

February 19, 2023 • Transfiguration Sunday
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.

HOLY BAPTISM TODAY

At the 9:00 service today we receive Cali Ann Horcasitas, child of April & Martin Horcasitas. Her sponsor is Jean Hoffheimer-Warren.

Please note on your attendance slip if you are visiting for the baptism.

Zion Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE & WELCOME

9:00

This Little Light of Mine
African American Spiritual

Faith Formation Students

11:30

Brightest and Best of the Stars
setting by Michael Larkin

9:00am HOLY BAPTISM

Statement of Faith

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**catholic: universal*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks..... in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever,

Amen.

Welcome

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Please rise, as you are able.

GATHERING HYMN O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,
In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,
of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich
dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.

6 What joy to know, when life is past, the Lord we love is first and last,
the end and the beginning!

He will one day, oh, glorious grace, transport us to that happy place
beyond all tears and sinning!

Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness!

We are yearning for the day of your returning.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai

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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. O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, 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 Kathi Johnson

FIRST READING: EXODUS 24:12-18

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God.

¹⁴To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

PSALM 99

Refrain

Hal. H. Hobson



Lord, you are my hope and stay; I will ev - er sing your praise.

The Lord God reigns in majesty; let all the nations quake.
God dwells between the cherubim; let earth's foundations shake.
Supreme in Zion is the Lord, exalted gloriously.
All nations praise God's name with awe; the God of all times to be. *Refrain*

The mighty King loves justice well and equity ordains.
God rules the people righteously and faithfulness maintains.
In worship at God's footstool bow, let God exalted be.
O magnify the Lord our God; the God of all times to be. *Refrain.*

When priests and prophets called on God, God their petitions heard.
God's cloudy pillar let them on, and they obeyed God's Word.
Through sending judgments for their sins, God pardoned graciously.
Exalt the Lord and worship God; the God of all times to be. *Refrain.*

Refrain text: Psalm 96:1a.
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SECOND READING: 2 PETER 1:16-21

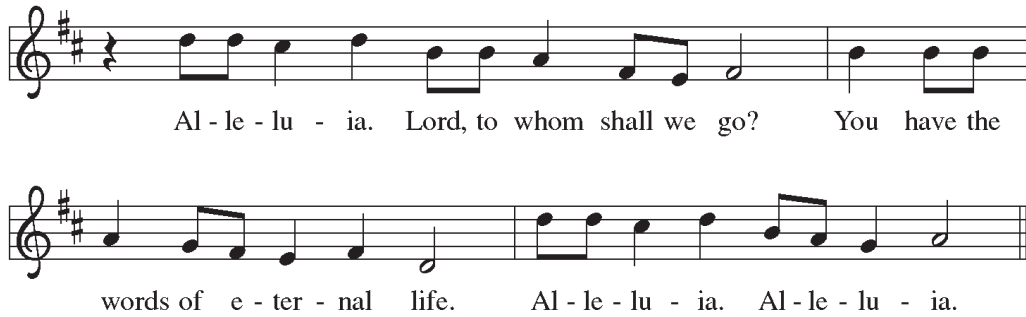
¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

Please rise, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: MATTHEW 17:1-9

The Transfiguration
Spark Children's Bible Page 358

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

¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Kathi Johnson

Please rise, as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lead Me, Guide Me

Refrain



Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;



for if you lead me, I can - not stray.



Lord, let me walk each day with thee.



Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r
2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,
3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,



to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.



be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.



I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.



Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.



I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.



Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

Refrain



Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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LEAD ME, GUIDE ME
Irregular

11:30 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>Christ, Be Our Light</i> by Bernadette Farrell	Children's Choir
11:30	<i>Send Out Thy Light</i> by M. A. Balakireff	Chancel Choir

Please rise, as you are able.

