

January 15, 2023 • The Baptism of our Lord  
9:00 and 11:30am



**Zion** lutheran  
church

## WELCOME TO ZION

We are a historic church that loves being part of the vibrant, growing community of northwest San Antonio. We bring people together knowing we are fallible and imperfect, and we help share God's love and grace.

When we gather for worship, we're receptive to God's word and we rejoice in God's grace through song, prayer, and Holy Communion. The history of Christian worship is rich with rituals formed by generations. These traditions, prayers, and pastoral teachings help connect our modern lives with Christ.

Faith is an ever-present curiosity. As we live our daily lives, we explore God's teachings and respond with God's love by serving our community, locally and globally. If you're looking for a church that has all the answers for you – well, that isn't us!

We are a community of believers seeking to respond to Christ's call to worship and serve even as we wrestle with the big questions of life. We want you to know that you and your questions, faith, and doubts are welcome here! So come and join us as we explore life with God.

## HOW WE WORSHIP

The Holy Spirit gathers people around the means of grace - the saving Word of God and the sacraments. From the table of Holy Communion where Jesus Christ comes with forgiveness life and salvation, God sends us out to share the good news and to care for those in need. Our worship follows this pattern in four parts: Gathering, Word, Meal, and Sending.

Worship leaders guide us through sacrament and prayer and our responses are printed in bold type.

Throughout our service, members of Zion's music ministry offer their talents as an offering to God. We invite you to receive their musical gifts as a time for prayer, contemplation, or praise of God, rather than a performance to be applauded, so that we may worship God throughout our time here together.

Zion Lutheran Church

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# GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit, the Comforter, gathers us in worship.*

