

April 23, 2023 • Third 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!

HOLY BAPTISM TODAY

At the 9:00 service today we receive Caleb Liam Olson, child of Tiffanie & Justin Olson. His sponsors are Sarah & Albert Swantner.

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

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

I Know That My Redeemer Lives arr: Lloyd Larson

Handbells

WELCOME

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.**

Go to Gathering Hymn, next page.

11:30AM

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

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, 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

ACTS 2:14A, 36-41

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ³⁶“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

PSALM 116

Refrain

Michel Guimont



I will take the cup of sal - va - tion, and
call on the name of the Lord.

How can I repay the LORD
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the LORD's name. *℟.*

O precious in the eyes of the LORD
is the death of the faithful.

Your servant, LORD, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds. *℟.*

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
I will call on the LORD's name.
My vows to the LORD I will fulfill
before all the people. *℟.*

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1 PETER 1:17-23

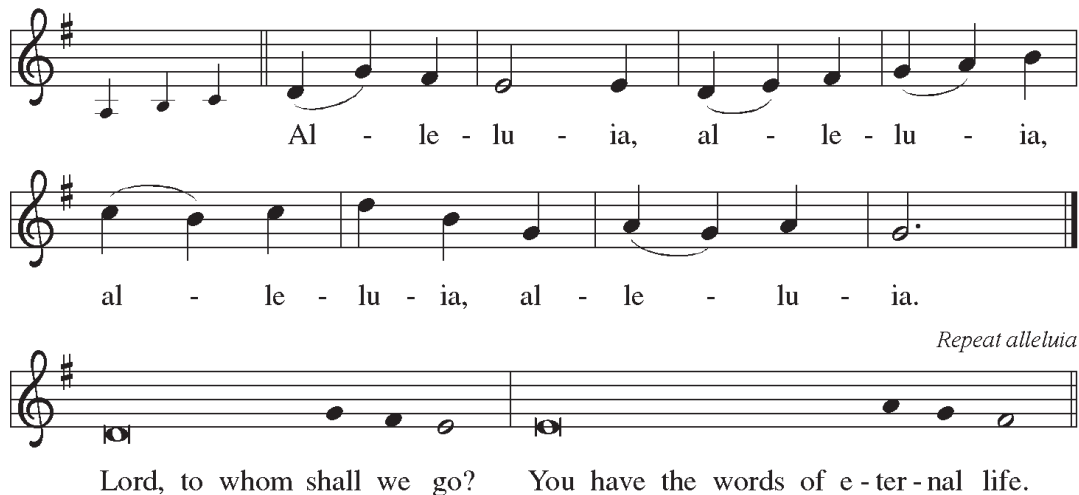
¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

Please rise, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: LUKE 24:13-35

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

¹³Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only

stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?”¹⁹He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.”²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?”²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them.³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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
Touch that Soothes and Heals



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that
2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it
3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's
4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the
ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and
peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of
wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:
shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.
kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.
tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

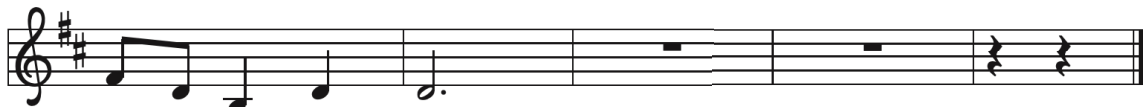
Refrain



“See my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. “Be my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, “live as



ones I died to save.”

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

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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

