



MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP
HOLY COMMUNION
Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
April 2, 2026 – 7:00 PM

WELCOME!

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



FREE COFFEE SUNDAYS

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*

Tonight, we gather in silence

INTRODUCTION

Maundy Thursday is the beginning of the Three Days--the ancient observance of the mystery of our salvation, which plunges the faithful into the death of Jesus and brings them with him to resurrection life. The Three Days are really one liturgy extending from Thursday evening through Easter Sunday evening.

*The Maundy Thursday liturgy focuses on three significant actions. First, the confession of sins and announcement of forgiveness brings to a conclusion the Lenten discipline of repentance that began on Ash Wednesday. Second, the church obeys Jesus' command (in Latin, *mandatum*, from which this day receives its name) to follow his example and love one another as he loves us. And third, we celebrate our meal of deliverance, taking our place at the supper Jesus shared with his disciples on this night.*

THE INSTRUCTION

This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight, we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *

The Holy Gospel according to John 13:31-35. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new

commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Let us make our confession to God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Almighty God, merciful Father:

I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities by which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.

Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. Through his Holy Spirit he cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of his light. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

HYMN 605 *

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

GREETING *

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *

Holy God, source of all love, **on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment: To love one another as he had loved them. By your Holy Spirit write this commandment in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE PASSION NARRATIVE Matthew 26:1-19

HYMN 359 *

Where Charity and Love Prevail

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *

On this night when Jesus gave us a new commandment to love one another, let us bring our prayers before the One whose love knows no bounds.

A brief silence.

After each petition ending: Hear us, O God, *the congregation responds:* **Your mercy is great.**

Pastor concludes: We entrust these prayers to you, O God, confident that you will strengthen us by your Spirit to love one another as Christ has loved us. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

The Lord Is My Shepherd

John Rutter

EUCCHARIST

PASSION NARRATIVE Matthew 26:20-29

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve disciples, and while they were eating he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to Holy Communion at Zion. To receive communion, please come forward at the direction of the ushers, forming one line 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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *

Let us pray. Lord God, in a wonderful sacrament you have left us a memorial of your suffering and death. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the way we live will proclaim the redemption you have brought; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PASSION NARRATIVE Matthew 26:30-75

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

MUSIC PRAYER

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom

PSALM 13

How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
How long must I wrestle with my thoughts
and day after day have sorrow in my heart?
How long will my enemy triumph over me?
Look on me and answer, LORD my God.
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,
and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him,"
and my foes will rejoice when I fall.

But I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart rejoices in your salvation.
I will sing the LORD's praise,
for he has been good to me.

All leave the church in silence.

TODAY'S MINISTRY LEADERS

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| Preaching & Presiding Minister | The Rev. Tony Auer |
| Organist/Pianist | David Chamberlin |
| Chancel Choir Director | Dave Zabriskie |
| Readers / Communion Assts. | Brandon Courtney / Lisa Stevens |
| Altar Guild | Ann Marie Mogren |

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

Holy Week Schedule – 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.

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.

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.

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>.

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.

Needs for Volunteers of America, Utah - Do you have a Bible or two on your shelf that you no longer use? If you are ready to pass it on, donate the Bible to Volunteers of America, Utah to be given to a client who requests one. We accept any version. Bring the Bible to ZELC and leave it in the blue box marked VOA that is under the stairs or give it to Erin Basta. Thanks!

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.sl@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.

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 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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