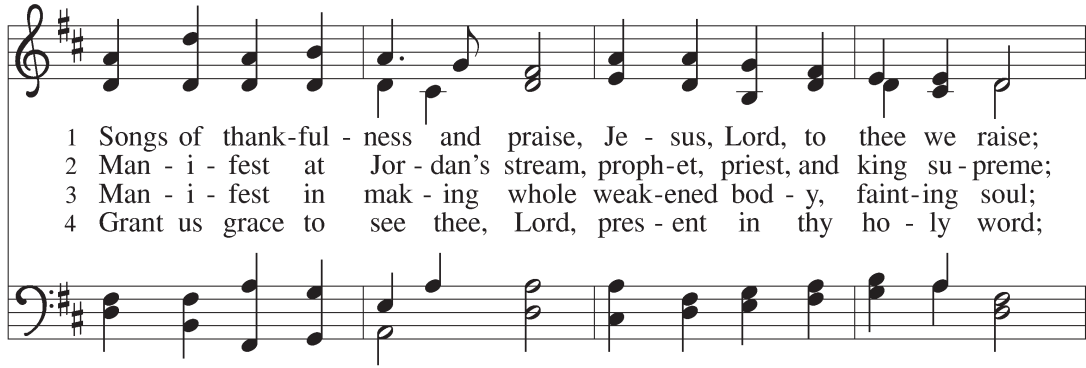
## PRELUDE & WELCOME

*Prelude on "Beach Spring" setting by Carter*

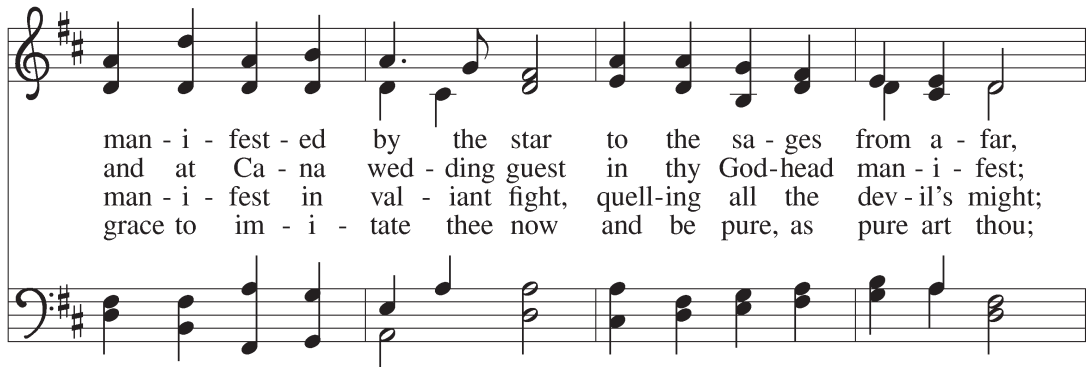
*Please rise, as you are able.*

# GATHERING HYMN

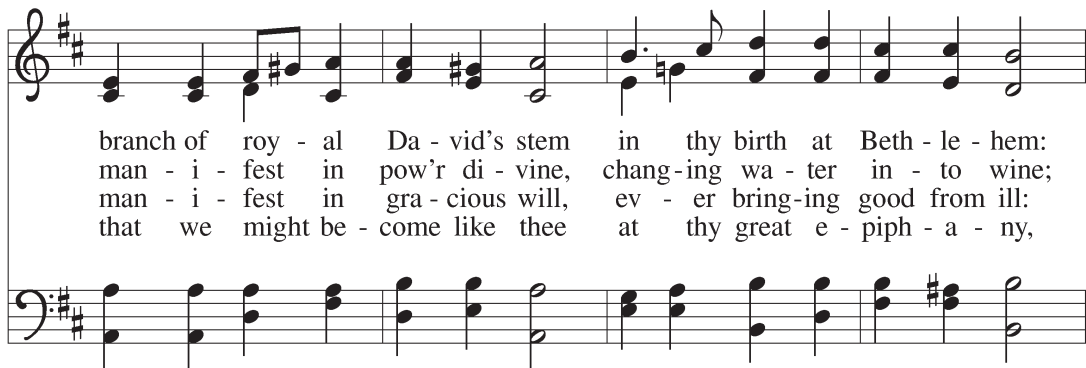
## Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



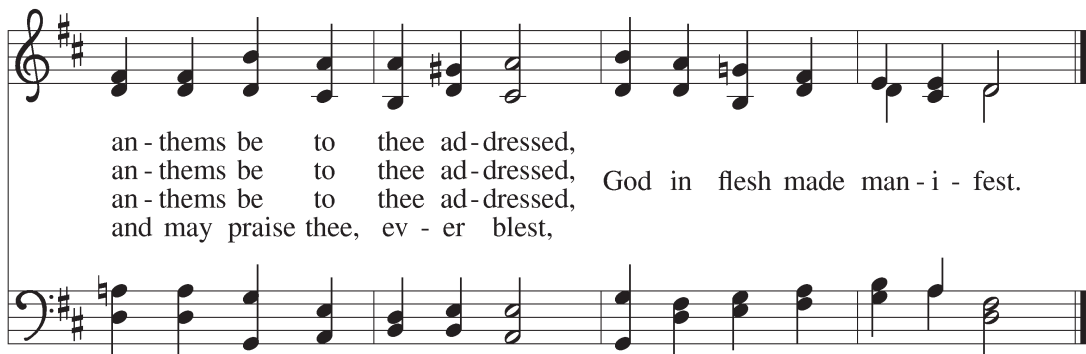
1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;  
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,  
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;  
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;  
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:  
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.  
 Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

## 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

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

9:00 CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor Dan Heim

## FIRST READING: ISAIAH 42:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup>He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;

<sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

<sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,

who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup>I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,

<sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.

<sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

# PSALM 29

## Refrain

Hal H. Hopson



“Glo - ry to God! Glo-ry to God!” Sing for - ev - er “Glo - ry to God!”

All on earth and all in heaven, Raise to God a song on high;  
Strength unmeasured, love unbounded, God alone we glorify. *Refrain.*

The voice of the Lord resounds across the waters;  
the voice of the Lord thunders over the mighty sea.  
The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.  
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the voice of the Lord splinters the trees of Lebanon.  
The voice of the Lord strikes like lightning, the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.  
The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl; the voice of the Lord strips the forest bare.  
*Refrain.*

God of the waters, God of thunder, God’s own might can make them cease;  
God’s own voice which tumult beckons; In a gentler breath speaks peace. *Refrain.*

### SECOND READING: ACTS 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise, as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:13-17

Spark Children's Bible Page 242  
*Jesus' Baptism*

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

Pastor Dave Schulte



Please rise, as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY  
Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters



- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
- 2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
- 3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.  
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.  
To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.  
God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,  
We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.  
one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.  
By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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## APOSTLES' CREED

Let us now confess our faith using the words of the 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.**

*\*catholic: universal*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Each petition ends: Merciful God,