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

How Great Thou Art arr: Michael Helman

Handbells

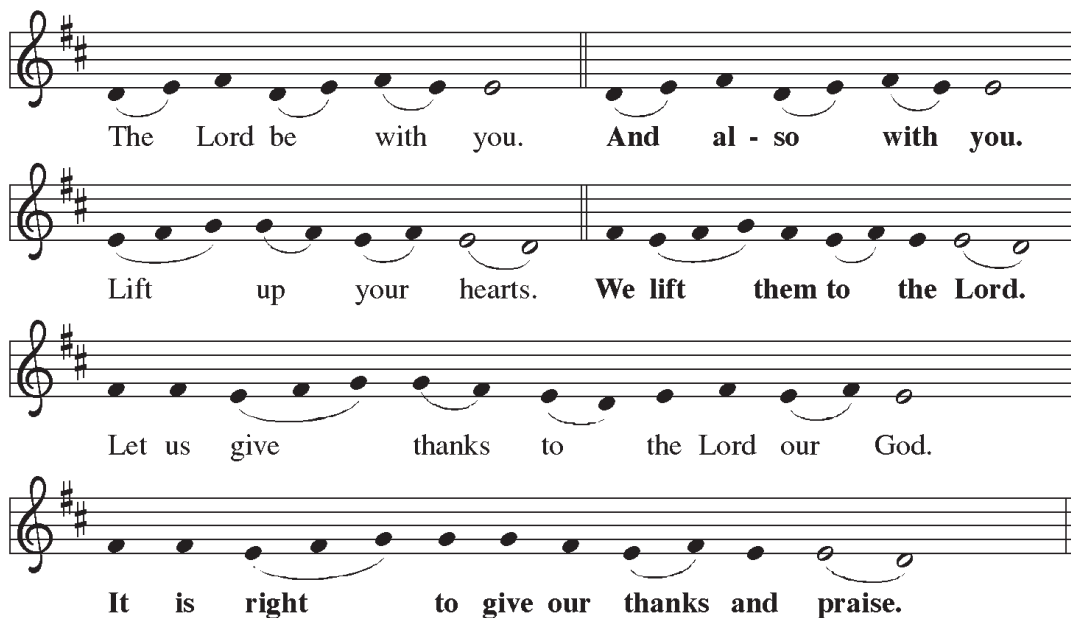
Please rise, as you are able.

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 musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words in bold. The first staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The second staff has a double bar line after the second measure. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

The Lord be with you. **And** al - so with you.

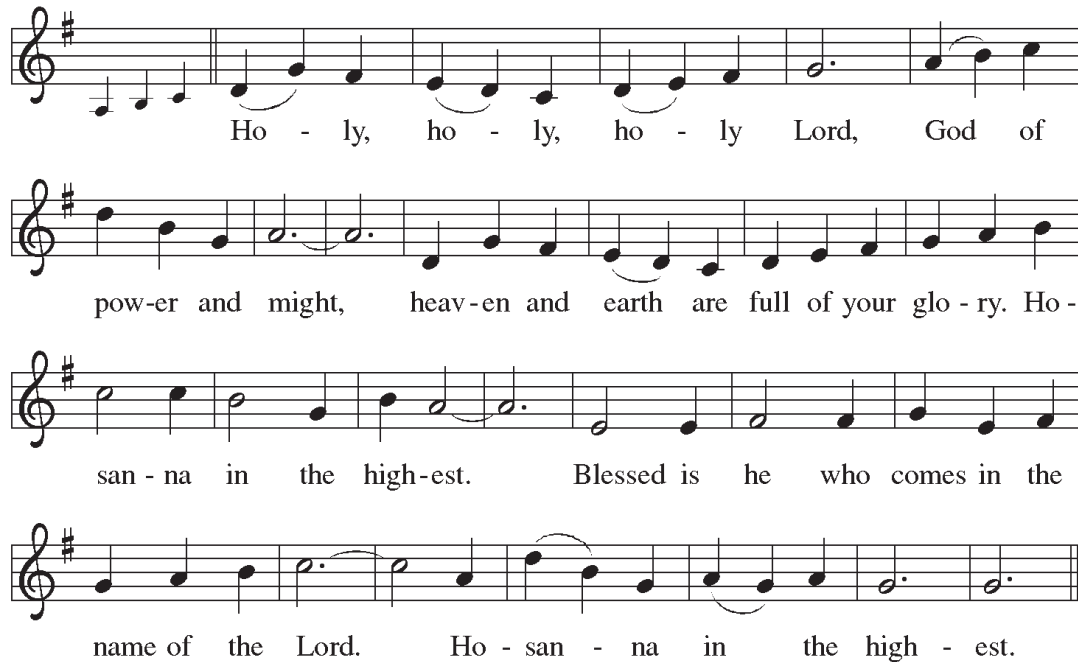
Lift up your hearts. **We lift** them to the Lord.

