



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
HOLY COMMUNION  
Evangelical Lutheran Worship  
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church  
March 8, 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.

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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

Beautiful Savior medley

W. Graham

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 533 \*

*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

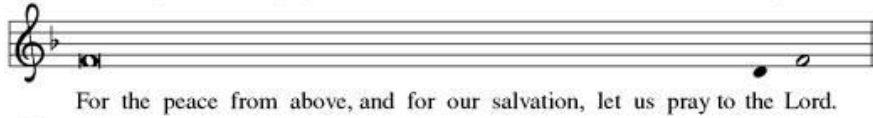
GREETING \*

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.**

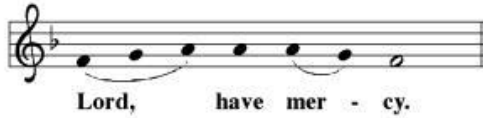
KYRIE \*



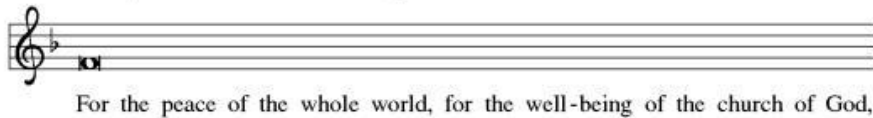
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



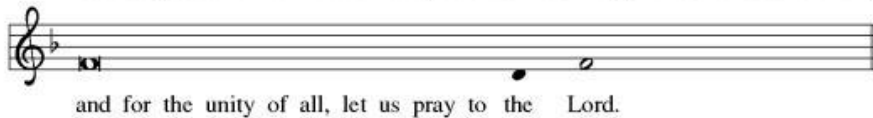
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.




**Lord, have mer - cy.**



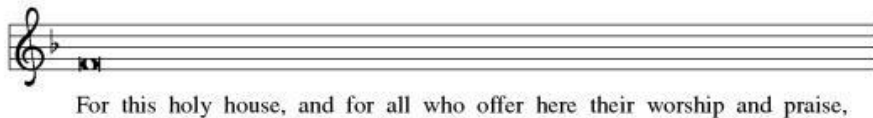
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



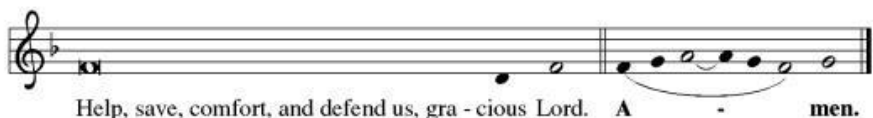
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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. Merciful God, the fountain of living water, **you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth 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: Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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

PSALM 95

Refrain

D. Chamberlin

Come, let us sing to the Lord;— let us shout for joy to the  
rock of our sal - va - tion. Come be-fore his pres-ence with thanks -  
giv-ing and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.——

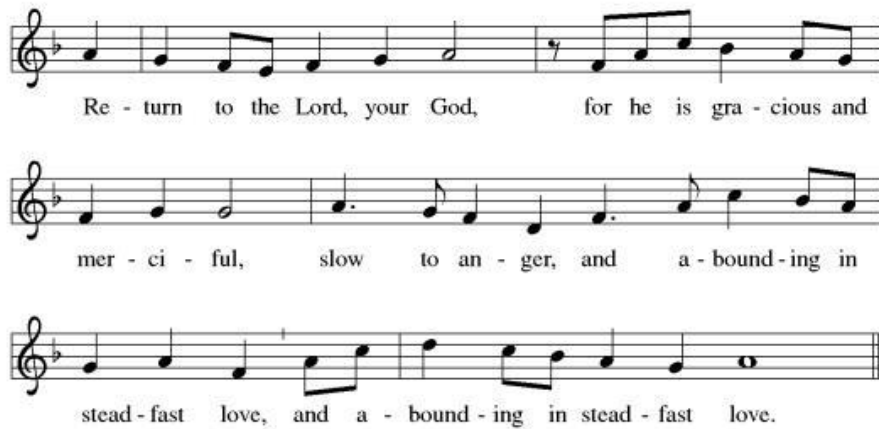
SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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 4 \*

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

[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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

## CHILDREN'S TIME

## SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 763 \*

*My Life Flows On in Endless Song*

## 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 \*

A musical score for a offertory, consisting of six staves of music in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "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." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with various note values and rests.

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## 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

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 618

*Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

### COMMUNION HYMN 331

*As the Deer Runs to the River*

### 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 537 \*

*On Our Way Rejoicing*

### DISMISSAL \*

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

### POSTLUDE

How Great Thou Art

Smith

## TODAY'S MINISTRY LEADERS

Preaching & Presiding Minister	The Rev. Tony Auer
Assisting Minister	Susan Auer
Pianist	Wayne Graham
Reader	Erin Bramscher
Communion Assistants	Marc Foulks / Chet Johnson
Altar Guild	Holly Graham / Steve & Marie Newton
Ushers	Doug Graham
Counters	Ann Marie Mogren / Paula Dastrup
Fellowship Hosts	Chet & Marilyn Johnson Bill & Julie Mackie Fred & Linda Strohacker

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

**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!

**High School Youth Activity Service Project - TODAY after worship** 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM; We are 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).

**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 Morrizon, Travis Breitling or Andy Schrank, or the Wasatch Front Associates office 801-878-4594 or the home office in Appleton, WI 800-847-4836.

**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 camping weekend. Questions can be directed to Rachel – racheljoi@gmail.com.

**Zion’s Vacation Bible School Music Camp- June 15-19, 2026** Kindergarten-6th graders (grade completed as of June 2026), Theme: Biblical Waters. Bible Study, Singing, Orff percussion instruments, Drumming, Service, Prayer, Art, Healthy Snacks, Outdoor Games, Crafts, Skits and Community. Lap Dulcimer and Praise Band for 5th and 6th graders. Mon-Thur. 9:00 AM-3:00 PM; Friday 9:00-1:30, including a mini-concert at 12:45 PM. Tuition \$25 per child for the week with need-based scholarships available. Registration: <https://forms.gle/5yQvs3wDco4DqXq36>. If you have attended our camp in the past and are now in 7th-12th grades, please contact Susan Swidnicki ([sljswidnicki@gmail.com](mailto:sljswidnicki@gmail.com)) to apply to serve as a junior counselor.

**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://gsf Utah.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 food pantry & shoes, work boots and socks for the 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 1, 2026** Worship: 107; Online views: 84; Sunday school: 41

**Looking Ahead** – Readings and Psalm for next Sunday: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41