



Connecting through Grace

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**
God's work. Our hands.

IN CHRIST'S NAME, WELCOME!

We extend a warm welcome to our guests. Please know you are included in Christ's own invitation to receive God's promise and presence in the "for you" of Holy Communion. Thank you for filling out the bulletin insert especially if you have prayer concerns. We also use this page to welcome and invite newcomers and guests into the events and activities at Zion.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

We are Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 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. We are a Reconciling in Christ community. All are welcome!



WORSHIP RESOURCES

Online Bulletin You can download today's and previous bulletins to your PDA to view during worship or at other times. Simply go to www.zelc.org/bulletins

Child Care Child care is available downstairs during worship for children 18 months-5 years.

Quiet Activity Bags Cloth bags with quiet activities are available for young children during worship. Our ushers would be happy to provide you with one.

Hearing Devices Please speak to an usher if you are in need of a hearing assistance device.

Worship Today

- 8:15 am Awakening Worship
- 9:15 Education Hour
- 10:30 am Worship
- Noon Action Forum, terrace room

Church Events

- **Monday, September 18th**
 - * 9 am Yoga exercise class
 - * 6:30-8:30 pm Girl Scouts Mtg
- **Tuesday, September 19th**
 - * 6:30-9 pm Ger/Am Chorus
- **Wednesday, September 20th**
 - * 7 am Men's Bible Study
 - * 9 am Yoga exercise class
 - * 11 Lydia Circle
 - * 11:40 LMS Chapel
- **Thursday, September 21st**
 - * 6:30-8:30 pm Meditation Group
- **Friday, September 22nd**
 - * 9 am Yoga exercise class
- **Saturday, September 23rd**
 - * 7 pm Friends of David Recital
- **Sunday, September 24th**
 - * 8:15 am Awakening Worship
 - * 9:15 am Education Hour
 - * 10:30 am Worship
 - * Noon FFD serving lunch at Ronald McDonald room at Primary Children's Hospital

For more information on these and other events go to www.zelc.org

GATHERING

Welcome

Prelude

"Concerto in G Major, first movement"

Ernst / Bach

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the + holy Trinity,
the one who fashions us,
the one who heals us,
the one who reforms us again and again.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Source of all life,
we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, + God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

Entrance Hymn

"The Trumpet Sounds, the Angels Sing"

Hymn No. 531

Greeting

The grace of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 3 Sing with all the peo-ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,
glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Lesson

Genesis 50:15-21

After Jacob's death, the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

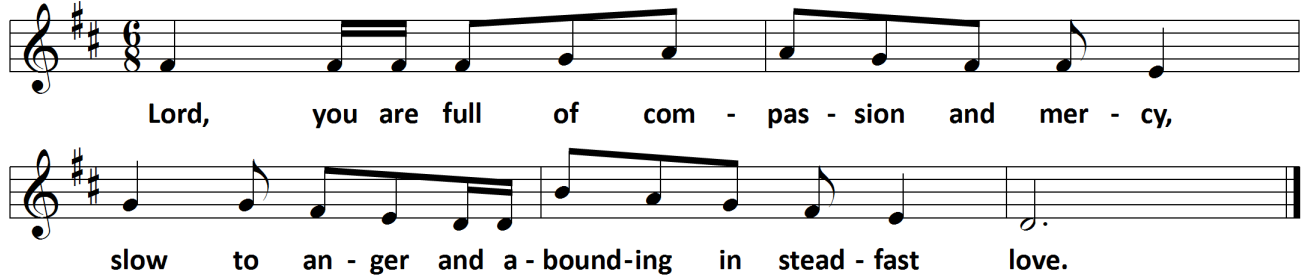
Thanks be to God.



Psalm (Ps. 103:1-5, 8-13)

D. Chamberlin

Refrain



Verses

Sung by Cantor

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—
who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;
who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;
who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's. **Refrain**

You will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.
You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O Lord. **Refrain**

Second Lesson

Romans 14:1-12

This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.



⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

All children are welcome to join Pastor Steve at the communion rail.

