



Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church. We're a church on a mission to proclaim Christ through word and deed. Whether we are young or old, newcomer or long-time worshiper, full of joy or sorrow, at Zion we are a community called together in God's love. God loves and welcomes you as you are, and so do we.

DAY OF PENTECOST | CONFIRMATION | HOLY COMMUNION

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

May 19, 2024 | 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.

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.

All, without exception, are welcome to Holy Communion. This is God's table of grace. Come and be fed.



If you are new and would like to get connected, or if you wish to update your contact information, please scan this QR code using your phone. On this form you can indicate prayer requests and find a link to subscribe to our two weekly email newsletters. You may also fill out a Welcome Card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

Today we celebrate the Confirmation, through the rite of Affirmation of Baptism, of three Zion youth: Ella Darnell, Paavo Gresham, and Bela Miller. A long-standing Zion tradition involves gifting the confirmands with a personal copy of the Lutheran Study Bible that contains notes and/or highlighted verses from members of the congregation. The Bibles are available after the service, along with sticky notes and index cards, on the table near the Atrium. Please share your favorite Bible verse(s) or some words of blessing with Zion's newest confirmed members!

Please join us after worship in the Atrium (near east entrance) for coffee hour and a reception for our confirmands.

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. Please write them before worship begins.

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, where young worshipers can find children's bulletins, crayons, drawing paper, fidget toys, sewing and tracing boards, and puzzles.

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. Today is Bri's last day serving as nursery caregiver!

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.

Please ask an usher if special assistance is helpful.



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit Calls Us Together as the People of God

"LORD, WE COME TO YOUR TABLE"

A setting for Holy Communion by David Chamberlin

PRELUDE

"God of Grace"

Paul Manz

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

** Indicates stand as you are able*

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.

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

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. 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.**

GATHERING HYMN 399 *

O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

GREETING, HYMN OF PRAISE, & PRAYER OF THE DAY *

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.



Refrain 1 Lord, we are here to wor-ship and praise you, Sing
 3 Lord, Je - sus Christ, we praise and a - dore you, The
 6 Lord, we are here to wor-ship and praise you, Sing



glo - ry to your glo - ri - ous name, And to
 glo - ry of the Fa - ther is yours. God of
 glo - ry to your glo - ri - ous name. Here we



cel - e - brate, and to feast on your mar - vel - ous
 right - eous - ness, God of truth, God of mer - ci - ful
 cel - e - brate, here we feast on your mar - vel - ous



mer - cy, Your good - ness and grace, and your
 judge - ment, com - pas - sion and grace, Fount of
 mer - cy, Your good - ness and grace, and your



gift of life for all. *continue to v. 2*
 ev - er - last - ing life! *continue to v. 4*
 gift of life for all.



2 Hea - ven - ly King, Al - might - y God and Fa -
 4 On - ly be - got - ten off - spring of the Fa -



ther, Lord of Cre - a - tion, Sav - ior of us
 ther, Ho - ly and pure, most wor - thy Lamb of



all, We wor - ship you and give thanks, We
 God, You take a - way all our sins, the

praise you — for your glo - ry. O Son of God you
sin of the whole world. O Lamb of God have

reign at the right hand of the Fa - ther. — *return to 3 (refrain)*
mer - cy, O Lord have mer - cy up - on us! — *continue to v. 5*

5 Lord, you a - lone are ho - ly, — You are the

one true God; In the maj - es - ty of the

Fa - ther and in un - i - ty with the Ho - ly

Spir - it. King of Kings, Lord of Lords,

Prince — of Peace. — *return to 6 (refrain)*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray. Mighty God, **you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



WORD

God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching, and Song

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b

The cantor sings the refrain, after which the congregation repeats it. The congregation then sings the refrain following each verse sung by the cantor.

Refrain D. Chamberlin



You send forth your Spir - it, and so you re -
new the face of the earth and your whole cre - a - tion.

Many are your works, O Lord! Wisely have you made them all;
Earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the ocean wide, with living things both great and small,
With swarms too many to number.

There the ships go to and fro, and the great Leviathan,
Which you made to play there. **Refrain**

You give all your creatures food in due season; they are filled
When you open your hand.

When you hide, they're terrified; when you take their breath away,
They die and return to dust.

Lord, you make the earth to shake; with your touch the mountains smoke.
Awesome is the Lord. **Refrain**

May the glory of the Lord endure throughout all ages;
Rejoice, O Lord, in your works.

I will sing your praises, Lord, while I have my living breath;
I'll sing as long as I live.

In the Lord I will rejoice. May these words of mine please God.
Bless the Lord, O my soul. **Refrain**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart,

knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

ALLELUIA VERSE *

Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. O Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 *

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

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON & SERMON

Presentation for Affirmation of Baptism

Let us pray. **Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brother, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and to pray for them in their life in Christ? **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

A prayer for the gift of the Spirit is said over each confirmand.

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brother in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

SPECIAL HYMN: 456

Baptized in Water

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE PEACE *

*After each petition ending: God of grace; Congregation responds: **hear our prayer.***

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



MEAL

God Feeds Us with the Presence of Jesus Christ

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

"Come, Holy Spirit, I Pray"

Lloyd Larson

OFFERTORY *

Lord, we come to your

1 ta - ble with these of - fer - ings from our lives.
 2 ta - ble, hun - gry for the bread of life.
 3 ta - ble, where for us you of - fer your life.

