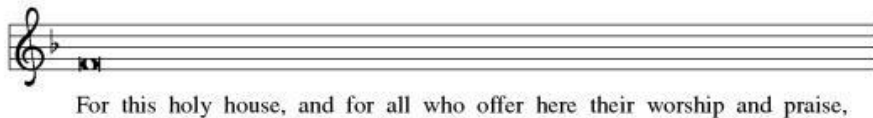
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



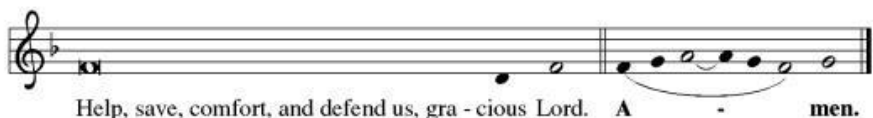
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY \*

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

Let us pray. O God, **our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, 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: Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

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

PSALM 121

D. Chamberlin

**Refrain**

I lift up my eyes to the hills; \_\_\_\_\_ from  
where is my help\_ to come?\_ My help comes from the  
Lord, who made the heav - en and the earth.\_\_\_\_\_

The Lord will not let your foot be moved,  
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.  
Behold, the keeper of Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep;  
the Lord watches over you;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;  
the sun will not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.  
The Lord will preserve you from all evil  
and will keep your life.  
The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth forevermore. **Refrain**

## SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

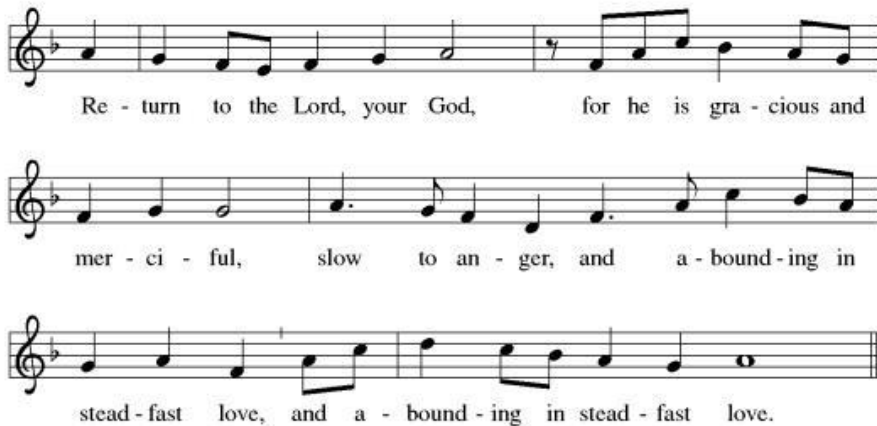
What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION \*



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he 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: John 3:1-17 \*

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

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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

## CHILDREN'S TIME

## SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 323 \*

*God So Loved the World*

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: hear us, O God, congregation responds: **Your mercy is great.***

*Pastor concludes: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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
- ⊕ Scan the QR code with your phone.

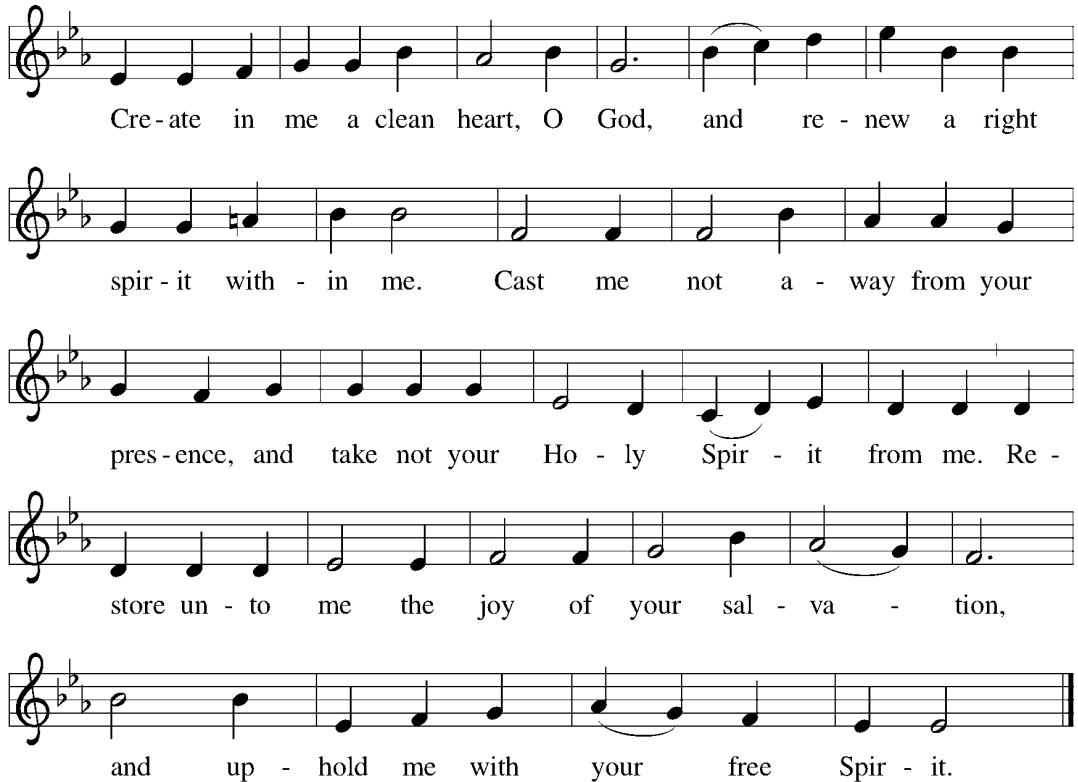


MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Finale: Andante (Sonata No. 6)

