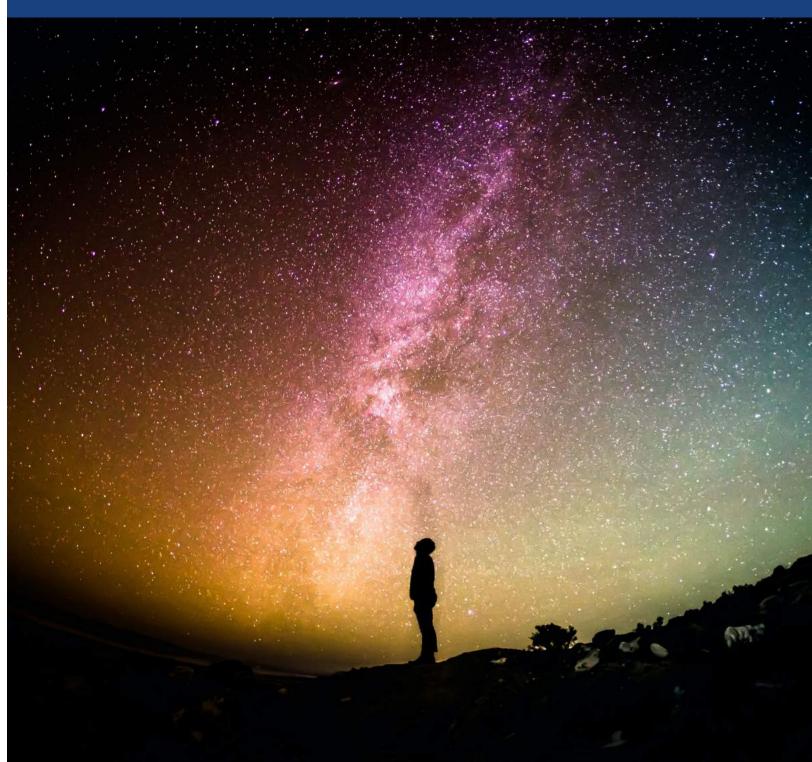
June 4, 2023 • Trinity Sunday 9:00 and 11:30 am





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 hall 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.

TRINITY SUNDAY

Though the word *trinity* is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith. (Sundays and Seasons)

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

9:00 Great Is the Lord, arranged by Michael Ryan Handbells

11:30 Holy, Holy, Holy, setting by Robert Buckley Farlee

WELCOME

TEMPLE TALK - Habitat for Humanity

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

Kristyn Bova
Priscilla Frashetti
Jennifer & Kevin Kretzschmar
—Timothy, Kenneth, Jackson
Jackie & Joe Nunnelee
Kirsten & Dennis Register
Eileen & Paul Spehr
Laura Walsh



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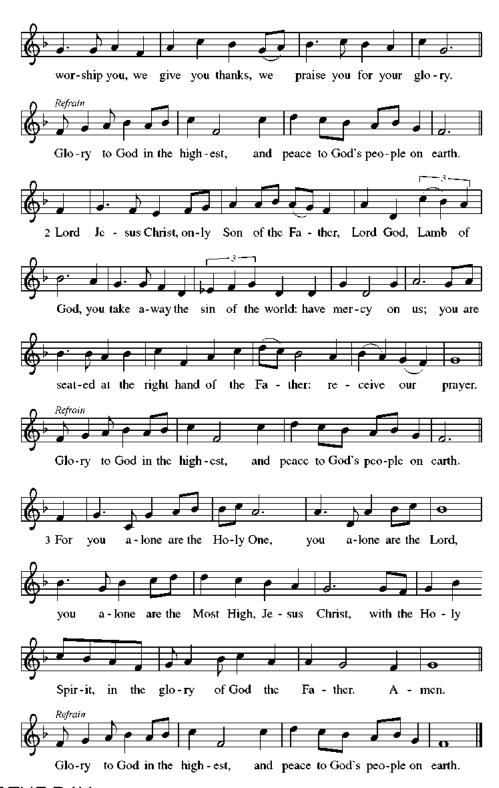
GREETING

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

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and 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

Pastor Dan Heim

FIRST READING: GENESIS 1:1-2:4A

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

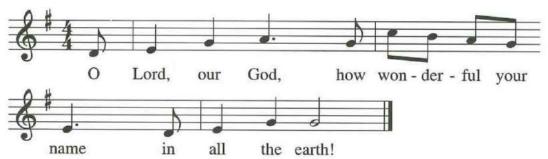
²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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

Refrain Michel Guimont



When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,

the moon and the stars which you arranged, what are we that you should keep us in mind,

mere mortals that you care for us? R.

