

May 7, 2023 • Fifth 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!

## ON THE COVER

*Stoning of St. Stephen*, 1520 painting by Vittore Carpaccio (1455?-1525?) in the Staatsgalerie Stuttgart, Germany.

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## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# GATHERING

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

## PRELUDE

*Theme and Variations on Duke Street*  
setting by Anne Krentz Organ

*Please rise, as you are able.*

## 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.**

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
 what joy this blest assurance gives:  
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.  
 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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*



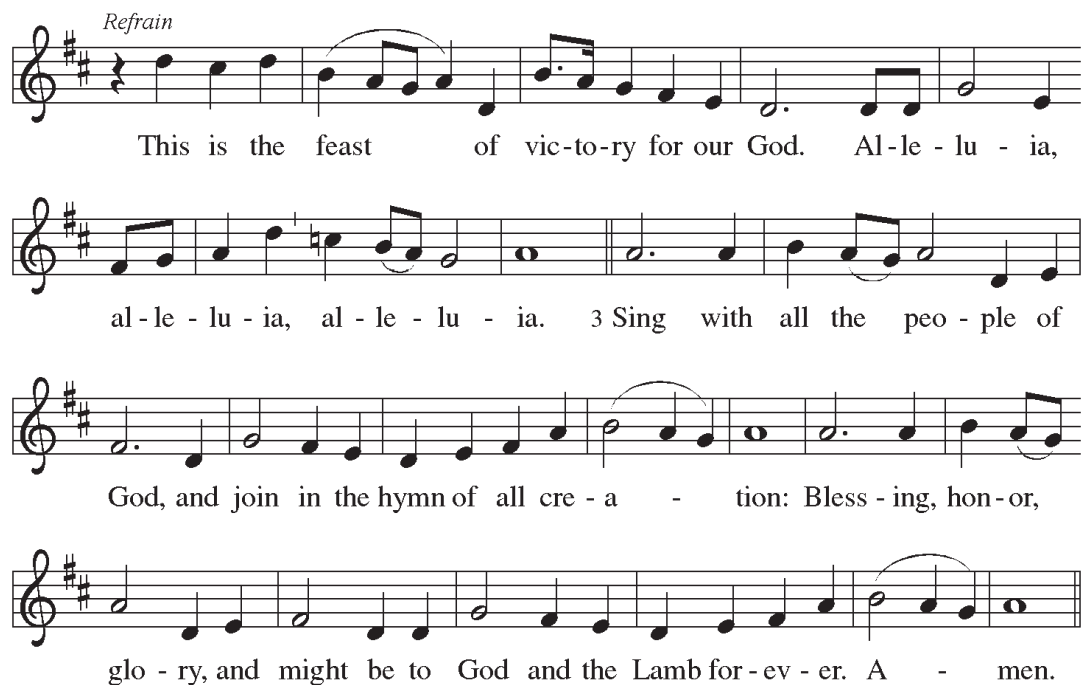
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb  
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*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.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he 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 7:51-8:4

<sup>51</sup> [The apostle Stephen said to the religious authorities:] 'You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are forever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. <sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers. <sup>53</sup>You are the ones that received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept it.'

<sup>54</sup> When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. <sup>55</sup>But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died. <sup>1</sup>And Saul approved of their killing him.

That day a severe persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout the countryside of Judea and Samaria. <sup>2</sup>Devout men buried Stephen and made loud lamentation over him. <sup>3</sup>But Saul was ravaging the church by entering house after house; dragging off both men and women, he committed them to prison. <sup>4</sup> Now those who were scattered went from place to place, proclaiming the word.

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

PSALM 31

Refrain

Michael Guimont



In you, O LORD, I take refuge.  
Let me never be put to shame.  
In your justice, set me free.  
Into your hands I commend my spirit.  
It is you who will redeem me, LORD. R.

In the face of all my foes  
I am a reproach,  
an object of scorn to my neighbors  
and of fear to my friends. R.

Those who see me in the street  
run far away from me.  
I am like the dead, forgotten by all,  
like a thing thrown away. R.

But as for me, I trust in you, LORD;  
I say: "You are my God.  
My life is in your hands, deliver me  
from the hands of those who hate me. R.

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SECOND READING: 1 PETER 2:2-10

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

<sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," <sup>8</sup>and

"A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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: JOHN 14:1-14

God's House  
Spark Children's Bible Page 448

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

Pastor Dan Heim

*Please rise, as you are able.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Share the Spirit

1 Come, share the Spir - it, God has called us to ven - tures  
2 Come, drown your sins be - neath the wa - ters where life flows  
*Choir only* 1 Come, God in - vites us to the ban - quet that ev - 'ry  
All 2 Come, let us tell the gos - pel sto - ry, how God has  
All 3  
All 4  
in the life of faith, to bring good tid - ings to the  
from the gran - ite rock, the stone from which our Lord has  
peo - ple soon will share, with shouts of joy and loud thanks -  
giv - en us new birth and rais - es us to live for  
need - y, to tell of vic - t'ry o - ver death.  
ris - en, our cor - ner - stone and build - ing block.  
giv - ing be - fore God's throne we will ap - pear.  
oth - ers, to speak good news through - out the earth.  
Christ speaks and all of life is new;  
Christ speaks and rais - es from the dead  
Christ speaks and bids us sit and dine;  
Christ speaks and life is come a - gain.  
God's word is pure and it is true.  
all those who hear the liv - ing Word.  
his bod - y, bread, his blood, the wine.  
Good news, good news for ev - 'ry - one!