These are to - kens of our love and faith.
 Thirs - ty for the liv - ing wa - ter,
 Here we eat the bread of hea - ven,

Take and use them by your grace. Cleanse our souls, and
 For the life you prom - ise us. Feed our souls, and
 Drink the cup of bles - sing, As a fore - taste

put our hearts in place.
 fill our hearts with peace.
 of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER *

Let us pray. Risen One, **you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. 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. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might: Hea - ven and

earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the

high - est! Bles - sed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord! Ho - san - na! Ho -

san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Thanks be to you, O God, for the power of your loving Spirit. We worship you for your Spirit, who forms life out of chaos and dust. We bless you for your Spirit, who ignites the words of the prophets. We praise you for your Spirit, who carries your people together in unity.

Glory be to you, O God, for the comfort of your creative Spirit. By your Spirit your Son preached and healed, rebuked and forgave. Dying on the cross for a wounded world, he gave over his Spirit. Risen from death, he pours out your Spirit on all who believe.

On the night before he died, 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.

On this bread and wine, come, Holy Spirit. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Manifest here the body and blood of Christ. Come, Holy Spirit. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

On this assembly, come, Holy Spirit. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

On this earth, its waters and lands and skies, come, Holy Spirit. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

On plants and animals, and even on the stars, come, Holy Spirit. **Come, Holy Spirit.**


We plead for your Spirit to cry aloud in us, with us, and for us. Breathe your life into our bones. Anoint us for service with your oil of gladness. Translate our speech into tongues of wisdom. Shower on us your gifts: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Sanctify the whole earth with your truth. Bring us at the end with all your needy children into your homeland of mercy.

Once more we praise and worship and bless you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God of supreme mercy and might, God of the cross and the empty tomb, God of the power of justice and peace, now and forever. **Amen.**

God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray (*you are invited to pray the Lord's Prayer in this or another language*):

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 sins of the world. Have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God you take a-way the sins of the world. Have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God you take a-way the sins 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 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 396

Spirit of Gentleness

COMMUNION HYMN 403

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

TABLE BLESSING AND PRAYER *

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

Let us pray. Shepherding God, **you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**



SENDING

God Blesses Us and Sends Us in Mission to the World

BLESSING *

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, The Christ of unending joy, And the Spirit of Easter hope,
✙ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN 400 *

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

DISMISSAL *

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Karl-Elert

TODAY'S MINISTRY LEADERS

Presiding Minister and Preacher	The Rev. Michael Tassler
Assisting Minister	The Rev. Tony Auer
Organist/Pianist	David Chamberlin
Cantor	Gambit & Moon Sok
Reader	Marc Foulks
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Altar Guild	Marci Hall & Tracy Hackworth
Ushers	Doug Graham & Bob Hackworth
Counters	Marci Hall & Bob Hackworth
Fellowship Hosts	Gresham, Miller, Darnell Families

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OUR CONFIRMANDS



Ella Darnell

Psalm 121:1-2

I lift up my eyes to the hills--where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

"Being up in the mountains makes me feel free, happy, peaceful, and safe. I feel closer to God and that he guides me on my path. It's easier to be myself and free when I can get away. Especially on dark clear nights, I can feel the power of the Lord all around me."



Paavo Gresham

Psalm 139:9-10

If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the furthest limits of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me fast.

"This verse means a lot to me because it paints a picture. When I read this, I imagine a scene where I'm flying on a pair of great wings into the sunset over the ocean. And it says that along that journey of me flying, God has his arm outstretched, staying with me the whole way. When I imagine this, it gives me a great feeling of strength and wonder and that the wings allow me to do anything and that God will be there for it."



Bela Miller

Jeremiah 31:3

The Lord appeared to me from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

"I've never quit loving you and I never will."

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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 rejoice in the manner in which diversity enriches, nurtures, and challenges the life and ministry we share in Christ. We embrace actions and attitudes within the Church that assure access to Word and Sacrament regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic or marital status, physical or mental capacities, age, or race.

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Jazz Vespers at Elim Lutheran Church in Ogden – This Wednesday, May 22nd at 5:30 pm, experience a lively dialogue between jazz and worship, with music to uplift your soul - Ogden Jazz Vespers, a “Wind and Fire” Pentecost concert at Elim Lutheran Church. Bring a friend, date, or treat yourself to an evening of spiritual improvisation, live jazz, and contemplation in Elim’s beautiful sanctuary, featuring the Tracy Quartet. This event has free admission and light refreshments will be served. A free-will offering will be taken to support future Jazz Vespers at Elim. If you’re interested in going as part of a group, contact Pastor Tony Auer at papatony50@gmail.com.

Congregation Study - There is another opportunity to join a congregational study of *A Spirituality of Fundraising*. Even if you don’t become a fundraiser, you will find the book inspiring. When Sunday School is on summer hiatus, we will meet in person, in the atrium gathering area from 9:00—9:50AM on Sunday, June 2, 16, 23, and 30. Our discussion will be led by Alyce Gross, using *A Spirituality of Fundraising, Workbook Edition* by Henri Nouwen with Nathan Ball. There are 5 copies of the book available. All are welcome! Call Alyce 801-557-9646 with any questions.

Walking Together in the Word – Available now!



Would you like a daily dose of scripture and some encouragement? Scan this QR code with your phone to reach a sign-up page to opt in. You will receive a daily Bible verse and Spiritual Growth Prompt in your email inbox every morning at 5:00 AM. This is a wonderful way to start your day and spend time with God. The verses and spiritual prompts have been created and cultivated by a team at Zion for the people of Zion and our friends!

Informal Yoga Exercise Group – Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 10 am in the Atrium. Bring your own mat. All are welcome! No experience needed.

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). Thank you to all Zion members and friends who have donated to Crossroads and a special thank you to those who deliver the donations. We look forward to continuing our partnership in 2024. **Currently in need of canned tuna, canned meat, & canned vegetables.**

Attendance May 12, 2024

Worship: 130

Looking Ahead – Readings and Psalm for next Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17