**Response: receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed to us in Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING AND BLESSING

for Pastor Dave and Debbie Christian Schulte

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please check the back pages of this bulletin for additional announcements.*

# MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus.*

## OFFERING

*At this time, we give our offerings with thanksgiving to God. These offerings support the mission and ministry of Zion, including the care of those in need. To give online, please visit [ZionSA.org](http://ZionSA.org). Children are invited to come forward during the music and place their offerings in the jar to the left of the Chancel area (near the Sacristy door). During the offering music, the pastor sets the table with the elements for Holy Communion. Please know that this is the Lord's table, and all are welcome to receive Communion.*

## OFFERING MUSIC

*Ev're Time I Feel the Spirit* arr. Dawson

Chancel Choir

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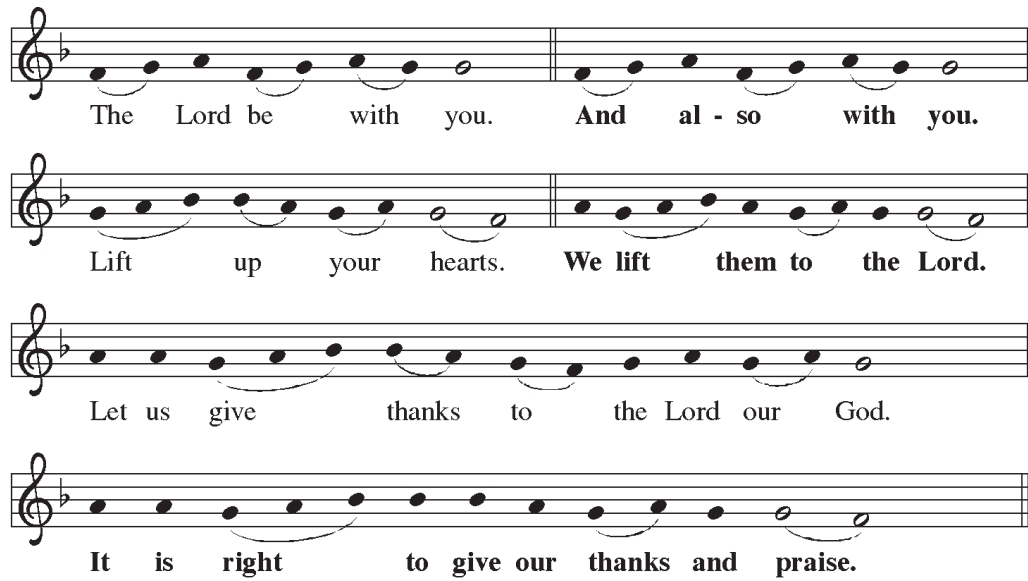
## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful,

**You bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

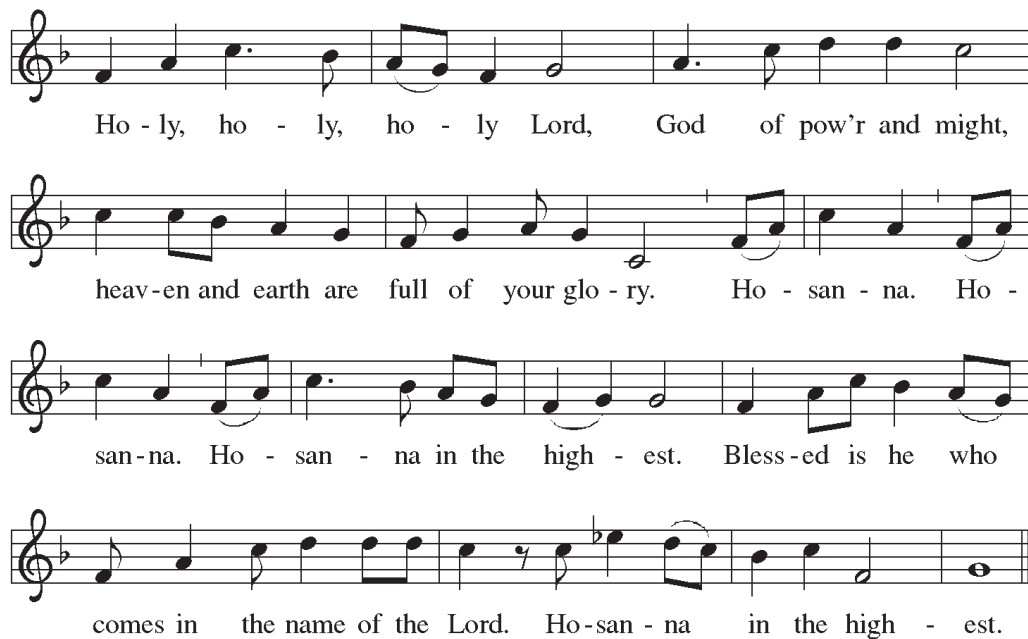
**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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.

