

January 29, 2023 • Fourth Sunday of the Epiphany
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

9:00

Beginning Praise arr. A.L. Page

Handbell Choir

11:30

Let Streams of Living Justice setting by Marianne Kim

TEMPLE TALK

Call Committee

Please rise, as you are able.

GATHERING HYMN Let Justice Flow like Streams

1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn. The second system contains the final two lines of the hymn. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

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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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Presiding Minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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: MICAH 6:1-8

¹Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;

for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

³“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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

PSALM 15

Refrain

Michel Guimont



The just will live in the pres - ence of the Lord.

Those who walk without fault,
those who act with justice
and speak the truth from their hearts,
those who do not slander with their
tongue, R.

those who keep their word, come what
may,
who take no interest on a loan
and accept no bribes against the innocent.
Such people will stand firm for ever. R.

those who do no wrong to their kindred,
who cast no slur on their neighbors,
who hold the godless in disdain,
but honor those who fear the LORD; R.

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SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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 5:1-12

The Beatitudes
Spark Children's Bible Page 264

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

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

Please be seated.

Please rise, as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY
O God of Mercy, God of Light

1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and
3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for

mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er
those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and

in your sight, to live our lives in you.
word and thought may work a work for you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
may we each other's burdens share;
may we, where help is needed, there
give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move
all those who live to live in love,
till you receive in heav'n above
all those who live in you.

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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.

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. 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

9:00	<i>Lord, Speak to Me</i> arr. Sandra Eithan	Handbell Choir
11:30	<i>Blessed Are They</i> by Lee Bengler	Youth Choir

Please rise, as you are able.

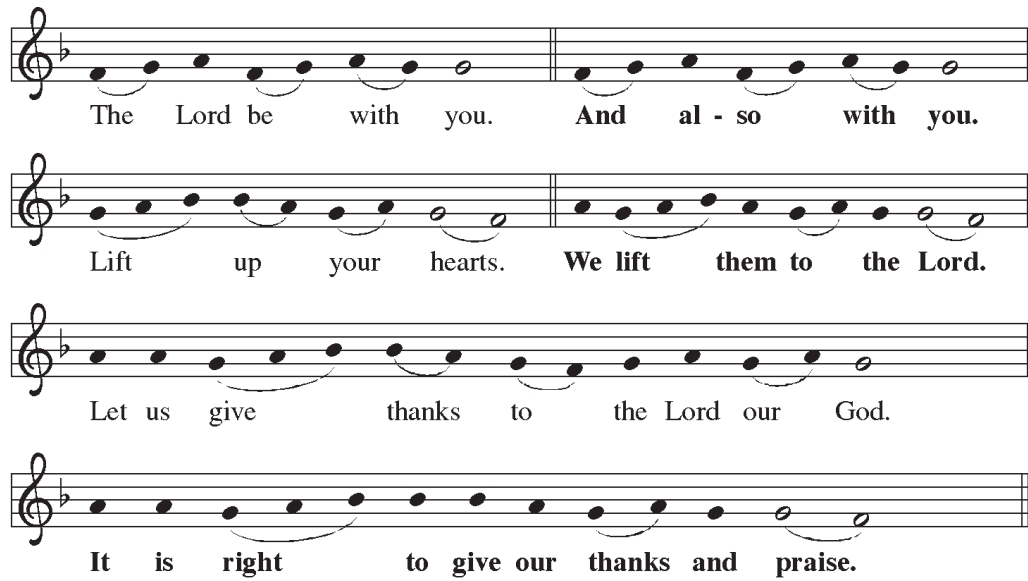
OFFERING PRAYER

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.