Mendelssohn

## OFFERTORY \*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## OFFERING PRAYER \*

Let us pray. O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. **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'r 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 who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

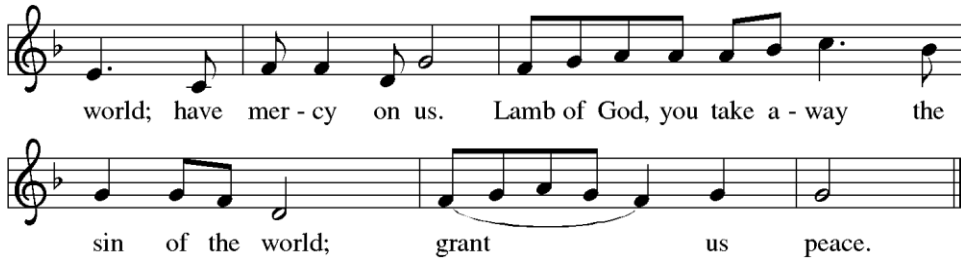
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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



The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Lamb of God'. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. The lyrics 'mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the' are written below the second staff.



## 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 continue to the side to intinct the wafer in either wine (red) or grape juice (white). Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

*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 803

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

COMMUNION HYMN 811

*On My Heart Imprint Your Image*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING \*

May the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER \*

Let us pray. Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## SENDING

### BENEDICTION \*

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and grant you grace and peace. In the name of the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN 638 \*

*Blessed Assurance*

### DISMISSAL \*

Go in peace. Believe the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

"Blessed Assurance"

Hebble

## TODAY'S MINISTRY LEADERS

Preaching & Presiding Minister	The Rev. Tony Auer
Assisting Minister	Liz Prystas
Organist/Pianist	David Chamberlin
Cantor	Rachel Kibler
Reader	Michael Drews
Communion Assistants	Ross Anthony / Lois Graham
Altar Guild	Marci Hall / Jan Heins
Ushers	Doug Graham
Counters	Bob Hackworth / Doug Graham
Fellowship Hosts	Susan Auer / Tim Vincent

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

**Zion Prayer Partners** - Prayer partners hold each other in prayer - a child or teen is paired with an adult from our congregation to lift each other up in prayer and connect more deeply as a community in Christ. It has been a few years since we have renewed the prayer partners and it is time to update to make sure that all of our new people are included. If your prayer partner is still here at Zion, they can continue to be your partner and we will just update your photos. If you are new(er) or your prayer partner has moved away, we will give you a new partner. If you are interested and have not been involved before, please email Susan Swidnicki (sljswidnicki@gmail.com). In the next few weeks, we'll be taking photos on Sunday mornings. You are also welcome to send the photo you would like to have on your prayer partner bookmark to Susan.

**Singing Resistance SLC will hold a SING – IN, today** from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM at Holladay United Church of Christ, 2631 E. Murray Holladay Rd., SLC. Join in as songs of hope, resistance and solidarity are sung. Questions? Contact Pr. DanaLee Simon 262.705.5811.

**Weekly Lenten Worship** – each Wednesday, join us for soup supper at 6:00 PM



downstairs in the Terrace Room. To sign up to bring soup, bread, crackers or just bring your appetite, scan the QR code. Holden Evening Prayer will follow at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. All are welcome.

**Dinner Church for March - will NOT be held.** We encourage you to attend our Wednesday evening soup suppers at 6:00 PM in the Terrace Room, followed by Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. Dinner Church will return in April!

**Utah Olympic Oval Competition** – The weekend of March 6, 7, 8 races are scheduled at the speed skating oval (5662 Cougar Ln, Kearns, UT). Zion member Ilsa Shobe is skating in this competition with races beginning at 9:00 AM each day. Let's head out there to cheer her on!

**Family Playdate, Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** – Have little ones? Join us on the playground here on Saturday from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. BYO coffee and snacks. Come for fellowship and enjoying (probably) some early spring sun! Contact Valerie Garrison with questions: [valeriemgarrison@gmail.com](mailto:valeriemgarrison@gmail.com).

**High School Youth Activity Service Project** - Sunday, March 8th after worship 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM; We will be preparing and serving lunch at the Ronald McDonald House Family Room, SLC Primary Children's Hospital. Contact Sabrina Bell with questions (801) 661-5417 or [sabrinambell05@gmail.com](mailto:sabrinambell05@gmail.com).

**Legacy Giving Seminar presented by Thrivent Financial** – Monday, March 16 at 3:30 PM and 6:30 PM in the Atrium at ZELC. Subjects may include bequests, life insurance beneficiaries, retirement plans that include memorial gifts, charitable gift annuities and retained life estates. Thrivent will provide handouts and refreshments. Please let Denny Gross know of your intention to attend. 801-599-2280 or [dennisg144@gmail.com](mailto:dennisg144@gmail.com).

**Junior & Senior High Youth** – March 22<sup>nd</sup> after worship head to the youth room downstairs for a movie. Either Godspell or Jesus Christ Superstar; bring a snack to share. Contact Sabrina Bell with any questions; 801-661-5417 or [sabrinambell05@gmail.com](mailto:sabrinambell05@gmail.com).

**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 soup for pantry & coats, blankets 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!

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QR code (also on the table in the Narthex).

**Attendance Feb 22, 2026** Worship: 125; Online views: 62;

Sunday school: 34

**Looking Ahead** – Readings and Psalm for next Sunday: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42