Yet you have made us little less than gods; and crowned us with glory and honor,

you gave us power over the work of your hands, put all things under our feet. R.

All of them, sheep and cattle, yes, even the savage beasts, birds of the air, and fish

that make their way through the waters. R.

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SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 13:11-13

¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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

Please rise, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:16-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

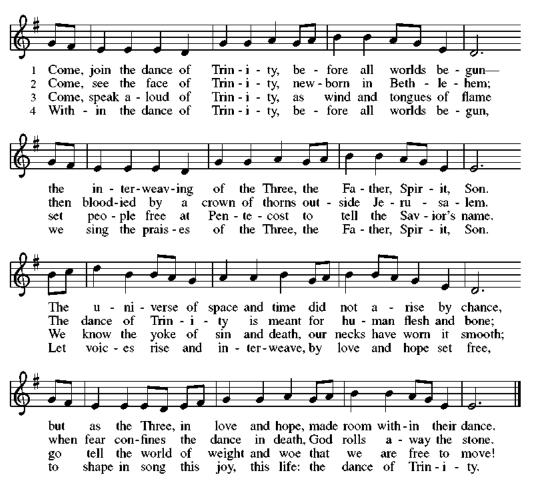
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SERMON

Pastor Kathi Johnson

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity



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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 by the Holy Spirit, 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 power of the Holy Spirit, 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 MUSIC

9:00 I Exalt Thee, arranged by Peggy Betcher

Handbells

11:30

Reflections on the Trinity, by Robert W. Thygerson

Please rise, as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of mercy and grace,

the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

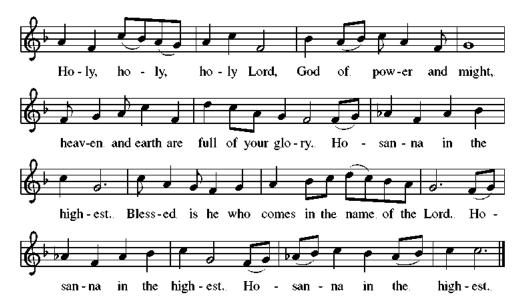
We lift them to the Lord.

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. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, \(\mathbb{Y}\) your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as Jesus 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

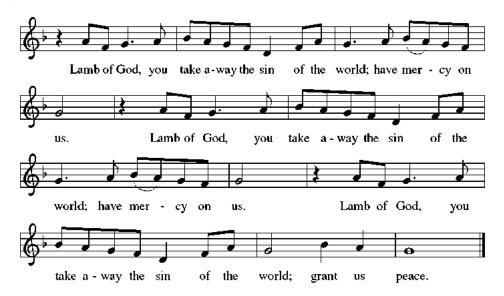
These are the gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God.

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.

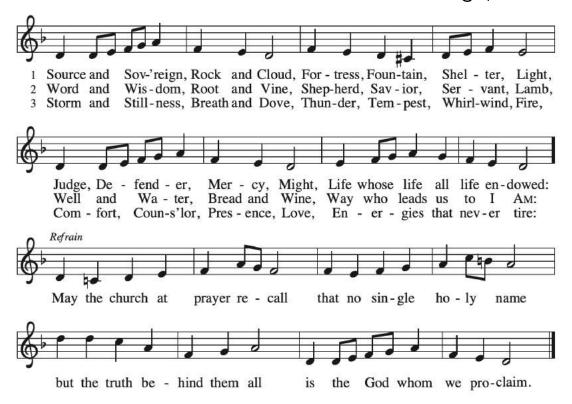
LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION MUSIC

9:00 We Bow Down, arranged by Peggy Betcher

Handbells



Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945

Music: ABERYSTWYTH, Joseph Parry, 1841–1903 Text © 1986 Oxford University Press. All rights reserved.

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. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us out in peace.