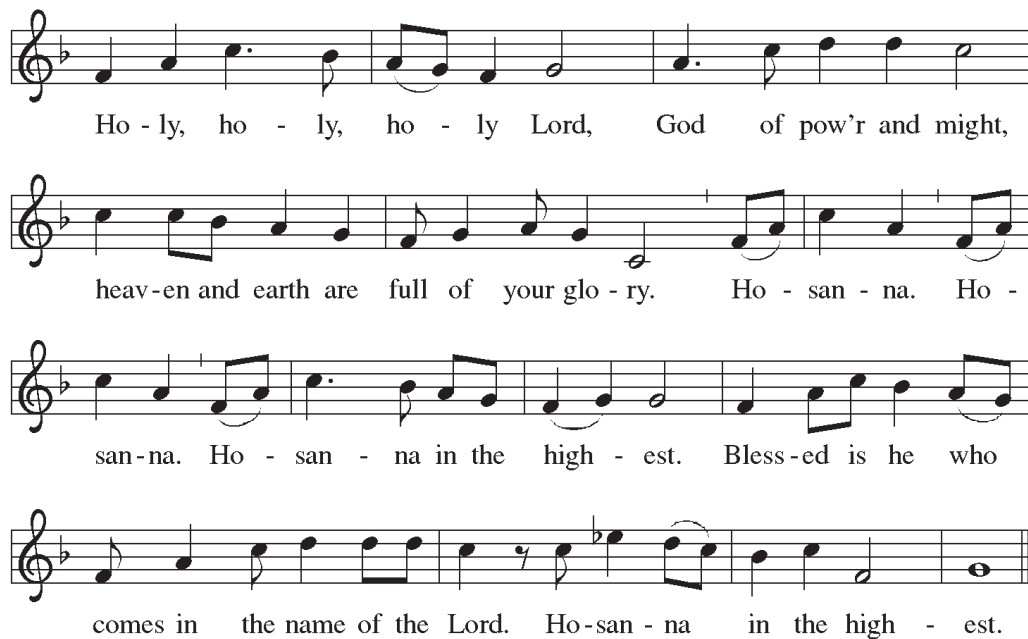
Amen.

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

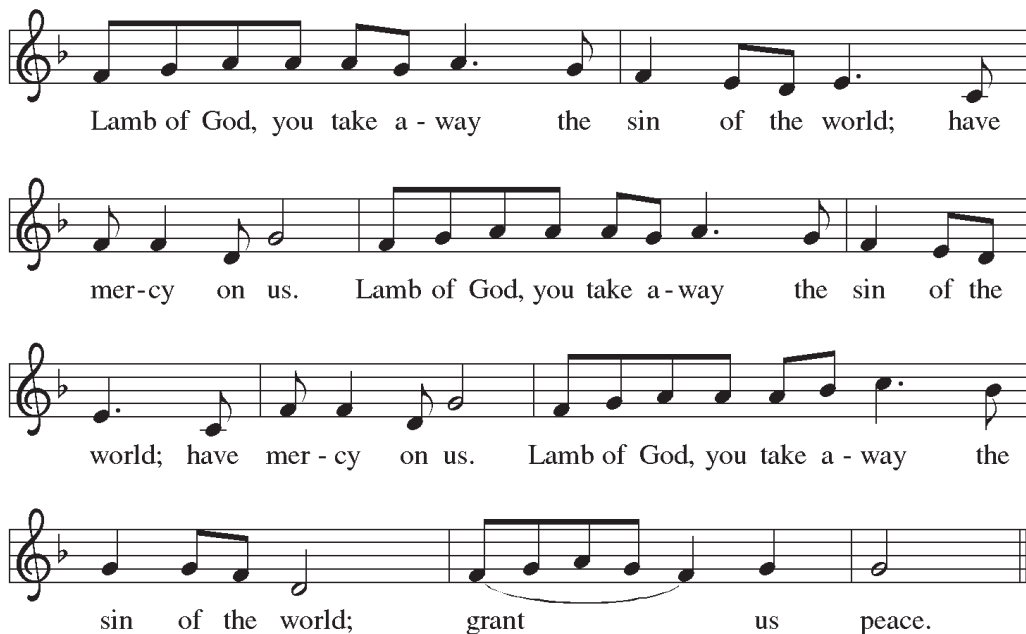
These are the gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God.