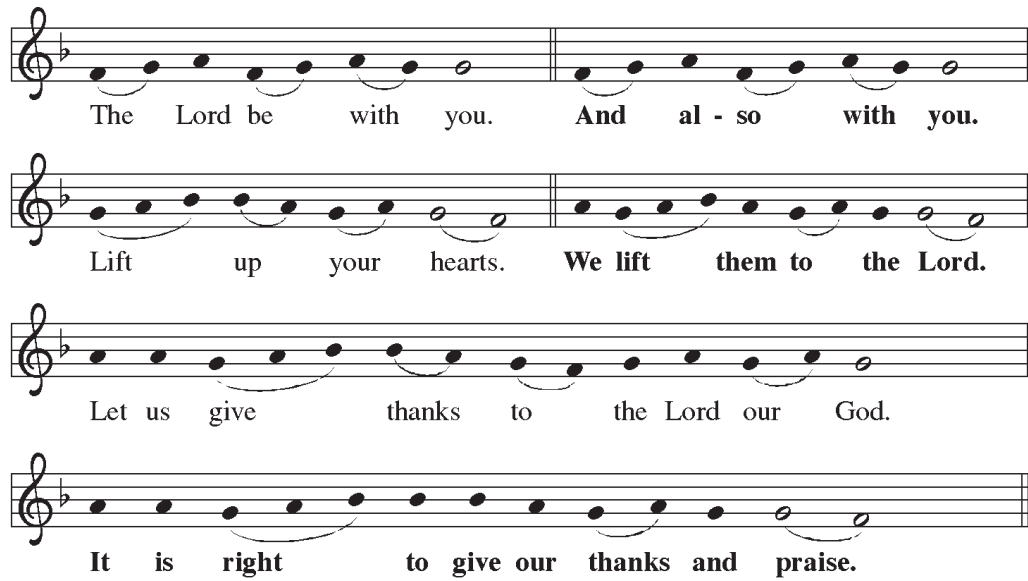
OFFERING PRAYER

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.

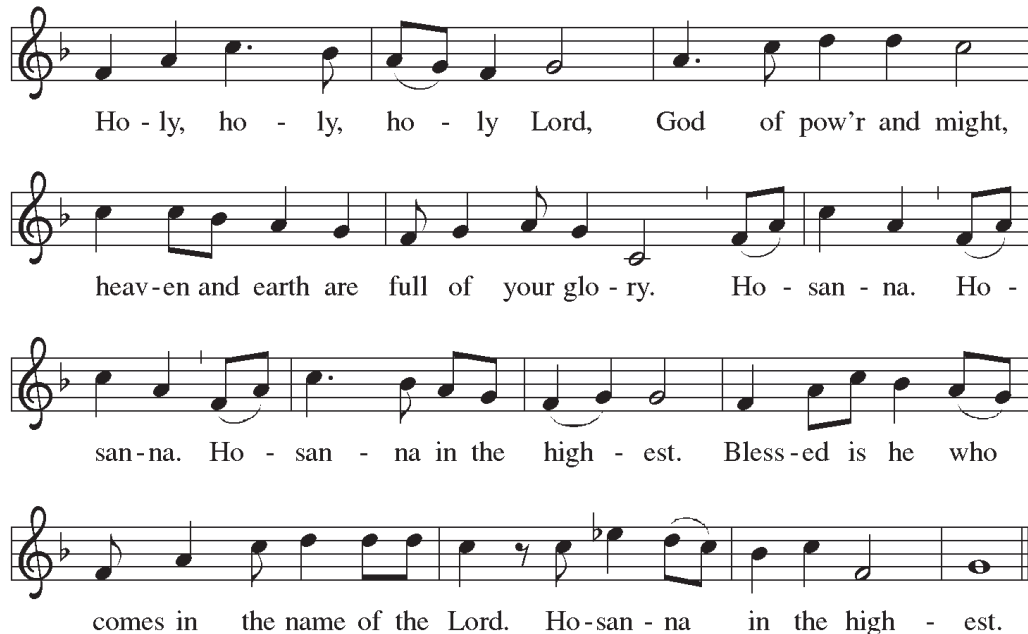
Amen.

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, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. 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