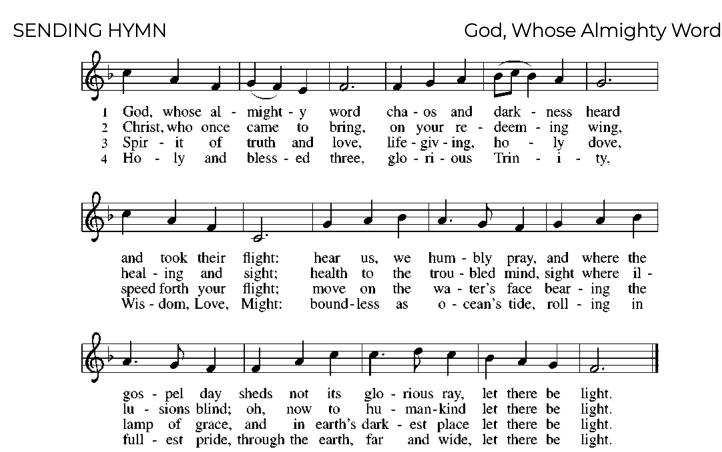
BENEDICTION

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.



Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Ite Missa Est, by Philip Moore

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

21011	TELL SAME ASSET	
Sunday, June 4		
Habitat for Humanity Breakfast Fundraiser	8am- 11:30	Family Life Center
New members Received in Worship Services		
Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanc & YouTube
Monday, June 5		
Theatre Camp	11am	FLC Great Room
Game Group	1pm	Education Building
LMM Planning Meeting	6:30	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, June 6		
Exercise Group	9am	Church 2
Theatre Camp	11am	FLC Great Room
Warriors Anonymous	7pm	Church 2
Wednesday, June 7		
Crafty Bunch	9:30	Education Building
Weight Watchers	9:30	Church 2
Theatre Camp	11am	FLC Great Room
Midweek Worship Services	1:00& 6:00	Church 1/Chapel
AA Meeting	7pm	Church 2
Al-Anon Meeting	7pm	Fellowship Hall
Thursday, June 8		
Weight Watchers	9:30	Church 2
Theatre Camp	11am	FLC Great Room
Stephen Ministry Supervision	7pm	MC 5
Stephen Ministry Training Class	7pm	MC 7
Friday, June 9		
Theatre Camp	11am	FLC Great Room
Saturday, June 10		
Weight Watchers	7:30& 9:30	Church 2
Eagle Scout Project	8am	Cemetery
Sunday, June 11		
Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanc & YouTube

Worship Support

Altar Guild Carolyn Thronson, Doris Enderlin, Susan Johns, Mary Ann Schmitt, Sharon Solanik

Lay Readers
9:00
Carolyn Pfeiffer
11:30
Jeff Williams

Cantor Celeste Mussey

Communion Servers
9:00
Laura Knoll, Linda Krueger
11:30
Kevin McGee, LeShea Clabough

Livestream Steve Johnson, David Umlang

Sound
9:00 & 11:30
Scott VanDoren

9:00
Bonnie Harrell, Brinkley Harrell,
Beverly Rosel, Amy Swanson,
David Umlang
11:30

June Ushers

Pam Gammage, Chris Berg, Caleb DeHart, Audrey DeHart, Kim and Mike DeHart

Thank You, Zion!

Through your generosity, you donated a combined six barrels of food and pet food along with 3,315 meals with your blessed change donations to the San Antonio Food Bank and Feed SA.

The Food Bank will use these resources to help those who are food insecure and especially children during the summer months.

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.



Camp Hope

Two Midweek Services

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

Simple communion worship services in Zion's historic chapel.

Habitat for Humanity Breakfast Fundraiser



Today, June 4

Lutheran Men in Mission and Women of Zion invite everyone for breakfast today in the Family Life Center, 8:00-11:30am! No tickets needed - just drop in. A free-will offering basket will be at the door, along with door prizes and other goodies. A Habitat for Humanity representative will be on hand to talk with you about this organization. Please come enjoy food and fellowship for a good cause! Zion's Habitat for Humanity goal this year is \$5,000. We are currently about \$1,300 shy of that goal. Help Zion help others achieve their goal of home ownership.

Zion Summer Theatre Camp presents GUYS and DOLLS!