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## APOSTLES' CREED

Let us now confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:

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

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

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

*\*catholic: universal*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

*Each petition ends:* Hear us, O God.

**Response: Your mercy is great.**

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](http://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>Easter Anthem in a Celtic Style</i> by Bradley Norris	Youth Choir
11:30	<i>Thine is the Glory</i> by Mark Shepperd	Chancel Choir

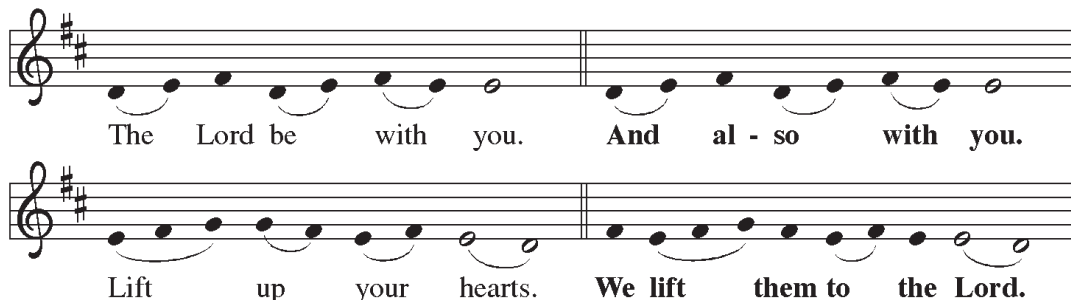
*Please rise, as you are able.*

## 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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line of text. The notes are simple, with slurs and ties indicating the phrasing of the lyrics.



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 MUSIC

9:00

*There is Room at the Table* by David Lantz III

Youth Choir

11:30

*Day of Arising*, arr. David Cherwien

Chancel Choir

# COMMUNION HYMN

# Sing with All the Saints in Glory



1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, sing the res - ur - rec - tion song!  
2 Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing all that eye has yet per - ceived!  
3 Life e - ter - nal! heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who once was dead.



Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry, to the for - mer days be - long.  
Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing nev - er that full joy con - ceived.  
Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es! Child of God, lift up your head!



All a - round the clouds are break - ing, soon the storms of time shall cease;  
God has prom - ised, Christ pre - pares it, there on high our wel - come waits.  
Life e - ter - nal! Oh, what won - ders crowd on faith; what joy un - known,



in God's like - ness we a - wak - en, know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.  
Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it, Christ has passed the e - ter - nal gates.  
when, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders, saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

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*After communion, we rise and share in blessing and prayer.*

## BLESSING

May the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in God's grace.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



# SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us out in peace.*

## BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

**Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *on next page*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace and share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Sonne der Gerechtigkeit*, setting by Ernst Pepping

## 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.*

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900  
 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876



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## Worship Support

### Altar Guild

Bonnie Bahr, Betsy Howard  
Mona McQuien, Ruth Medbury  
Karen Sturdivant

### Lay Readers

9:00  
Jim Chillstrom  
11:30  
Rachel Cannady

### Cantor

Mason Miller

### Communion Servers

9:00  
Beverly Rosel, Linda Hoffman  
11:30  
Rachel Cannady, LeShea Clabough

### Livestream

Steve Johnson  
David Umlang

### Sound

Scott Van Doren

### April Ushers

9:00  
Rachel & Stuart Williams  
Linda & Bruce Krueger  
11:30  
Pam Gammage, Caleb DeHart  
Kim and Mike DeHart  
Chris Berg

## THIS WEEK AT ZION

### 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
New Member Lunch & Orientation	12:15	Fellowship Hall

### Monday, May 8

Zion Zippers Potluck Fellowship	6pm	Fellowship Hall
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### Tuesday, May 9

Exercise Group	9am	Church 2
Women of Zion Bible Study	10am	FH
Executive Committee	6pm	Zoom
Handbell Choir	6:30	Sanc Balcony
Children's Choir	7-7:45	Ministry Ctr 1
Youth Choir	7pm	Music Apse
Warriors Anonymous	7pm	Church 2

### Wednesday, May 10

High School/Elementary Mentoring	7:15am	Nichols Elementary
MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers	9:30	MC 1
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 11

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	FLC 101
Stephen Ministry Supervision	7pm	FLC 202

### Saturday, May 13

Weight Watchers Meetings	7:30 & 9:30	Church 2
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### Sunday, May 14

Pie Sale hosted by Women of Zion	8:30	Gazebo
Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Faith Formation Hour	10:15	Details next page
New Member Class #2	10:15	FLC Room 101
Adult Class: Week Ahead	10:15	Fellowship Hall
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanc & YouTube

## New Member Classes begin Today

You can still join today's orientation and lunch in the Fellowship Hall. This series was developed for those interested in learning about Zion in particular, and Lutherans in general. Come to the Fellowship Hall at 12:15 today.