Gospel Verse



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



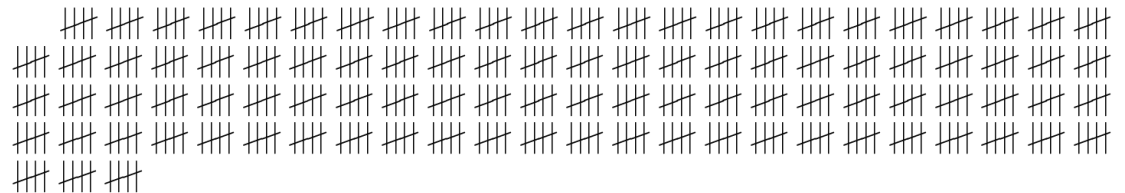
*Matthew 18:21-35
When Peter asks about
the limits of forgiveness,
Jesus responds with a
parable that suggests
human forgiveness
should mirror the
unlimited mercy of God.*

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Praise to you, O Christ.

Pastor Steve Klemz



A brief silence for reflection.

Hymn No. 605

***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.*

The Prayers

IN OUR PRAYERS:

That God's grace be sufficient for Dorothy Nielsen. We ask for strength of healing with Rod Schroeder, Lacy Foulks, Cindy Haverkost. We pray for Autumn Kieber-Emmons, Jessica Supiano, Taylor Haverkost, Lacy Hanson and all mothers with child. The Holy Spirit's blessing for Everett Butson, who receives First Communion this Sunday. We pray for the care of your good creation. We pray for those in need of our prayers: Gary, Duane, Jamie, Carla, Oliver Tibbitts, Becky, Kollins, Kennady, Laurie DeKorver, Fritz & Barbara Reed, Lori Davidson & Kevin, Jamie, Patty Dahlin, Sue & husband, Beth, Kevin, Doris, Laura, Amy, Cheryl, Matt, Marsha McBride, Anna, Rob & Sharon, Marilyn Wood, Deena & Vlodney, Chuck, Henri Schrecengost, Mary Ann, Susie, Susie, Mike, Christian, Mary; for seminary education with Lisa Mensinger and Juan de Dios Lopez. For all military personnel and their families. We pray for Paul, Kent, Christian and Bryce our brothers in Christ in prison. Prayers to guide the leaders of our nation with wisdom. For those who suffer famine, especially in South Sudan. In our prayers, please include those suffering devastation of storm in the Caribbean, Florida and southeast Texas.

Each petition concludes, "**God of compassion**", and the people prayerfully respond, "**receive our prayer.**"

Prayer requests can be submitted using the bulletin insert or anytime during the week via email to the church office (office@zelc.org) or Pastor Steve (pastor@zelc.org).

The Sharing of the Peace

John 20 More than a greeting, we participate in Christ's gift of community.

The Peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation signal their unity with each other in the family of Christ by sharing a moment of greeting with each other saying, "Peace be with you" and are seated when finished exchanging the peace.



Gathering of the Gifts



MEAL

Thank you for filling in the hospitality page (bulletin insert). It serves as an instrument for pastoral care, especially with the requested prayers. Please place the page in the offering plate.

If you give online, feel free to pick up a 'giving bookmark' found in the pew and place it in the offering plate.

If you would like to give online, please go to <http://www.zelc.org/giving> or scan the code to the left.

Anthem

Chancel Choir

"More Love"

Shaker Hymn, setting by Sid Davis

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth,
these resources of our life and our labor.

Take them, offered in great thanksgiving,
and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.

Amen.

The 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.

