

February 12, 2023 • Sixth 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

Fughetta on "These are the Ten Holy Commandments" by J. S. Bach

TEMPLE TALK

Kevin McGee, Stephen Ministry

Please rise, as you are able.

GATHERING HYMN

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
2 Or - der my foot-steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in your com-mands,'tis a de - light - ful road;

Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, but keep my con-science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan-d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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 people on earth.

All

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through 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: DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20

[Moses said to the people:] ¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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

PSALM 119

Refrain

Hal Hopson



O Lord, my de-light, ____ my de - light is in your law.

Happy are those whose life is without blame, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Happy are those who do God's will, and seek the Lord with all their heart.

They do no wrong, but always walk in the way of God. *Refrain.*

You have given us your commands, with faithfulness we obey.

O, that I may be true in keeping your statutes!

Then I shall not be ashamed, if I have kept my eyes on your commands. *Refrain.*

I will praise you with an upright heart, as I learn your righteous word.

I will obey your decrees; do not abandon me! *Refrain.*

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SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-9

¹Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

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

Please rise, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The musical notation consists of two staves of music in G major, common time. The first staff begins with a half note followed by eighth notes. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the" are written below the notes. The second staff continues with eighth notes and ends with a repeat sign and a double bar line. The lyrics "words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia." are written below the notes.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:21-37

Jesus Teaches about Anger
Spark Children's Bible Page 272

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ²¹"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Bill Swantner

Please rise, as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain

Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing
and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.
1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of
kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day, to
fear deed, to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
day, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
love will be my fin - est la - bor.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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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>If Ye Love Me</i> by Thomas Tallis	Chancel Choir
11:30	<i>Healer of Our Every Ill</i> setting by Anne Krentz Organ	

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

Taste and See by Ralph Vaughn Williams

Chancel Choir

COMMUNION HYMN Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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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 *on next page*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Finale by Stanley Vann

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.

SENDING HYMN
Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er dwell-ing in the ho - liest realms of light;
 2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er liv - ing as the church's ver - y life;
 3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er work-ing through the church's min - is - try;

Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;
 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing through us in a cease - less strife;
 quick'-ning, strength'-ning, and ab - solv - ing, set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free;

Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er rais - ing those of earth to thrones on high;
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er form-ing in the church the mind of Christ:
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er bind-ing age to age and soul to soul

liv - ing, life - im - part - ing Spir - it, you we praise and mag - ni - fy.
 you we praise with end - less wor - ship for your gifts and fruits un - priced.
 in com-mu - nion nev - er end-ing, you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

Text: Timothy Rees, 1874–1939, alt.
 Music: IN BABILON, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

**THIS
WEEK
AT
ZION**



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Sunday, February 12

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

Monday, February 13

Zion Zippers Potluck Fellowship	6pm	Fellowship Hall
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Tuesday, February 14

Exercise Group	9am	Church 2
Dorcas Circle	10am	FH
Executive Committee	6pm	Zoom
Handbell 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, February 15

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

Thursday, February 16

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief	9:30	Fellowship Hall
Funeral: Jack Houghtling	2pm	Sanctuary
Weight Watchers Mtg	9:30	Church 2
Fiesta Flutes	7pm	Church 2

Saturday, February 18

Weight Watchers Mtg	9am	Church 2
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Sunday, February 19

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

Worship Support

February Altar Guild

Chris and Don Jones

Alyssa Brodbeck, Suzi Lockamy

Mary Jo Goldenbaum

Belynda McKenzie, Kathy Null

Linda and Roy Tschirhart

Bread Offering

Susan Johns

Lay Readers

9:00

Mary Mora

11:30

LeShea Clabough

Cantor

Lindsay Magee

Communion Servers

9:00

Linda Hoffman, Bev Rosel

11:30

LeShea Clabough, Kevin McGee

Livestream

David Umlang

Steve Johnson

Sound

Scott Van Doren

February Ushers

Jake Apodaca

Mary Ann and Bill Schmidt

Dan Graham

Pam Gammage

Brandon Dubuisson

Mike DeHart, Chris Berg

Sunday Faith Formation

Children

Music Opening in MC 1 at 10:15.

Children age three years and older meet in the Ministry Center Room 1 for opening music with Ms. Sammy, then go to classrooms.

Youth Classes

Grade 5-7	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

Led by Pastor Dan at 10:15 in MC 1, through March 26. Adult forum based on the book of the same name, on practicing the story of God in everyday family rhythms. Presentations and small group discussions on waking, mealtimes, work, play, conversation, bedtime and more.



Zion is a Stephen Ministry Church!

Stephen Ministers bring distinctively Christian care to those in need. They use both words and deeds to express Christ's care for others—listening and comforting, calling on the training they have received and employing the tools of faith.

If this job description fits your personal goals for ministry, consider becoming a Stephen Minister. A training class is starting soon. If you have any questions or are interested exploring this ministry, come and talk with us at the Stephen Ministry table in the gazebo after services today.

If you would like to request help from a Stephen Minister, contact LeShea Clabough by calling the Zion office at: 210-688-3090

Zion Zippers Fellowship

Tomorrow, 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 of each month.