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come ✠ among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as Jesus has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION

These are the gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God.

*Please be seated.*

## COMMUNION

*Jesus welcomes all to this holy meal! Children who commune should be assisted by adults who are with them. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will bring the sacrament to you. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask the person serving bread. White grape juice is available in the center of the communion tray for any who are unable to drink wine. After taking Communion, please return to your seat for singing and prayer.*

## 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.

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*Prayer of St. Patrick* by Sexton

Chancel Choir

# COMMUNION HYMN

## Spirit of Gentleness



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”  
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

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Music: SPIRIT, James K. Manley  
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*After communion, we rise and share in blessing and prayer.*

## BLESSING

May the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in God's grace.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

# SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us out in peace.*

## BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**



# SENDING HYMN

## God, Whose Almighty Word

1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man - kind let there be light.  
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Martineau, 1780-1825, alt.  
 Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*Celebration by Callahan*

### AVAILABLE FOR PRAYER

*Immediately following each service, Stephen Ministers are often available to pray with you at the altar rail. All prayers and conversations are confidential.*

**THIS  
WEEK  
AT  
ZION**



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web calendar

**Sunday, January 15**

Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Farewell Reception for Pastor Dave Schulte	10:15	Fellowship Hall
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanc & YouTube
Farewell Reception for Pastor Dave Schulte	12:30	Fellowship Hall

**Monday, January 16 - MLK Day**

*Church Campus Closed*

LMM Fellowship & Dinner	6:30	Sea Island Rest.
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**Tuesday, January 17**

Exercise Group	9am	Church 2
Game Group	1pm	FLC 101
Council Mtg	6:30	FH
Bell Choir	6:30	Sanc Balcony
Children's Choir	7-7:45	Ministry Ctr 1
Youth Choir	7pm	Music Apse
Warriors Anonymous	7pm	Church 2

**Wednesday, January 18**

High School/Elementary Mentoring	7:15am	Nichols' Elem.
Crafty Bunch	9:30	Ed Bldg Craft Rm
Midweek Worship	6:30	Church 1/Chapel
Chancel Choir	7:15	Sanctuary
Alcoholics Anonymous	7pm	FLC 202
Al-Anon Meeting	7pm	FLC 101

**Thursday, January 19**

Funeral: Dorothy Atkisson	9am	Sanctuary/FH
Weight Watchers Mtg	9:30	Church 2
Fiesta Flutes	7pm	Church 2

**Saturday, January 21**

Weight Watchers Mtg	9am	Church 2
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**Sunday, January 22**

Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Faith Formation Hour	10:15	Details next page
Adult Class - Week Ahead Study	10:15	FH
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanc & YouTube

**Worship Support**

January Altar Guild and  
Bread Offering

Carolyn Thronson

Doris Enderlin, Susan Johns

Debbie Christian Schulte

Mary Ann Schmitt, Sharon Solanik

Lay Readers

9:00

Julie Rode-Hickey

11:30

Chris Jones

Cantor

Anna Schulte

Communion Servers

9:00

Linda Hoffman, Suzie Wyatt

11:30

Don Jones, Pastor Dan Heim

Livestream

David Umlang

Steve Johnson

Sound

Scott Van Doren

January Ushers

LeShea Clabough & Kevin McGee

Susanne & Russell Warren

Karen & James Sturdivant

Doris & Dave Newman

Dan Graham

Pam Gammage

Brandon Dubuisson

Mike DeHart, Chris Berg

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## Farewell Reception for Pastor Dave Today

After both services today (10:15 and 12:30), go the Fellowship Hall to give your well-wishes to Pastor Dave and Debbie.

