

April 30, 2023 • Fourth Sunday of Easter
9:00 and 11:30am



Zion *lutheran
church*

WELCOME TO ZION

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 lives with Christ. In our daily lives, we show God's love by serving our community, both locally and globally.

We are a group 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!

HOW WE WORSHIP

The Holy Spirit gathers people around the means of grace: the Word of God and the Sacraments. From the table of Holy Communion where Christ comes with forgiveness, life, and salvation, God sends us out to share the good news and care for those in need. Our worship follows this pattern in four parts: Gathering, Word, Meal, and Sending. By its very nature, Lutheran worship is participatory and the service is contained within this bulletin. Worship leaders guide us through the service and our responses are printed in **bold type**.

We welcome children in our worship services! If needed, a nursery is available down the hallway past the restrooms. The restrooms contain changing tables, as needed.

Throughout the service, members of Zion's music ministry offer their talents as an offering to God. Please 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.

THE SEASON OF EASTER

Alleluia! He is risen! So begins the joyous Season of Easter. As we emerge from the somber time of Lent, we speak and sing our alleluias once again. Easter isn't over after just one day - for six weeks, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus through song and stories.

What does the resurrection of Jesus mean for us? A prayer in our funeral liturgy says it well: "Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord..." Because Christ lives, we live also. Alleluia!

Zion Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Prelude in C Minor by J.S. Bach

The Fiesta Flutes
Robert Rubio, Conductor

WELCOME

Please rise, as you are able.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water is poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!

of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!

at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807-1882, alt.
 Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781-1821

GREETING

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

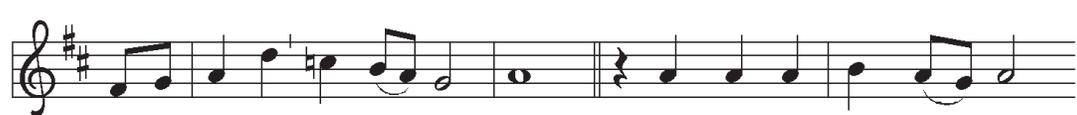
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

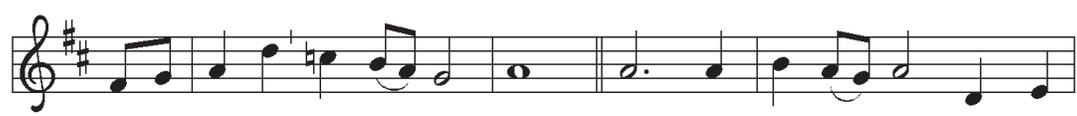


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

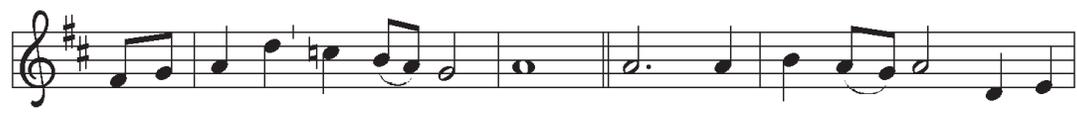


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, 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.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

FIRST READING: ACTS 2:42-47

⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

PSALM 23

Refrain

Michael Guimont



The Lord is my shep-herd; noth - ing shall I want.

LORD, you are my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where you give me repose.
Near restful waters you lead me,
to revive my drooping spirit. *℟.*

You guide me along the right path;
You are true to your name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. *℟.*

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. *℟.*

Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me
all the days of my life.
In the LORD's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. *℟.*

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SECOND READING: 1 PETER 2:19-25

¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²²"He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

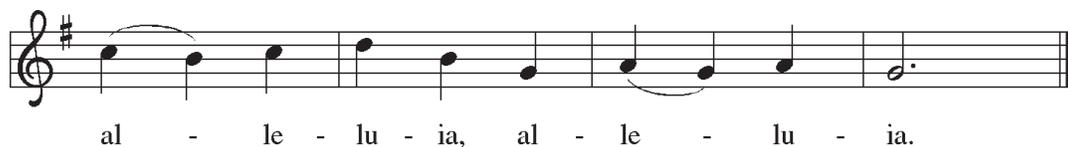
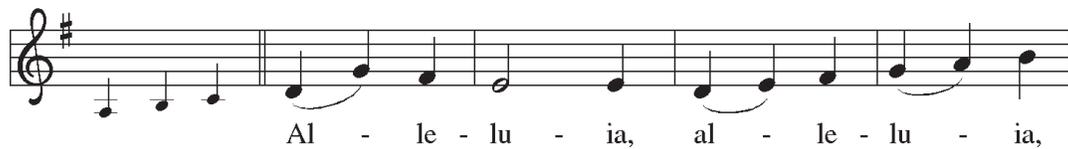
²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