BBQ for Habitat for Humanity



The flyer for the Holy Smoke BBQ Fundraiser is titled "Holy Smoke" in a large, stylized script font. It includes the following details:

- BBQ Plate Fund-Raiser for Habitat for Humanity**
- Sunday, February 26, 2023**
- Serving 10:00am - 1:00pm**
- \$12 Suggested Advance Donation**
- \$14 Suggested at the Door**
- Brisket - Sausage - Beans - Potato Salad (Desserts à la carte)**
- To-Go Plates or Dine-In FLC**
- Prepared by Zion's Lutheran Men in Mission and Women of Zion**

A small logo for "Habitat for Humanity" is shown, featuring three stylized human figures in blue and green under a roof-like shape.

Tickets are on sale in the gazebo and under the porte cochere out front. Children's plates are \$6 (11 years and younger).

Women of Zion Helping Habitat for Humanity

WOZ are joining with LMM for the February 26 *Holy Smoke* fundraiser (above). You are invited to bring desserts or potato salad, or volunteer to serve in the kitchen. Contact Linnell Brewton at WOZ@zionsa.org (or scan QR).



Spring Craft Fair March 4

Vendors will bring their wares to the FLC and outdoor campus with home decor, jewelry, clothing, furniture, toys, fine art and more. Zion's youth families will serve breakfast and lunch. Plan to make a day of it! Doors open at 9am.

Vendor spaces are still available. Contact the church office for an application.

Music Rehearsals

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

Dinner Out at Bella Sera Restaurant

Thursday, March 2 at 6:30pm
Dinner Out meets this month
a Bella Sera Homemade Italian
Cooking, 812 N. Main in Boerne.
Come early for socializing; dinner
seating is at 6:30.

RSVP by February 26 to
Sandy or Jim Chillstrom. Call the
church office if you need contact
info.

Jim or Sandy Chillstrom

Society of St. Vincent de Paul presents
The Artists of San Antonio
Fine Art Show
March 11-12, 2023
benefiting Helotes House of
Neighborly Service, *providing food
and assistance to neighbors in need.*

Our Lady of Guadalupe Family
Center, 11762 FM 1560
in Helotes
Scan this QR code or
go to www.Helotes-House.org for event and ticket
info. Admission is \$10.



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

STAFF DAYS OFF

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Pastor Kathi's Zoom Book Study

Beginning on March 2, Pastor Kathi's book study group will begin our next book: *Jesus of the East: Reclaiming the Gospel for the Wounded*. Written by Vietnamese immigrant Phuc Luu, we will examine Christian theology from the perspective of the Eastern church. Meet via Zoom on the first and third Thursdays of each month, from 7:00 to 8pm.



Email Pastor Kathi (kjohnson@zionsa.org) for more info or to sign up. The book is available on Amazon or at Bookshop.org.

Youth Night February 23

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

Zion's high school and middle school youth meet to enhance their impact 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. Use the QR code to RSVP so we have enough food and supplies!



Registration is Open

June 19-23 and/or

June 26-30. Two stand-along

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TRAVELERS



unique weeks of camp; scan the QR below to register for one or both sessions! Monday-Friday 9am-3:30pm. Before (7:00-9am) and after (3:30-6pm) care available.

COST PER WEEK Scholarships available

- \$125 first camper, \$115 each additional sibling
- Before care \$25 per child
- After care \$25 per child

Info cards to share are at the display in MC hallway.



LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION®

Men's Fellowship

Third Monday, February 20 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 lmm@zionsa.org if you need more details.

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!

Game Group

February 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.

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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Zion's
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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.



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FEBRUARY 12, 2023
SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY



Jesus comes to bring reconciliation.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 5:21-37	Teachings of Jesus
Monday	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Choose life, not death
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Working together for God
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 5:11-21	The ministry of reconciliation
Thursday	Genesis 33:1-17	Jacob and Esau meet
Friday	Ephesians 4:25-32	Rules for the new life
Saturday	Psalm 119:1-8	The law of the Lord
Sunday	Matthew 17:1-19	Transfiguration of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Matthew 5:23-24 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Loving God, you have shown us the way to love and mercy; help us to share your love and power of reconciliation with all through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this food, a gift of life that sustains us during the good times and the difficult times through Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the love of God bless you with long life and happiness.



FEBRUARY 12, 2023

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Forgive our Sins As We

Forgive



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:

- What do you do when a personal relationship is not going well?
- How does your faith help you when you are struggling in a relationship?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Matthew 5:21-37.

When Jesus is teaching here, he can sound like he is undermining the law and substituting other rules to live by. However, what he is doing is not rejecting the law, but intensifying its intended outcome. The law is to preserve life for one's neighbor, one's community, and oneself. The commandments give a baseline of how to care for one another, but Jesus says, "You can do more." We are not to stop caring for our neighbor until reconciliation and understanding between one another happens. Life without fear, intimidation, or destruction is the goal for all relationships. Jesus is particularly hard on men. The patriarchal system of his day made it easy for men to abandon a woman and take another. To that Jesus says, "No!" Jesus seeks personal and public relationships that are life-giving, just as God's law is intended to be life-giving (Deuteronomy 30:16).

Discuss: Where in society or in your own relationships do you see a need for God's reconciling power?

Pray: **Life-giving God, help us to treasure the gift of life and relationships so that we may seek ways not to harm people but to nurture one another through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve others in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you help restore a broken relationship?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Passing the peace is a Christian practice used in worship since the early church to experience the reconciling power of God in Christ. Historically, it is offered prior to Holy Communion in recognition of Jesus' words in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:23-24). However, sharing God's peace is meant for more than just a worship service. The peace of God, forgiveness, and acceptance of one another is part of our daily lives. Greet others daily with the peace of the Lord. As a reminder, before meals this week light a candle and say: **The peace of the Lord be with you.**