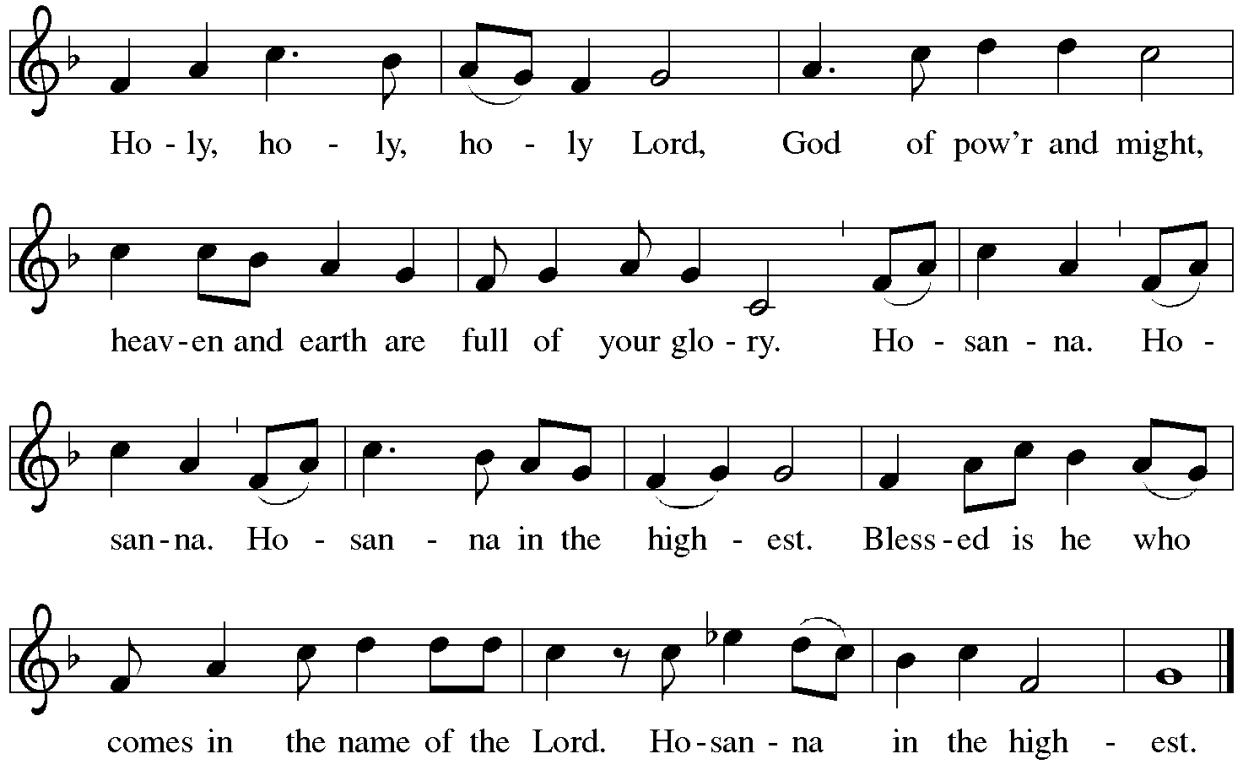
It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Sanctus



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.

Thanksgiving at the Table

*Before the Lord's
Supper is shared, the
presiding minister
leads us into
Thanksgiving. With the
whole creation, we
join the angels' song.*

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

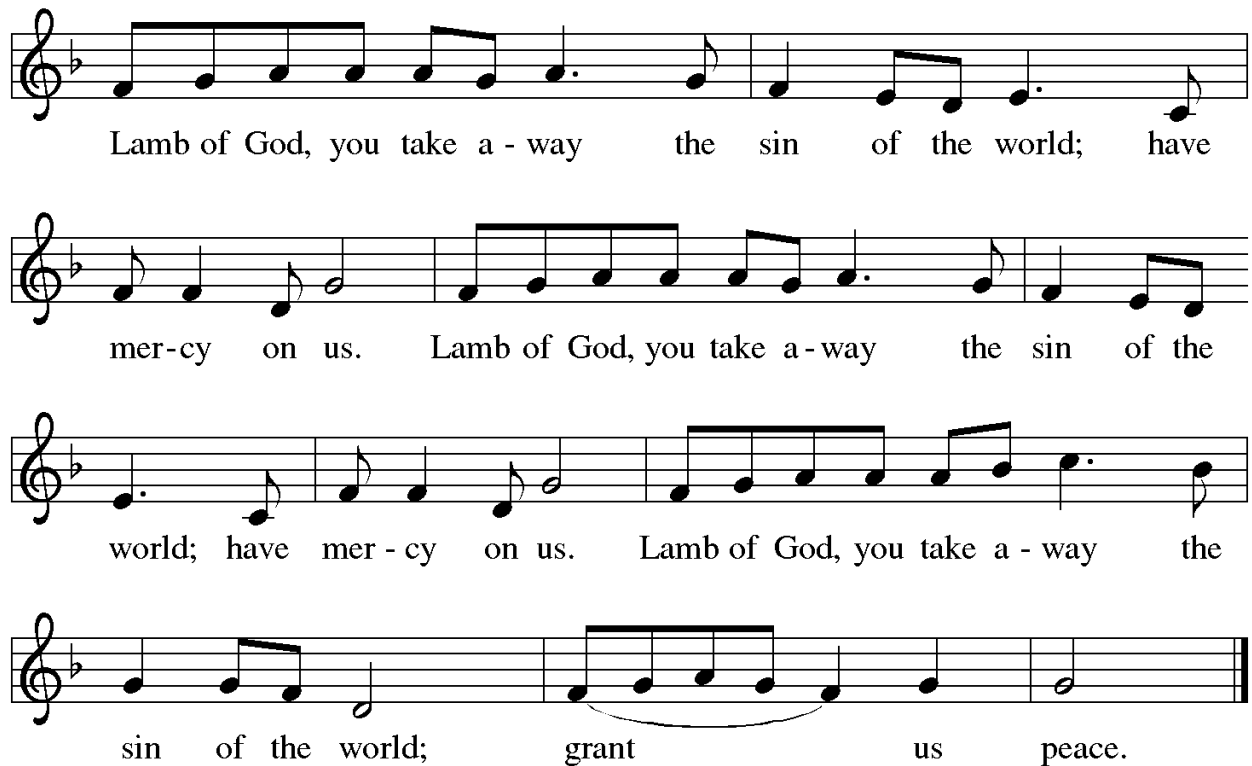
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.