Today, 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.

## Zion Zippers Fellowship and Pot Luck

Tomorrow, 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 to come, 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](http://nativebackyards.com) or scan QR to see her work.



## May Music Events at Zion

All these performances are in the Church 3 sanctuary.

- **Sonido Barroco**, an early music chamber ensemble, presents: "Vivaldi & the Piéta" on Saturday, May 13 at 7:00
- **The River City Ringers**, a five-octave handbell choir, presents: "In Honor Of" on Thursday, May 18 at 7:00
- **The Fiesta Flutes** presents their Spring Concert on Thursday, May 25 at 7:00

## Sunday Faith Formation

Begins at 10:15am

### Children

Preschool	MC Room 3
Kinder-4 <sup>th</sup>	MC Room 4

### Youth Classes

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

## 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 Kinder-  
garten through 7<sup>th</sup> grade  
are eligible.

## Adult Sunday Class Week Ahead Bible Study

Today, with special guest teacher  
Rob Mikulski.

Meets on 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 21<sup>st</sup> century  
Christians?



## Two Midweek Services

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

Simple communion worship services  
in Zion's historic chapel.

## Summer Theatre Camp 2023

June 5-16 for Grades  
K-12

Registration and audition form is  
available at [ZionSA.org](http://ZionSA.org), or from the  
church office during business hours.



## Music Rehearsals

Handbells

Tues 6:30 Balcony

Children's (Gr 2-5)

Tues 7-7:45 MC Rm 1

*May 9 is the final rehearsal for  
this school year.*

Youth (Gr 6-12)

Tues 7-8pm Apse

Chancel (Adult)

Wed 7:15 Sanctuary

## Help Fight Hunger in San Antonio!

Feed SA is a citywide movement to fight hunger along-  
side 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 through-  
out the month of May. Bring your donations to the col-  
lection bins or barrels in the narthex and gazebo.

### MOST NEEDED ITEMS

*Clip & 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



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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](mailto:WOZ@zionsa.org).



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## 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!
- Mothers' Day Pie Sale May 14. Please contact Mary Jo Goldenbaum ([WOZ@zionsa.org](mailto: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.

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## MOPS Chapter at Zion

Wednesday May 10 in MC Room 1



Zion MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) supports moms by building community for growth in faith and as parents. Monthly meetings during the school year 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](mailto:mops@zionsa.org)) to register, volunteer or get more info!



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

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**MAY 7, 2023  
FIFTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**



*Learning who God is through Jesus.*

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 14:1-14</b>	<b>Jesus is the way, truth, and life</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Acts 7:55-60</b>	<b>The stoning of Stephen</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 Peter 2:2-10</b>	<b>God's love in Christ Jesus</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Colossians 1:15-23</b>	<b>The supremacy of Christ</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Ephesians 1:15-23</b>	<b>Paul's prayer</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>John 3:16-21</b>	<b>God so loved the world</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16</b>	<b>Prayer for deliverance</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 14:15-21</b>	<b>The promise of the Holy Spirit</b>

### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

*Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'"? **John 14:9 (NRSV)***

### **PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

God of steadfast love and faithfulness, help us to see your reign of power and mercy through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear Jesus, with this food we see your goodness. We thank you that you have made of us a chosen race, a royal priesthood, God's own people. Amen. (1 Peter 2:3 and 9)

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May God's face shine on you with steadfast love. (Psalm 31:16)



MAY 7, 2023

## HYMN OF THE WEEK

*I Received the  
Living 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:

- How would you describe God to someone?
- Where does your understanding of God come from?

## DEVOTIONS



Read: John 14:1-14.

John 1:18 states, “No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.” This foundational theme in the Gospel of John is reintroduced in John 14:9: “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.” Society describes God in categories like all powerful and all wise. In Jesus we see a God who deeply wants a relationship with us and therefore Jesus has prepared an eternal dwelling place for us. In Jesus we see the God who brings joy to a wedding, heals the sick, and gives sight to the blind. We also see the one who is the Good Shepherd, bends over to clean dirty feet, and goes to the cross to die for us. Like Philip, we will never fully grasp who Jesus is for us, but in Jesus we see the God who never gives up on us, even when we deny our Lord out of ignorance or fear. Jesus is “the way, and the truth, and the life” (v. 6). He takes truth to be more than facts but a relationship to God filled with love and mercy. That’s the path to real life now and always.

Discuss: What does the life of Jesus tell you about God?

Pray: **Almighty and living God, may our lives point to your way, your truth and your life filled with grace and mercy through Jesus, your Son and our Lord. 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 that they may know the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



1 Peter 2:4-5 describes Jesus as “a living stone” and Jesus’ followers “like living stones” to be “built into a spiritual house.” Gather some smooth stones. Paint a cross on a large one and names of family and friends on smaller ones. Place the smaller stones around the large one in a visible place in your home. As you continue reading the Gospel of John during the Easter season, think about what it means to be a “spiritual house” where God dwells. After reading, look at the stones and 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](http://www.milestonesministry.org)