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

9:00

Humbly We Adore Thee arr. J.W. Krug

Handbell Choir

11:30

As We Gather at Your Table by K. Lee Scott

Youth Choir

COMMUNION HYMN
When the Poor Ones (Cuando el pobre)



1 *Cuan-do el po-bre na-da tie-ne ya ún re-par-te,*
 1 When the poor ones, who have noth-ing, still are giv-ing;
 2 When com-pas-sion gives the suf-f'ring con-so-la-tion;
 3 When our spir-its, like a chal-ice, brim with glad-ness;
 4 When the good-ness poured from heav-en fills our dwell-ings;



cuan-do al-guien pa-sa sed ya-gua nos da,
 when the thirst-y pass the cup, wa-ter to share;
 when ex-pect-ing brings to birth hope that was lost;
 when our voic-es, full and clear, sing out the truth;
 when the na-tions work to change war in-to peace;



cuan-do el dé-bil a su her-ma-no for-ta-le-ce:
 when the wound-ed of-fer oth-ers strength and heal-ing;
 when we choose love, not the ha-tred all a-round us;
 when our long-ings, free from en-vy, seek the hum-ble:
 when the strang-er is ac-cept-ed as our neigh-bor:

Refrain / Estribillo



Va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro mis-mo ca-mi-nar;
 We see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way;



va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro mis-mo ca-mi-nar.
 we see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way.

2 *Cuando alguno sufre y logra su consuelo,* 3 *Cuando crece la alegría y nos inunda,*
cuando espera y no se cansa de esperar, *cuando dicen nuestros labios la verdad,*
cuando amamos, aunque el odio nos rodee: *cuando amamos el sentir de los sencillos:*
 Estribillo Estribillo

4 *Cuando abunda el bien y llena los hogares,*
cuando alguien donde hay guerra pone paz,
cuando "hermano" le llamamos al extraño:
 Estribillo

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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.

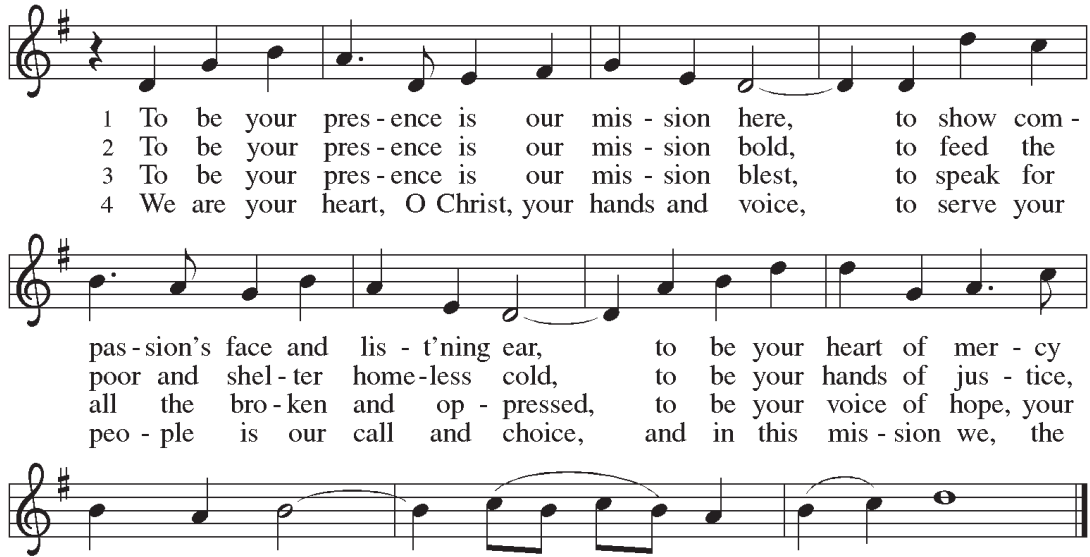
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

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

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

To Be Your Presence



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your

pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the

ev - er near,
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
love ex - pressed,
church, re - joice,

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Festival March by Norman Warren

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**



Scan this QR code for
web calendar

Sunday, January 29

Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Camp Hope Informational Meeting <i>Details next page</i>	10:15	Sanctuary
Adult Class: Week Ahead Bible Study	10:15	Fellowship Hall
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanc & YouTube