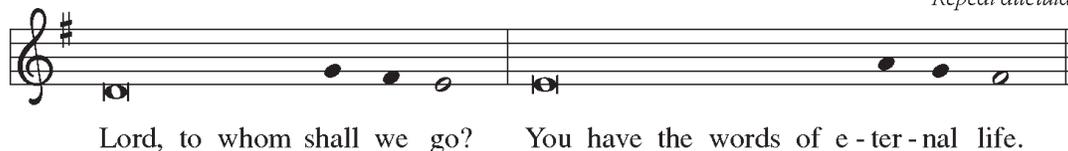
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



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

[Jesus said:] ¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877
Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

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

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Each petition ends: Risen Lord, in your mercy,

Response: **Hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

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

For the Beauty of the Earth, by John Rutter

The Fiesta Flutes
Robert Rubio, Conductor

Please rise, as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Generous God,

in this meal you offer your very self. We give you thanks for these gifts. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our 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.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." (Staff 1), "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." (Staff 2), "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." (Staff 3), and "It is right to give our thanks and praise." (Staff 4).

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, ✠ your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, 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

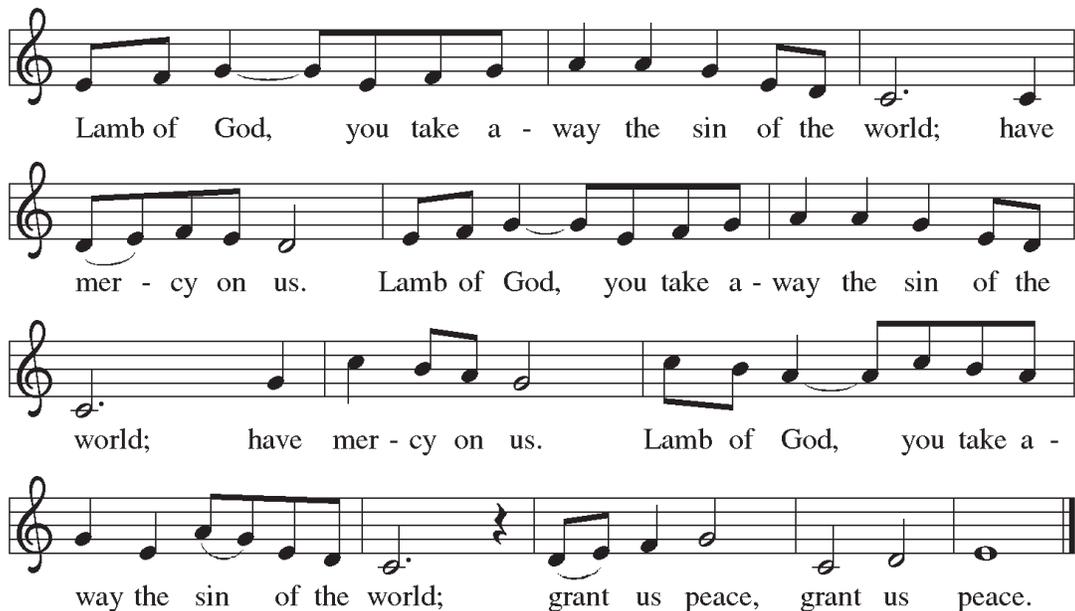
These are the gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God.

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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN
Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
 bove, for he stoops down, to heal you, up -
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

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.

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 Music: LITTLE FLOCK; Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930
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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 and share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Entrance of the Queen of Sheba
by G.F. Handel

The Fiesta Flutes
Robert Rubio, Conductor

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

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,

with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
 dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet, till we

meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 meet a - gain,

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904
 Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833-1896

Worship Support

Altar Guild

Carolyn Thronson, Doris Enderlin
Susan Johns, Shirlyn McKenzie
Mary Ann Schmitt, Sharon Solanik