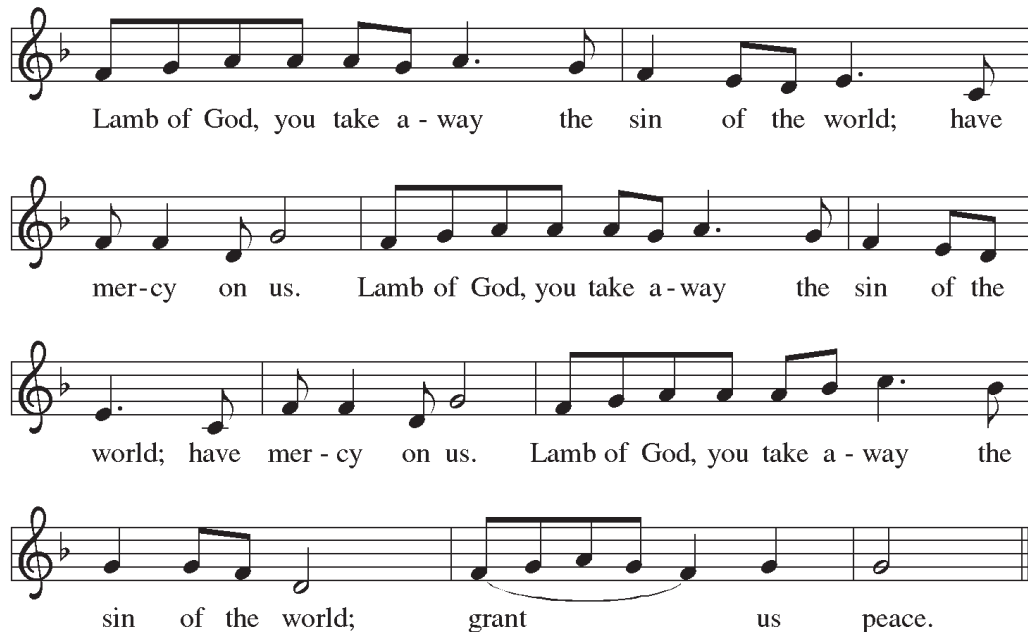
These are the gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God.

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

Jesus Loves Me by William Bradbury

Children's Choir

11:30

Break of the World by Mark Pope

Chancel Choir

COMMUNION HYMN
Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Sciss, 1823-1904*
 Music: SCHONSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

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

Rise, Shine, You People by David Cherwein

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

Love Divine, All Love Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

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

Bruce Krueger

11:30

Mike DeHart

Cantor

Caela O'Connell

Communion Servers

9:00

Beverly Rosel, Brinkley Harrell

11:30

Chris and Don Jones

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

**THIS
WEEK
AT
ZION**



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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

Monday, February 20

Game Group	1pm	FLC 101
LMM Fellowship & Dinner	6:30	Sea Island Rest.

Tuesday, February 21

Exercise Group	9am	Church 2
Council Mtg	6:30	FH
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

Ash Wednesday, February 22

High School/Elementary Mentoring	7:15am	Nichols Elementary
Crafty Bunch	9:30	Ed Bldg Craft Rm
Ash Wednesday Daytime and Evening Services	Noon 7pm	Sanctuary
AA - Alcoholics Anonymous	7pm	FLC 202
Al-Anon Meeting	7pm	FLC 101
Chancel Choir	8pm	Sanctuary

Thursday, February 23

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief	9:30	Fellowship Hall
Weight Watchers Mtg	9:30	Church 2
Fiesta Flutes	7pm	Church 2
Stephen Ministry	7pm	FLC 101

Saturday, February 25

Weight Watchers Mtg	9am	Church 2
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Sunday, February 26

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

Midweek Worship in Lent

Ash Wednesday is this week, February 22

Services will be in the main sanctuary at noon and at 7pm, with imposition of ashes and holy communion. Chancel Choir rehearsal follows the evening Ash Wednesday service.

Wednesday Lenten services will be held in Church 1 at 6:30pm, as usual.



Men's Fellowship Tomorrow

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 Imm@zionsa.org if you need more details.



Stephen Ministry's C-O-S-T

Searching for a new ministry opportunity in our congregation? There will be a cost, you know, but there will also be great rewards. Stephen Ministry is our congregation's one-to-one caring ministry. Right now we're looking for members who are willing to pay the Commitment Of Self and Time and become Stephen Ministers, remembering that the blessings will outweigh the costs. To find out more about this ministry, come and talk with our current Stephen Ministers at our table in the gazebo today.

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

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.

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BBQ for Habitat for Humanity

February 26 in the FLC

Holy Smoke

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 a la carte)
To-Go Plates or Dine-In FLC
Prepared by Zion's Lutheran Men in Mission and Women of Zion

Tickets 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 Fundraiser

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).



Youth Night February 23

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

On the second and fourth Thursdays, 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.