Thursday June 15 and Friday June 16, at 7:30pm

All you guys and dolls are invited to sit down stop rockin' the boat in the Family Life Center. This version of the musical is crafted for younger performers, but with all the verve and moxie of the original. You'll love it a bushel and a peck! Both Theatre Camp performances of Guys and Dolls are free to the public. Refreshments will be available at the Hot Box concession tables.

Zion is a Stephen Ministry Church!



Please continue to pray for our Stephen Ministers as they learn key skills in order to become better caregivers.

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

Game Group in Fellowship Hall

June 5 at 1:00pm

Come for table games and daytime fellowship for all ages. Meet in the Fellowship Hall on the first and third Mondays in June.

Zion Zippers

Monday, June 12

Come and join the Zion Zippers at 6:00pm on June 12 for a potluck dinner and Bible trivia in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish or two to share, along with your own plate and utensils if you can. Invite a friend, too! After dinner, plan to stay for fellowship and entertainment. Zippers meet on the second Monday.

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.



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Women of Zion Events

 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!



Men's Fellowship

Third Monday, June 19 at 6:30pm All men are invited to meet at Sea Island (11715 Bandera) for food, thoughtful study, camaraderie, and all YOUR ideas for Men's Ministry! Contact David Umlang at lmm@zionsa.org if you need more details.

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Staff Update

Our Publications Facilitator, Julie Rode-Hickey, is taking a three-month leave of absence this summer to spend time with family (including a new grandbaby!). Julie will be out of the offi ce June through August, and will return to Zion in September.

Over these three months, our weekly bulletins and Zmail will be produced by Megan Hansen from Virtual Church Secretary. VCS is a company based in Buda, providing professional publications services to a variety of churches.

During the summer, if you have information for the bulletin and/or Z-mail, please contact Megan via email, Publications@ZionSA.org. You can also phone Karen Sturdivant in our Church Office, 210-688-3090.

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.



JUNE 4, 2023 TRINITY SUNDAY



Practice the faith to gain understanding.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday Matthew 28:16-20 Sending of the disciples Monday Genesis 1:1-2:4a God creates everything

Tuesday 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Live in peace

Wednesday Philippians 4:4-9 Rejoice in the Lord always

Thursday Deuteronomy 6:4-9 The great commandment

Friday 1 Timothy 4:6-16 A good minister of Jesus Christ

Saturday Psalm 8 Divine majesty and human dignity

Sunday Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 The call to follow Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Matthew 28:19 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God in Three Persons, we thank you that you are with us always so that we may go out with your love, to care and serve our neighbor and the world. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for your amazing care of us with this gift of food. O Lord, how awesome is your name in all the earth. Amen. (Psalm 8)

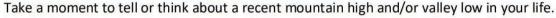
A Blessing to Give:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. (2 Corinthians 13:13)



JUNE 4, 2023 HYMN OF THE WEEK O Living Breath of God faith home

WEEKLY MILESTONES



CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something you wish you understood about God?
- How does reading the Bible, talking with others, and praying help you learn about God?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Matthew 28:16-20.

Verses 19-20 are known as The Great Commission. Jesus speaks of heavenly power given to the disciples and then sends them out to share the good news with the world. But in verses 17-18, some of the disciples have doubt. What happened to the doubting disciples? They are sent out to baptize and teach the faith. They are to baptize in the trinitarian language of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, wording not used earlier in Matthew. The Trinity has always been a challenge and a mystery. How do you have one God in three persons? Instead of a lecture on this point, Jesus sends out his followers to baptize and teach. Somehow his followers will grow in knowledge as they practice the faith. It is in practicing, teaching, and living the faith that we gain understanding. Part of that understanding is that our God is with us always and sends us out with the power to love, save, and bless.

Discuss: How have you learned about God and grown in your faith by practicing and living the faith?

Pray: God of power and might, give us the faith to go out into the world and rely on your presence to love, save, and bless in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how can you practice your faith and reach out to someone with God's love?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



2 Corinthians 13:13 is called the "Apostolic Greeting" (meaning related to the apostles) and has been used at the beginning of many worship services. It is often overlooked that much of Christian worship comes directly from the Bible. The Bible is sung, prayed, and read during worship. Christian worship can be practiced in the home as well. Practice using this shortened version of the verse when you greet or say good-bye to family and friends this week: May the grace of the Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the Holy Spirit be with you.