Invitation to Communion

All are welcome. Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you. **Thanks be to God.**

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

In Christ's body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission. We sing as the bread is broken and as the meal is shared. We ask God to send us in witness to the world.

To receive Holy Communion, please come down the center aisle. You are welcome to kneel or stand at the communion rail.

Newcomers & Visitors: You are welcome to join us for Holy Communion. The wine may be received by dipping the bread in the cup, or eating the bread and drinking from the cup. Individual cups are available for those who desire. Grape juice is clear, individual cups of wine are red. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

If you would like to receive a blessing for yourself and/or your child, simply come forward with your hands folded, and the person serving the bread will offer you a blessing.

Communion Hymns

"As We Gather at Your Table"
"I Come with Joy"
"Ubi caritas et amor"

Hymn No. 522
Hymn No. 482
Hymn No. 642

After all have received, please remain seated until the Benediction.



Table Blessing	The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep us in God's great grace. <i>Amen.</i>	
Post Communion Prayer	Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. <i>Amen.</i>	
Announcements		
Benediction	God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. <i>Amen.</i>	
Sending Hymn	<i>"Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing"</i>	<i>Hymn No. 544</i>
Dismissal	Go in peace. Sound the good news. <i>Thanks be to God.</i>	
Postlude	<i>"Menuett gothique"</i>	<i>Leon Boellmann</i>



SERMON NOTES:



October 6-7, 2017
Early Bird Registration is Open
REGISTER NOW

**"God and Human Suffering:
Conversations on 21st
Century Genetics and Our
Shared Future"**

A Faith and Science Workshop on
Ethical Issues in Human Germ-line Editing

YOUTH NEWS:

CARE of CREATION; Zion Youth Pledge:

Use compostable paper products at Zion
Recycle more at Zion by using new Recycle bins
Carry and use recycle straw when eating out
Eat from [Best Choice Seafood](#) list
Order drinks without straw and lid

We hope you will join us in caring for creation.

Lessons for next Sunday, September 24, 2017
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- ♦ Jonah 3:10—4:11
- ♦ Philippians 1:21-30
- ♦ Matthew 20:1-16

Small Groups & Bible Studies:

Women's Small Group, Alyce Gross,

Shepherd. Meets the first and third Mondays at 7pm in various homes. We are using the book 'Grounded' by Diana Butler Bass for our discussion. Contact Alyce at adgross1@msn.com.

Men's Bible Study—meets each Wednesday morning at 7:00am downstairs. Come have breakfast with us and discuss God's Word! We are studying the lesser known books of the bible; currently it is Revelations.

Adult Bible Study—Pastor Steve leads this class which meets in the atrium, 9:15-10:15. "But I say to you, Love your enemies..." Matthew 5:44. All are welcome.

Lydia Circle—meets the third Wednesday of each month at 11am in the church library. All are welcome. The group will study the weekly lectionary.