Tuesday, January 31

Exercise Group	9am	Church 2
Handbell Choir	6:30	Sanc Balcony
Children's Choir	7-7:45	MC 1
Youth Choir	7pm	Music Apse
Warriors Anonymous	7pm	Church 2

Wednesday, February 1

High School/Elementary Mentoring	7:15am	Nichols Elementary
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, February 2

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief	9:30	Fellowship Hall
Weight Watchers Mtg	9:30	Church 2
San Antonio Deanery	11am	MC 5
Dinner Out at <i>The Lion</i>	6:30	Details next page
Fiesta Flutes	7pm	Church 2

Saturday, February 4

Weight Watchers Mtg	9am	Church 2
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Sunday, February 5

Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Faith Formation Hour	10:15	Details next page
Adult Class: Week Ahead Bible Study	10:15	Fellowship Hall
Adult Class: Habits of the Household	10:15	MC 1
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanc & YouTube

Your 2022 Contribution Statement

Statements were e-mailed to you on January 25. If you have not received your statement, please check your e-mail spam folder, and call the church office at 210-688-3090 if it is still missing.

Worship Support

January Altar Guild and
Bread Offering

Carolyn Thronson
Doris Enderlin, Susan Johns
Mary Ann Schmitt, Sharon Solanik
Shirley Homeier-McBrayer

Lay Readers

9:00
LeShea Clabough
11:30
Robert Williams

Cantor

Sarah Williams

Communion Servers

9:00
Lisa & Philip Beekley
11:30
Rachel Williams, Pr. Kathi Johnson

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

Sunday Faith Formation

Classes for Children and Youth resume February 5. Camp Hope Meeting for all today.

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

Grade 6-7	MC Room 5
Grade 8-9	MC Room 7
Grade 10-12	MC Room 8

Adult Classes

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 21st century Christians?

Habits of the Household
begins February 5 at 10:15 in MC 1
An adult forum on *Practicing the Story of God in Everyday Family Rhythms*. Presentations and small group discussions around the topics of Waking, Mealtimes, Work, Play, Conversation, Bedtime, and more. Build community, share experiences, and think about aligning our daily rhythms more with the story of God. Based on a book, but the discussions will not assume any reading. Led by Pastor Dan. Sundays, through March 26, 10:15 in MC-1.

TODAY!

Camp Hope Informational Meeting

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 congregation. 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 everyone 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.

CAMP HOPE 2023
TRAVELERS



Dinner Out at The Lion Indian Restaurant

Thursday, February 2 at 6:30pm

Dinner Out meets on the first Thursday of each month. All adults are welcome. On February 2, meet at The Lion Indian Cuisine, 8202 N Loop 1604, Suite 122. Come early for socializing; dinner seating is at 6:30.

RSVP by January 29 to Doris & Dave Newman.
Call the church office if you need contact info.

Youth Night February 9 and 23

Middle & High School Dinner and Fellowship
6:30-8:30 in Ministry Center

High school and middle school 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!



Midweek Worship

6:30pm in Church 1

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

Zion Zippers Fellowship

February 13, at 6:00pm

Come and join the Zion Zippers at 6:00pm for a pot-luck dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish or two to share (along with your own plate and utensils if you can). Invite a friend, too!

After dinner, guest speaker Karen Petersen will share a history of Zion Lutheran Church. How did Zion begin? Who were the people and where were they from? Karen is a local historian and former San Antonio tour guide. All are invited to her entertaining presentation.

Contact Zippers' coordinator Bev Rosel or the church office if you have questions. Zippers meet on the second Monday.

Game Group

February 6 and 20 at 1:00pm

Come for table games and daytime fellowship for all ages. Meet in Family Life Center Room 101 on the first and third Mondays.



MOPS Chapter at Zion

Wednesday February 8 in MC Room 1

Zion MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) supports moms by building community for

growth in faith and as parents. Monthly meetings are in Zion's Ministry Center from 9:30-noon on the second Wednesday. They also are in need of adult volunteers to provide child care those second Wednesdays.