Lay Readers

9:00

Carolyn Pfeiffer

11:30

Jeff Williams

Cantor

Bud Halstead

Communion Servers

9:00

Linda Krueger, Amy Swanson

11:30

Suzi Lockamy, Alyssa Brodbeck

Livestream

Steve Johnson

John Streeter

Sound

Scott Van Doren

April Ushers

9:00

Allen Cockrell

LeShea Clabough and Kevin McGee

Meredith and Brandon Price

11:30

Pam Gammage, Caleb DeHart

Kim and Mike DeHart

Chris Berg

THIS WEEK AT ZION



Scan QR code for
this month's
calendar

Sunday, April 30

Bloodmobile	8:30-1	Parking Lot
Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Faith Formation Hour	10:15	Details next page
Coffee Talk - Financial Update	10:15	Fellowship Hall
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanc & YouTube

Monday, May 1

Game Group	1pm	FLC 101
LMM Planning Mtg	6:30	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 2

Exercise Group	9am	Church 2
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, May 3

High School/Elementary Mentoring	7:15am	Nichols Elementary
Weight Watchers Mtg	9:30	Church 2
Crafty Bunch	9:30	Ed Bldg Craft Rm
Midweek Worship Services	1:00 & 6:30	Church 1/Chapel
AA - Alcoholics Anonymous	7pm	FLC 202
Al-Anon Meeting	7pm	FLC 101
Chancel Choir	7:15	Sanctuary

Thursday, May 4

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief	9:30	Fellowship Hall
Weight Watchers Mtg	9:30	Church 2
Dinner Out - Details page 20	6:30	Dim Sum
Youth Night	6:30	Ministry Center
Fiesta Flutes	7pm	Church 2
Stephen Ministry Training	7pm	FLC 101
Stephen Ministry Supervision	7pm	FLC 202

Saturday, May 6

Weight Watchers Meetings	8:30 & 10:30	Church 2
Funeral: John Simecek	11am	Church 3
Mini Golf & Supper - Details page 21	4pm	Cool Crest

Sunday, May 7

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

Coffee Talk Today

with Allen Cockrell, Congregation Treasurer

Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10:15. Zion's Treasurer, Allen Cockrell, will give an update on Zion's finances. All are invited.

Blessed Change for Synod Assembly Offering

TODAY, April 30



This year's assembly offering will expand the impact of the Evangelical Mission Endowment Fund. This fund enables new ministries across the synod, including Eagle Pass Frontera Ministries and local ministry through Pláticas de Santa Sofía (supporting the houseless population in San Antonio).

Look for the water well in the narthex and drop in your loose change, folding money and checks, or use this QR code, or go to ZionSA.org, orange DONATE button, Special Offerings. Specify *Blessed Change*.



Special Offerings
through Vanco

Blood Drive Today, April 30

9am - 1pm

The Bloodmobile is in Zion's parking lot today until 1pm. Please stop by and find out if you are eligible to donate.

Game Group

May 1 and 15 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.

Faith Formation

Sunday Mornings at 10:15

Children

Preschool	MC Room 3
Kinder-4 th	MC Room 4

Youth Classes

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

Adult Class

Week Ahead Bible Study

Next week, May 7 with special guest teacher Rob Mikulski. Sundays at 10:15, 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?

Resumes Sunday, May 14 with Pastor Kathi Johnson.

Two Midweek Services

Wednesdays at 1pm and 6:30pm
in Church 1

Simple communion worship services
in Zion's historic chapel.

Youth Night May 4 and 18

Middle & High School Dinner and Fellowship

6:30-8:30 in Ministry Center

Every other Thursday, 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.

Please use the QR code to RSVP so we have enough food and supplies!



CAMP HOPE SUMMER 2023 • TRAVELERS

June 19-23 and/or
June 26-30

Check your Z-Mail
or scan this
QR code for details
and registration
form.



Students entering Kindergarten through 7th grade are eligible.



Dinner Out at Dim Sum Oriental Cuisine

Thursday, May 4 at 6:30 pm

Come share a casual, unique oriental Dim Sum meal. Out of your comfort zone perhaps, but well worth the delicious experience! Asian menu plus special appetizers. Dim Sum Restaurant is at 2313 NW Military Hwy, #125. RSVP to Jim or Sandy Chillstrom - email via the QR or call the church office for contact info.



Mini Golf for Everyone!

RSVP Now for this Saturday
May 6 at 4pm

Everyone is invited to mini-golf and supper at the historic Cool Crest

Miniature Golf course, 1402 Fredericksburg Road. Show up at 4pm for fellowship and putt-ing. Food trucks will arrive at 5pm with dining and treats for purchase. Golf prices are \$10 adults, \$9 age 55+ and military ID, \$8 kids 4-12, age 3 and younger free.

Please RSVP to Mark Laneman. Use this QR code to email, or call the church office for contact info. This is an all-ages-congregation-wide event, arranged by Lutheran Men in Mission.



