



PALM SUNDAY
HOLY COMMUNION
Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
March 29, 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.



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

TRUMPET FANFARE

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest.**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL *

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:1-11. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

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

BLESSING OF PALMS *

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

Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

TRUMPET FANFARE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 344 *

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

GREETING *

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Kusvika (To Arrive)

J. Lamb

Hosanna! Blessed is He

Michael Bedford

Holy Time

Anon.

WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me
a trained tongue,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens,
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand in court together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

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

PSALM 31:9-16

Refrain

D. Chamberlin

In - to your hands I com - mend my spir - it, for
you have re - deemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.
For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.
I am the scorn of my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors,
a dismay to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot. **Refrain**

I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.
I have said, "You are my God.
My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
from those who persecute me.
Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love." **Refrain**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a human,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 346 *

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

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

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. God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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:



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 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.

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way 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.

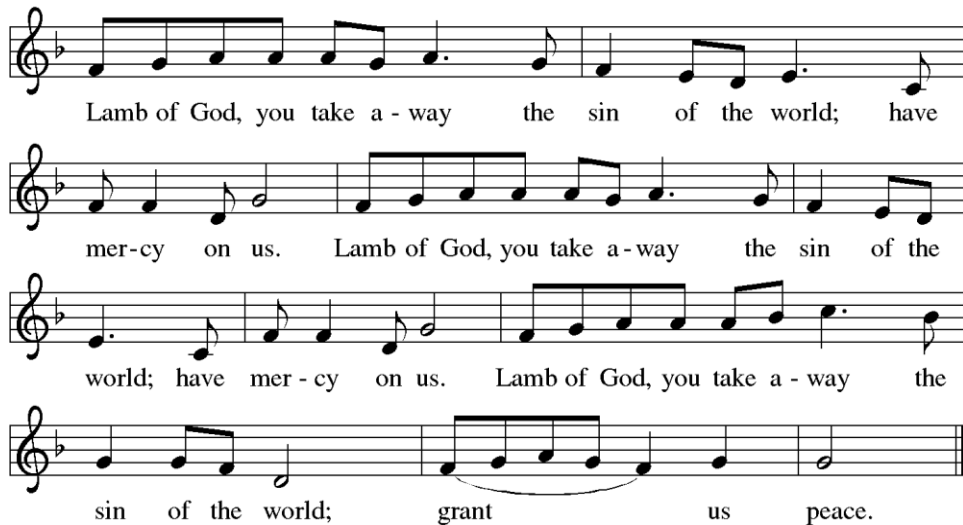
Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both 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



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.

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 471

Let Us Break Bread Together

COMMUNION HYMN 479

We Come to the Hungry Feast

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 with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN 339 *

Christ, the Life of All the Living

DISMISSAL *

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

POSTLUDE

"Alle Menschen müssen sterben"

J.S. Bach

TODAY'S MINISTRY LEADERS

Preaching & Presiding Minister	The Rev. Tony Auer
Assisting Minister	Sabrina Bell
Organist/Pianist	David Chamberlin
Youth Choirs/Joyful NOIZ Director	Susan Swidnicki
Trumpets	Kate & Caroline Hagan
Guitar	Jon Lea
Cantor	Gambit Sok
Reader	Charice Bourdeaux
Communion Assistants	Lois Graham / Susan Auer
Altar Guild	Ann Marie Mogren / Don Schroeder
Ushers	Joe Darnell / Steve Newton
Counters	Marci Hall / Jan Heins
Fellowship Hosts	Jon & Marci Hall

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

Easter Lilies – You can help brighten our sanctuary for Easter by sponsoring an Easter lily in honor of or in remembrance of a loved one. Cost \$10/plant. Find the forms on the table outside the sanctuary in the Narthex.

Holy Week Schedule – Maundy Thursday, April 2, worship at 7:00 PM; Good Friday, April 3, worship at 7:00 PM; Easter Sunday, April 5, worship at 10:00 AM; no Sunday school.

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

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

Thrivent Choice Dollars – If you are a Thrivent member, you can direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2025 to a charity of your choice, which includes Zion Lutheran Church, by the end of March. Direct any questions to your Thrivent Financial Advisor directly - Darren Morrison, Travis Breitling or Andy Schrank, or the Wasatch Front Associates office 801-878-4594 or the home office in Appleton, WI 800-847-4836.

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.

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>.

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.slz@gmail.com.

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.

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!*

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.

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.

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!

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

Attendance March 22, 2026 Worship: 104; Online views: 88; Sunday school: 32

Looking Ahead – Readings and Psalm for next Sunday: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10