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, 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.

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

I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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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

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTED, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925-1980

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DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace and share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Alleluia! Jesus is Risen*, setting by Keith Kolander

AVAILABLE FOR PRAYER

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

**THIS
WEEK
AT
ZION**



Scan QR code for
this month's
calendar

Sunday, April 23

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
Show Dinner*	1:30	FLC
<i>The Sound of Music</i> Matinee (sold out)	2:30	

Tuesday, April 25

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, April 26

High School/Elementary Mentoring	7:15am	Nichols Elementary
Crafty Bunch <i>to Kerrville</i>	9:30	<i>off campus today</i>
Midweek Worship Services	1:00 & 6:30	Church 1/Chapel
AA - Alcoholics Anonymous	7pm	Church 2
Al-Anon Meeting	7pm	Fellowship Hall
Chancel Choir	7:15	Sanctuary

Thursday, April 27

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief	9:30	Fellowship Hall
Weight Watchers Mtg	9:30	Church 2
Fiesta Flutes	7pm	Church 2
Stephen Ministry Training	7pm	MC Room 7
Stephen Ministry Supervision	7pm	MC Room 5

Friday, April 28

Show Dinner	6:30	FLC
<i>The Sound of Music</i> Matinee	7:30	

Saturday, April 29

Weight Watchers Mtg	9am	Church 2
Show Dinner*	1:30	FLC
<i>The Sound of Music</i> Matinee	2:30	
Show Dinner*	6:30	FLC
<i>The Sound of Music</i> Evening	7:30	

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Worship Support

Altar Guild

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

Lay Reader
Rachel Williams

Cantor
Jeff Williams

Communion Servers
9:00

Carolyn Pfeiffer, Bev Rosel
11:30

Shannon Rios, Kevin McGee

Livestream
Steve Johnson
David Umlang

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

Faith Formation

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



June 19-23 and/or
June 26-30

Check your Z-Mail or scan this



QR code for details and
registration form.
Kinder-7th Grade.

Camp Hope

Adult Classes

Week Ahead Bible Study

10:15 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?

Midweek Worship

NEW Wednesday at 1pm and
6:30pm in Church 1

Each Wednesday, we have simple worship services, with Holy Communion, at 1:00 and 6:30pm. Both services are held in our Historic Chapel.

Sunday, April 30

Bloodmobile	8:30-1	Parking Lot
Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Faith Formation Hour	10:15	Details next page
Coffee Talk with Allen Cockrell	10:15	Fellowship Hall
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanc & YouTube
Show Dinner*	1:30	FLC
<i>The Sound of Music</i> Closing Matinee	2:30	

* All Dinner seating is sold out. For show only seating see next page.

Coffee Talk Next Sunday

with Allen Cockrell, Congregation Treasurer

Join us in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday, April 30, at 10:15. Our Treasurer, Allen Cockrell, will give an update on Zion's finances. All are invited.

The Sound of Music, April 28, 29, 30

Show only seats *	Adults	\$15
	Child < 11	\$10

Scan this QR code or use the button link at the bottom of Zion's webpage, zionsa.org. Choose your seating, set up an account in Book Tix, and pay with a credit card.



Book Tix

If you have pre-ordered dinner seating*, you may pick up your tickets from Sammy Tuesday-Friday in the office. Any dinner seating tickets not picked up will still be held for you at the door.

* All dinner seating is sold out. Today's 2:30 performance is sold out.

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.

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.

MOPS Chapter at Zion

Wednesday May 3 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@zion-sa.org) to register, volunteer or get more info!

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.



Chillstrom email

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.



Blessed Change for Synod Assembly Offering

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, yellow DONATE button, Special Offerings. Specify *Blessed Change*.



Special Offerings through Vanco

Blood Drive April 30

9am - 1pm

The Bloodmobile will be in Zion's parking lot on Sunday, April 30. You can make an appointment, or just stop by any time until 1pm.