New Member Classes begin May 7

Series developed for those interested in learning about Zion in particular, and Lutherans in general. RSVP to Suzie at swyatt@zionsa.org, or call the church office.

May 7 at 12:15pm	Light lunch for the family, and general orientation.
10:15am on May 14, 21 and 28	Why we worship the way we do, what we believe, getting involved at Zion.
June 4	New members are received in worship services.

Memorial for John Simecek

Saturday, May 6 at 11:00am

The service is in the sanctuary, with a reception in the Fellowship Hall following burial in Cemetery 2.

Zion Zippers

Monday May 8

Come and join the Zion Zippers at 6:00pm on May 8 for a potluck 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! Zippers meet on the second Monday.



After dinner, guest speaker Haeley Giambalvo of the San Antonio Native Plant Society will present "Jump Start Your Native Plant Garden - Plant It and They Will Come". This is a fun and informative introduction to native plant gardening that will bring your yard alive with butterflies and songbirds! Haeley's web blog is native-backyards.com or scan QR.

Summer Theatre Camp 2023

June 5-16 for Grades K-12

Registration and audition form is available at ZionSA.org, or from the church office during business hours.



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

*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.

Women of Zion

Join in activities and fellowship with other women in the congregation.

Scan the QR code to get on the mailing list, or send an e-mail to WOZ@zionsa.org.



Women of Zion Events

- This is the final week for the Lutheran World Relief Kits collection. You can still bring items to the office during business hours this week. Specific items are requested - see yellow list.
- Mothers' Day Pie Sale May 14. Please contact Mary Jo Goldenbaum (WOZ@zionsa.org) and let her know if you would like to donate a few of your favorite homemade pies. This popular (and delicious) event will benefit Lutheran World Relief.

Pies will be on sale in the gazebo on Mothers' Day, 8:30 until they run out.
- Tuesday June 13, WOZ Bible Study & More. Fellowship, service projects with a Bible study on the second Tuesday at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited!

Kit Collection for LWR

Bring items to church office during business hours this week.

Personal Care Kits

- Dark colored bath towel
- Bars of bath size soap
- Adult size toothbrush in original packaging

Fabric Kits

- Cotton or cotton-blend woven fabric. No knits or 100% polyester.
Size 2 1/4 yards of 60" wide fabric OR
3 yards of 44" wide fabric OR
4 yards of 36" wide fabric
- Thread, neutral-colored, general purpose, 250-300 yard spool

Baby Kits

- Cotton t-shirts (no onesies)
- Long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- Receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel sized between 36" and 52" square
- Cloth diapers (preferably NOT prefolded)
- Jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt with or without hood
- Socks
- Hand towel, dark color recommended
- Bars of gentle baby soap

Men's Fellowship

Third Monday, May 15 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.

MOPS Chapter at Zion

Wednesday May 10 in MC Room 1



Zion MOPS (Mothers of Pre-schoolers) supports moms by building community for growth in faith and as parents. Month-



ly meetings are during the school year 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!

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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Zion is a Stephen Ministry Church!

Stephen Ministry Training Update

Please pray for our Stephen Ministers

as they continue to enhance their caregiving skills. Here is what they are learning this week:

Here is what our Stephen Ministers are learning this week. Please continue to keep our Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders in your prayers.

SESSION 8 — ASSERTIVENESS: RELATING GENTLY AND FIRMLY (PART 2)

This is the second week our Stephen Ministers explore the topic of assertiveness, using Jesus as the model for assertive behavior. They take a look at the differences between passive, aggressive, and assertive behavior.

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

Help Fight Hunger in San Antonio!

Feed SA is a citywide movement to fight hunger alongside the San Antonio Food Bank. With your help we will provide meals for 200,000+ children who are at risk of