Sunday Lectionary Bible Study—An open forum on the lessons of the day, with a focus on the Gospel, will be held in the lounge from 9:15--10:15. Whether there is a leader or not, discussing scripture is one way to help it become the living word. All are welcome.

Men's Small Group, Peter Staks, Shepherd
2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm at various homes. peter@wardleycompanies.com. This group is studying "The NAG Hammadi Scriptures", an updated translation of the gnostic texts.

Pub Theology—Different Brews + Different

Views Meeting on Thursday, Sept. 14th at 7 PM at Hoppers Grill & Brew, 890 Ft. Union Blvd., Midvale. 21 & up join us for good conversation about God + Love + Faith. Check us out at [MeetUp.com](https://www.meetup.com/SLCPubTheology) SLC Pub Theology

Chancel Choir—Meets Sundays at 9:15 am in the sanctuary. Singing in a choir has tremendous benefits for physical and mental well-being. Prepare music to support the day's lessons, learn more about church music traditions, reduce stress, and have fun. Singers of all abilities are welcome.



CONNECTING THROUGH GRACE: YOUR TIME & TALENTS NEEDED

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10
There are many ways to help out at ZELC. Contact info is given or signup sheets can be found at www.zelc.org or in the main hall.

- Greeters Needed! Please use the sign-up sheet outside the church library to pick the Sundays that work with your schedule and be a greeter at Zion! It's a great way to meet congregational members you may not yet know.
- Primary Children's Hospital—want to serve a meal to the families of patients? 4 people are needed. Please contact the church office for more details on ways to participate in this great service.
- Ushers Needed! This is a vital role in welcoming people to worship with us. Interested? Please contact the church office .

CONNECTING THROUGH GRACE: FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matt 6:21

- Yearly Operating Budget 2017: \$447,462
- Weekly Operating Budget: \$8,605
- Last Week's Offerings: \$4,787.00 = 56% of weekly
- Total Received this year: \$265,184.00 = 83.3% Yearly Budget
- September 10, 2017: 8:15 AM—35; 10:30 AM—110

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Action Forum—TODAY at Noon English Professor Gael Lyn Henderson, UVU, will present Recognizing Propaganda; Understanding the Dangers of Misinformation. This event will be held in the terrace room.

German/American Society Chorus: Reformation Through Music inspired by the period. Directed by Dr. Jane Fjeldsted October 12 & 13 at the Cathedral Church of St. Mark, 231 East 100 South at 7:30 PM. Suggested donation \$20. Utahgermanamericansociety.com for more information.

Oktoberfest—Saturday, September 30th at 5:00 PM. Sign up outside the church library. Contact Jon Hall with any questions.

Our caretakers are on vacation; Please be sure the doors are locked when leaving the building today.

CELEBRATING REFORMATION: SAVE THE DATE: Rocky Mountain Synod and The Salt Lake Catholic Diocese: The Most Reverend Bishop Oscar Solis and Bishop Jim Gonia will preside and preach in the Common Service of Prayer. The historic service will be hosted at Zion, 3:00pm on Sunday, October 8. The service will highlight agreements reached through fifty years of dialogue between Catholics and Lutherans on the topics of Church, Ministry, and the Eucharist. The Diocese and the Utah Conference will form a joint choir for the occasion, directed by Diane Gardner.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Celebrate David's 30th Anniversary as Organist

Friends of David RECITAL

Featuring David Chamberlin and his Friends

on the
Zion's 1980 Tracker Pipe Organ
September 23rd at 7:00 pm

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Donations go to support the Organ Improvement Project

Needed in September

In our food pantry: Cereal.

In our thrift store: Towels.

 CROSSROADS
urban center

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Pastor Steve Klemz—Preacher & Presiding Minister
David Chamberlin - Organist | Diane Gardner - Interim Music Director
Susan Swidnicki - Children's Choir Director
Ann Marie Mogren + Marsha Gilford, Altar Guild
Coffee hour hosted by Nelly Klooster

8:15 AM Awakening Worship
Rachel Kibler, Cantor

10:30 AM Worship
Erin Basta, Assisting Minister
Doug Graham, Chuck Schmitt, John Krehbiel, + volunteer, Ushers

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