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## Sunday Faith Formation Resumes January 22

### Children

*Music Opening in MC 1 at 10:15  
Children age three years and older meet in the new Ministry Center Room 1 for opening music with Ms. Sammy, then go to classrooms.*

### Youth Classes

<i>Grade 6-7</i>	<i>MC Room 5</i>
<i>Grade 8-9</i>	<i>MC Room 7</i>
<i>Grade 10-12</i>	<i>MC Room 8</i>

## Adult Class Resumes January 22:

### **Week Ahead Bible Study**

*10:15 at with Pastor Kathi, in the Fellowship Hall. Take a look at the lessons we have in worship each week. What's their context? How do we make sense of them as 21<sup>st</sup> century Christians?*

## LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION<sup>®</sup>

### Men's Fellowship

Third Monday (Tomorrow), January 16 at 6:30pm  
All men are invited to meet at Sea Island (11715 Bandera) for food, thoughtful study, camaraderie, and all YOUR ideas for Men's Ministry! Contact David Umlang at [Imm@zionsa.org](mailto:Imm@zionsa.org) if you need more details.

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### Game Group

Tuesday, January 17\* at 1:00pm  
Come for table games and daytime fellowship for all ages. Meet in Family Life Center Room 101.  
\*Regular Monday schedule resumes on February 6.

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## Zion is a Stephen Ministry Church!

Are You Experiencing a  
"Winter" in Your Life?

Our Stephen Ministers can help! The winter weather we've had recently can be symbolic of what may sometimes happen in life. A crisis hits, and we feel like we're buried beneath a drift of snow. Relationships can become icy, or we can feel frozen by life circumstances. Little difficulties build up like slush, making us slip and slide, causing every decision to seem treacherous. Life seems dreary, and we begin to doubt that spring will ever come. We can wonder, "Is God even there?"

Stephen Ministers are trained to provide confidential Christian care; giving you the emotional and spiritual support you need to make it through a winter in your life. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you! To learn more about how a Stephen Minister can help you or someone you know, contact: If you would like to request help from a Stephen Minister, contact LeShea Clabough by calling the Zion office, 210-688-3090



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## Let's Read the Bible in a Year!

In 2023, we are reading the Bible cover to cover, chronologically, for a whole year! This plan is for every one of you- read it at the dinner table with your family, or during your lunch break. Listen on your commute, or while folding laundry. The best part is that you don't have to do this alone. Every other week there is fellowship and discussion on what has been read, led by Paul and Cheyenne Omans.

For more information, contact the church office. For the Bible reading plan, scan this QR code or go to <http://www.thebiblerecap.com/start>



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## Crafty Bunch

Wednesdays at 9:30

The Crafty Bunch meets in the Education Building on the west side of Leslie Road. Enter at the double doors, behind Churches 1 and 2. The craft room is the first room on the right.

Bring your own project to work on, or check what's in the cabinets.

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## Quilting for LWR

Thursdays at 9:30am\*

Come to the Fellowship Hall to create simple quilts for Lutheran World Relief. These durable quilts are sent all over the world to be used as bedding, room dividers, and shelter. All skill levels, including beginners are welcome!

\* No Quilting on January 19.

*Your  
generosity  
empowers  
Zion's  
ministry.*

From Sunday morning worship to feeding families for the holidays, collecting clothing for local charity or relief supplies shipped hundreds of miles, to friendships fostered worldwide with simple hand stitches.

Because you kindly share your time, lend your skills, and support your ministry financially, Zion's impact reaches far beyond the four walls of our sanctuary. On behalf of everyone we're able to help, thank you for your contribution.

For more ways to support Zion's mission, scan this QR code.



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8:30am-5:00pm  
Friday close at 3:00pm

## STAFF DAYS OFF

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## Youth Night January 26

Middle & High School Dinner and Fellowship  
2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 in Ministry Center

High school and middle school will meet to enhance the impact Zion youth can make on their community, collectively -- with service projects, Bible discussion that relates to their daily lives, dinner and something else fun -- to build a community on mission.

Allen Cockrell and Kim DeHart are helping with this launch. Please use the QR code to RSVP so we have enough food and supplies to get started!



## Camp Hope Informational Meeting

January 29 at 10:15am in the Sanctuary

Camp Hope is a youth-led summer

ministry that develops Christian

leaders through the support of

adult mentors and the entire con-

gregation. The whole congregation is invited to learn

how it can be part of a paradigm shift to connect and

develop all generations at Zion. There is a role for every-

one to play -- come hear from the leaders who were part of the 2022 camp, and about plans for next year.