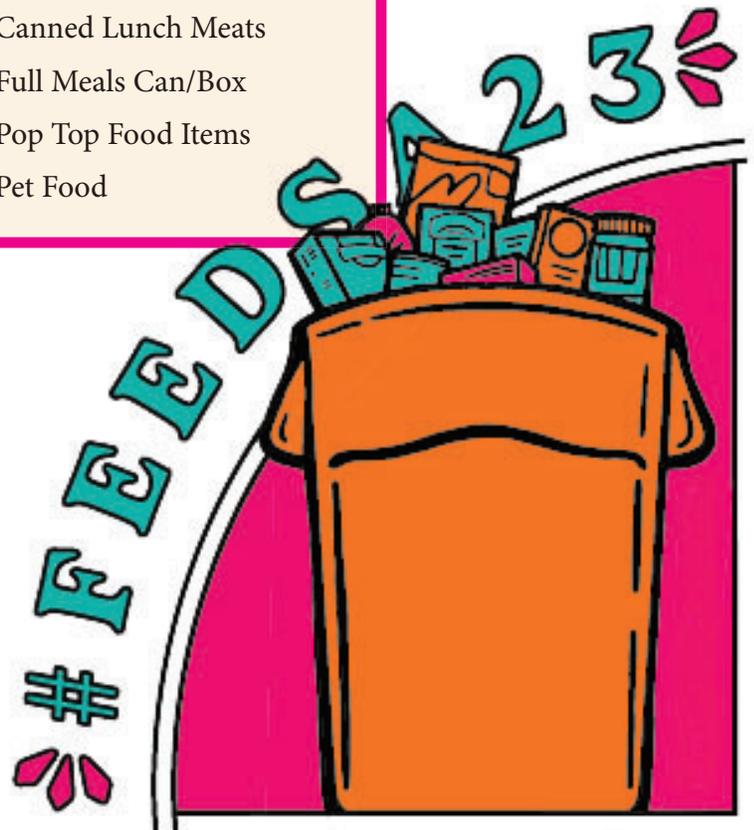
facing hunger this summer.

Zion will collect food, diapers and pet food throughout the month of May. Bring your donations to the collection bins or barrels in the narthex and gazebo.

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

Clip ✂ and save for your next grocery run

- ▶ Peanut Butter
- ▶ Cereal
- ▶ Tuna
- ▶ Beans
- ▶ Rice
- ▶ Mac & Cheese
- ▶ Chili & Soup
- ▶ Baby Food
- ▶ Diapers
- ▶ Canned Lunch Meats
- ▶ Full Meals Can/Box
- ▶ Pop Top Food Items
- ▶ Pet Food



**APRIL 30, 2023
FOURTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**



Jesus the Good Shepherd restores our souls.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 10:1-10	Christ the shepherd
Monday	Acts 2:42-47	Life among believers
Tuesday	1 Peter 2:19-25	Example of Christ's suffering
Wednesday	Matthew 11:28-30	Come and rest
Thursday	Psalm 100	The Lord is good
Friday	Colossians 3:15-17	New life in Christ
Saturday	Psalm 23	The Lord is my shepherd
Sunday	John 14:1-14	Jesus is the way, truth, and life

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

Psalm 23:1-3a (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Loving God, you who care for all our needs, help us to trust in your goodness and mercy all the days of our lives through Christ Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we give you thanks for this food. Help us to receive this gift of life with joy and gladness all our days through Christ Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the goodness and mercy of the Good Shepherd follow you all the days of your life.



APRIL 30, 2023

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Shepherd Me, O God



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:

- Describe what a day filled with contentment looks like.
- How does the church, the body of Christ, help you sense God's presence as your shepherd?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Acts 2:42-47.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is always the Good Shepherd Sunday. All the readings for that day except Acts 2 use the image of shepherd. However, it is in Acts 2 that the people devote themselves to shepherding one another in the Christian faith. People are brought to homes and tables for food, fellowship, and acceptance (Psalm 23:5). In this intimate fellowship people are taught the faith by hearing the message of the apostles. People learn the faith from trusted voices within the community (John 10:4). They support one another with prayer and generosity. The community serves one another by providing material needs like food, clothing, and shelter. With compassionate hearts people praise God. They gain attention and in so doing, the sheepfold grows, and *"the Lord added to their number those who were being saved"* (Acts 2:47). The life of the community looks like followers of Jesus, the one who is the *"shepherd and guardian"* of our souls (1 Peter 2:25).

Discuss: How does the image of shepherd help you understand what it means to be part of the body of Christ?

Pray: **Dear Jesus, our Good Shepherd, we thank you for the church, the body of Christ, that cares for one another that we may believe in you and serve others in love. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how can you serve as a shepherd to someone by showing care and attending to their needs?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Faith is caught more than it is taught. Learning the faith begins in the home. As you continue to read the Gospel of John during the Easter season, think about what would happen if you "get caught" while reading the Bible when others are present. Consider doing so. This week highlight John 10:10b, *"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."* Read it aloud for someone this week and engage in a conversation about what it means to you to believe in Jesus. Invite that person to join you in saying: **Alleluia! Christ is risen. Alleluia!**



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