To find out more about blood donation, scan the QR code or go to <https://bit.ly/3MKiTGb>



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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.



WOZ@zionsa.org

Women of Zion Events

- **Tuesday May 9**, 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!
- **Now through April 30**, collection for Lutheran World Relief Kits begins. Specific items are requested. See the yellow list at right.
- **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.

Lutheran World Relief Kit Collection

Now through next Sunday, April 30

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

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!



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Most Needed at CAM

Christian Assistance Ministry

- Monetary Donations - specify CAM on your check in the offering plate or scan QR for CAM's donor website.
- Volunteers!



Other items can go in the big yellow buckets behind the stairs in the narthex:

- Men's Underwear of all sizes (new)
- Men's Walking Shoes Sizes 10-13
- Men's Work Boots of all sizes
- Women's Bras - larger sizes
- Universal Socks
- Boxes of Cereal

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!

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 is a Stephen Ministry Church!

Stephen Ministry Training Update

Please pray for our Stephen Min-

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

SESSION 7—ASSERTIVENESS: RELATING GENTLY AND FIRMLY (PART 1)

Assertiveness has gained a bad name for itself in some circles of the church. It has been taken to mean “getting my own way”, which is erroneous. In fact, assertiveness is about relating to others gently and firmly.

This is the first of two sessions on this topic as Stephen Ministers discuss and apply the principles they read about in the book *Speaking the Truth in Love: How to Be an Assertive Christian*, which uses Jesus as the model for assertive behavior.

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

Zion Zippers

Monday May 8

Everyone is invited to 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 nativebackyards.com or scan QR.



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.

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

Handbell Choir

New ringers are welcome to join director Amy



Causey and the Handbell Choir on Tuesday evenings. Come upstairs to the sanctuary balcony at 6:30pm.

**APRIL 23, 2023
THIRD SUNDAY
OF EASTER**



Christ recognized in ordinary life.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 24:13-35	Road to Emmaus
Monday	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	The first converts
Tuesday	1 Peter 1:17-23	A call to holy living
Wednesday	Matthew 6:25-34	Do not worry
Thursday	Psalm 3	Trust in God
Friday	Ephesians 4:25-32	Rules for the new life
Saturday	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19	Thanksgiving for illness recovery
Sunday	John 10:1-10	Christ the shepherd

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then they [disciples] told what had happened on the road, and how he [Jesus] had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Luke 24:35 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of steadfast love and faithfulness, for your goodness that surprises us every day, we give you thanks through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, for blessing us with the fruit of the earth that gives us food each day, we give you thanks through Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May your eyes be opened to see the goodness and joy of God in Christ.



APRIL 23, 2023

HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Open Your Ears,
O Faithful People*



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 are some everyday experiences that bring you joy?
- When do you experience God's presence in everyday life?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Luke 24:13-35.

This engaging resurrection story is filled with deep sadness, irony, surprise, discovery, and joy. The reading tells us who Jesus is and that he is speaking to the disciples on the road to Emmaus. However, the disciples don't understand this until they reach their home, offer the usual hospitality to a stranger in a simple meal, and are amazed to recognize Jesus as he takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it to them. This represents such an ordinary experience yet one filled with deep spiritual connections (Luke 9:10-17 and 22:7-20). During the COVID pandemic, when we could not meet in person, the church learned to support an active faith life in the home. People read Scripture, prayed, and discussed the Christian faith with others. Practicing faith in the home is not a new discovery. In an Emmaus home disciples had a conversation, prayed, and enjoyed a meal that opened their eyes to the presence of Jesus.

Discuss: When have you practiced faith in your home and been aware of Jesus' presence?

Pray: **Dear Jesus, help us to see with the eyes of faith that you are with us when we are home and when we are away from home. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you serve others in everyday life experiences?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Where Christ is present in faith, the home is church, too! As you continue to read the Gospel of John during the Easter season, highlight a verse that has special meaning to you and write a note alongside it in your Bible with the date to remember when you read this scripture. When you finish, say: **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