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



Give Help to Earthquake Relief Efforts

On February 6, powerful earthquakes hit the region of southern Turkey and northern Syria. Thousands have died; many others have been injured and displaced. Lutheran Disaster Response is already working with partners in the area to provide disaster relief to those impacted. Please support these relief efforts by visiting ELCA.org (or scan QR) to donate or call 800-638-3522.

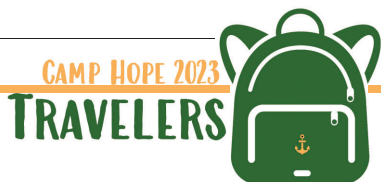


Registration is Open

June 19-23 and/or

June 26-30. Two stand-alone

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.



Tickets for Sound of Music on Sale March 1

April 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 30 in the FLC

Zion Theatre Group is going digital! Theatre goers will choose a performance date and seating, and pay directly from Zion's website. Tickets for "show only" will be available on Zion's homepage beginning on March 1.

Patrons purchasing dinner seats may contact Sammy directly at theatre@zionsa.org, or call the church office beginning March 1 to make reservations. Sammy will also sell dinner tickets in the gazebo on March 5 and 29, and April 2 and 16.

Moving forward, we will not be able to accommodate exchanges or refunds. Please plan carefully before purchasing tickets for any performance.

Game Group

Tomorrow, February 20 at 1:00pm

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

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.

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 9:00am.

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

*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.

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.



Choir Rehearsals

Children's Choir (Gr 2-5) are on Tuesdays 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**. New singers are 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

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.



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!



MOPS Chapter at Zion

Wednesday February 8 March 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!



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.



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.



**FEBRUARY 19, 2023
TRANSFIGURATION
OF OUR LORD**



Jesus gives comfort and strength.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 17:1-19	Transfiguration of Jesus
Monday	Exodus 24:12-18	Moses goes up to Mt. Sinai
Tuesday	2 Peter 1:16-21	Eye witnesses of Christ's glory
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 31:1-8	Joshua becomes Moses' successor
Thursday	Matthew 17:10-21	Jesus cures a boy with a demon
Friday	Psalm 99	Celebrating the rule of God
Saturday	Psalm 2	The Lord's chosen king
Sunday	Matthew 4:1-11	Temptation of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid."
And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.*

Matthew 17:7-8 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of glory, just as you shined brightly on Jesus in his transfiguration, may your presence in our lives give us comfort and strength for each day. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you fed your people in the wilderness and revealed your glory from a mountain; we thank you for feeding us and guiding us in your ways. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of glory give you comfort and strength.



FEBRUARY 19, 2023

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Shine, Jesus, Shine



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:

- What gets in the way of taking action and trying something new?
- Jesus tells his followers to “get up and do not be afraid.” What gives you courage to be bold and live your faith in daily life?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Matthew 17:1-9.

In the midst of the challenges and fears of everyday life, it can be a gift and a source of comfort and strength to have a “God moment” experience. It happened to Peter, James, and John. It can also happen to us, that sense that God is near and all is well. Our comfort is not in any god or spiritual experience, but one that is grounded in Jesus, the Son of God, the one who came to die for our sins on another mountain, Golgotha. The Mount of Transfiguration brings together Jesus, Moses, Elijah, and unprepared disciples. What makes this moment a valued God moment is that the disciples are comforted and encouraged “*Get up and do not be afraid*” (v. 7). Their focus becomes exclusively on Jesus alone. What a gift and what a moment to see Jesus and have the assurance of God’s presence! At Jesus’ transfiguration we see the Savior we want in comfort and strength. On Golgotha we see the Savior we need through the forgiveness of sins. In Jesus we get both.

Discuss: What are concerns in your life that need God’s comfort and strength?

Pray: **Dear God, help us to see Jesus in our mountaintop highs and in our valley lows, and may that vision give us comfort and strength to be his faithful followers. 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 live in fear?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Transfiguration means to be changed. The transfiguration brings together both the human and divine nature of Jesus Christ. Jesus’ “*face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light*” (Matthew 17:2). It must have been an amazing experience for Peter, James, and John to see Jesus in that way! Draw or write a list of ways you experience God’s presence in your life. Take time to think or talk about what you have drawn or written. Then light two candles to represent the totally human and totally divine nature of Jesus and pray: **Dear God, thank you for shining your light through Jesus. We ask to receive that light and share it with others. 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