Camp Hope 2023 is scheduled for June 19-23 and June 26-30. Julia Kraemer is the 2023 camp director.



## Recycling Aluminum Cans

Zion has a collection barrel for your empty, dry aluminum cans, without any food or beverage residue. Drop them off into the swing-top barrel in the south (cemetery side) parking lot, next to the shed. Your deposits will benefit Zion's Youth program.



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## Choir Rehearsals in 2023

**Children's Choir** (Gr 2-5) rehearsals resume this Tuesday, January 17, with Ms. Sammy. Rehearsals include not just learning songs, but music theory and performance behavior skills. And there's always some fun time after the work!

**Youth Choir** (Gr 6-12) Director Gavin Magee encourages older students to develop their musical "chops" and become better vocalists and worship leaders.

Rob Mikulski directs the adult **Chancel Choir**. Rehearsals have begun in the sanctuary, but new singers are still welcome. Chancel Choir leads Sunday worship music several times a month.

Children's	Tues	7-7:45	MC Room 1
Youth	Tues	7-8pm	Apse
Chancel	Wed	7:15	Sanctuary

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## Handbell Choir



New ringers are welcome to join Amy Causey and the Handbell Choir on Tuesday evenings. Come to the sanctuary balcony at 6:30pm.

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## Midweek Worship

6:30pm in Church 1

Simple service of Holy Communion, every Wednesday in Zion's historic chapel.

**JANUARY 15, 2023  
SECOND SUNDAY  
AFTER EPIPHANY**



*God works miracles through pain and suffering.*

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 1:29-42</b>	<b>Jesus, the Lamb of God</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Isaiah 49:1-7</b>	<b>The servant's mission</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 1:1-9</b>	<b>Greetings to the Corinthians</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Psalm 77</b>	<b>God's mighty deeds recalled</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>John 4:46-54</b>	<b>Jesus heals an official's son</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Acts 4:23-31</b>	<b>Believers pray for boldness</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalm 40:1-11</b>	<b>Happy are they who trust in the Lord</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 4:12-23</b>	<b>Jesus calls his first disciples</b>

### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

*He [God] says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Isaiah 49:6 (NRSV)*

### **PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

God of power and might, we thank you for lifting up those in need and turning shame and suffering into glory and honor through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### **Mealttime Prayer:**

Dear Lord, your glory and honor are seen in your care for those in need, including our need for this meal. We give you thanks through Jesus, the Lamb of God. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father bless you with grace and peace. (1 Corinthians 1:2)



**JANUARY 15, 2023**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

*Now Behold the Lamb*



taking **+**  
faith  
home

**WEEKLY MILESTONES**

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

**CARING CONVERSATIONS**



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Tell or think about a time you have experienced an embarrassing moment.
- How has God been with you when you have experienced embarrassment or suffering?

**DEVOTIONS**



*Read:* Isaiah 49:1-7.

As a nation in the ancient world, Israel had experienced the worst shame imaginable: total destruction with its leadership exiled in a foreign land. Isaiah speaks the voice of this shamed people: *"I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity"* (v. 4). However, the good news is that God doesn't see it that way. The glory of God's people is so great that the restoration of the nation is not enough. Israel will be the beacon to the nations. Kings and princes will acknowledge the greatness of God (and Israel). The nation that was despised and ridiculed is now the source of hope for all the world. Salvation received by God's chosen people will now extend to all the world. Epiphany is a time to witness to the whole world, announcing the glory and saving work of God. Jesus says, *"Come and see"* (John 1:39). The glory and honor of God now is shown in his Son, the lamb of God who was slain. It is still true that God works miracles through pain and suffering.

*Discuss:* Where do you see pain and suffering in the world that is in need of God's saving work?

*Pray:* **Almighty God, you know our pain and suffering. Come Holy Spirit, come Lord Jesus, bring your saving work into our lives and world that we may know your peace and joy. Amen.**

**SERVICE**



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you help those who may be experiencing pain and suffering?

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**



The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) is one of the oldest prayers said or sung during Christian worship. Jesus is referred to as the Lamb of God in the Gospel of John and in Revelation. Just as lambs were sacrificed for the sins of Israel, Jesus died and was sacrificed for the sins of the world. Light a candle this week and think about how Jesus came to bring love and salvation to a broken world and our broken lives.

*Pray:* **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace. Amen.**



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)