Scan the QR to contact Nicole Stender (mops@zionsa.org) to register, volunteer or get more info!



*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.





Zion is a Stephen Ministry Church!

So what?

Being a Stephen Ministry church means that Zion does care about our members and their neighbors. Zion invests in training lay leaders to conduct supervised Stephen Ministry. In addition to teaching 50 hours of training, the leaders schedule bi-monthly sessions where caregivers receive help, suggestions, and affirmation concerning their confidential, one-hour-per-week relationships with their care receivers. Stephen Ministers volunteer to fill the gaps in caring that occur in a large church...even one with compassionate Pastors like ours. "Stephen Ministers help those they care for experience God during those times in life when they might be wondering, Is God even there?"

For Stephen Ministry help, contact LeShea Clabough by calling the Zion office at 210-688-3090



Stephen Ministers - They are Among Us!

No, we're not talking about angels or aliens. We're talking about individuals who care about others. The Bible describes their service well: "Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering" (Hebrews 13:3).

If you or someone you know wants to do more as a Christian caregiver, consider Stephen Ministry. This is our congregation's one-to-one caregiving ministry. A training class is starting soon. Check out our table in the gazebo and talk with current Stephen Ministers after the service today!

Music Rehearsals

Handbells	Tues 6:30	Sanctuary Balcony
Children's (Gr 2-5)	Tues 7-7:45	MC Rm 1
Youth (Gr 6-12)	Tues 7-8pm	Apse
Chancel (Adult)	Wed 7:15	Sanctuary Choir Loft

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.

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>



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.

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!

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**JANUARY 29, 2023
FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY**



God is wisdom, power, and joy.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 5:1-12	Sermon on the Mount
Monday	Micah 6:1-8	True obedience
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Message of the cross
Wednesday	Luke 6:17-26	Sermon on the Plain
Thursday	1 Samuel 17:31-49	David and Goliath
Friday	Exodus 4:1-17	Moses' miraculous power
Saturday	Psalms 15	Life of the blameless
Sunday	Matthew 5:13-20	Salt and light

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. **1 Corinthians 1:22-24 (NRSV)***

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of wisdom, power, and joy, help us to see and believe that in Christ and his crucifixion you have established an eternal kingdom that will bless us now and always. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, with this gift of food strengthen us to show fairness to all, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you through Christ our crucified and risen Lord. Amen. (Micah 6:8)

A Blessing to Give:

May Christ the crucified one free you to live in peace and joy.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Goodness is Stronger
than Evil*



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:

- How would you describe someone who is wise and powerful?
- Where we see weakness and foolishness, God can see strength and wisdom. How is this good news for us?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Matthew 5:1-12.

This passage is called the Beatitudes, a description of true bliss, holiness, and joy. It begins the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). These words open Jesus' first public preaching and set the stage for Jesus' God-giving and life-saving work. It is a startling opening statement. Jesus reverses standard understandings of who is blessed in life. When things go well it is easy for us to say, "I am blessed." However, Jesus extends blessings not to the well-off, but to those who are poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, and others. Jesus says they are blessed and experiencing some form of God-given bliss now and will also experience a reward in heaven. In society we often struggle for power, recognition, and wealth. Jesus knows that God's standards are not the same. True glory, true wisdom, true joy in life is to experience daily life with a deep-seated compassion based on justice, kindness, and humbleness (Micah 6:8).

Discuss: Where in your life have you seen or experienced compassion based on God's standards?

Pray: **God of justice and mercy, open our eyes and our hearts to see the true joy of a life lived in relationship to you and in care of others through Christ Jesus, the crucified one. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you bless someone by doing an act of kindness?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Micah was a great prophet in Israel who lived long before Jesus was born. A prophet is a teacher and one who proclaims God's will. The people asked him what God required of them. Micah told them the Lord requires them to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8). Each day this week take time to sit in silence and consider your actions towards others. Ask yourself, "Where did I show justice, kindness, and mercy?" Then light a candle and pray: **Dear God, give me the desire to seek justice, kindness, and walk humbly each day with you and with all people. In Jesus' name, amen.**



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