

August 6, 2023 • Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
9:00 and 11:30 am



Zion<sup>+</sup> 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 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.

## GREEN SEASON

The Sundays following Pentecost take us through the summer months and into the fall. These many months take us through many of the stories during the ministry of Jesus. We will also spend a significant portion of the Green Season hearing portions of Paul's letter to the Roman church. The purpose of these readings is to encourage us to grow in our faith in Christ - like the growth of a green plant - little by little, each day.

## HOLY BAPTISM TODAY

At the 9:00 service today, we receive Wren Reece Mapel child of Ryan and Brittany Mapel. Her sponsors are Collin & Angela Valdez. Her father, Ryan Mapel, will also be baptized at this time.

Please note on your Connection Card if you are visiting for the baptisms.

## ON THE COVER

Loaves and Fishes by John Swanson

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## Zion Lutheran Church

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# GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

*Amazing Grace, Traditional*  
Elyse Hearn, Flute

WELCOME

Pastor Bill Swantner

9:00AM SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

*Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the pastors at the font. The parents, on behalf of the baptismal candidate, promise to help their children "grow in the Christian faith and life."  
Sponsors promise to "help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church."*

*Please rise, as you are able. The presiding minister then addresses the congregation:*

People of God, do you promise to support Wren Reece Mapel and Ryan Mapel and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

**We do.**

Let us all profess our faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

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.**

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.**

*Water is poured into the font as the pastor speaks words of thanksgiving. When directed, the congregation may be seated. The candidates are baptized in the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. A prayer is spoken over the baptismal candidates, and the pastor marks the sign of the cross on their foreheads, a symbol that they have been "sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever." A candle is then given to represent the light of the world, Jesus.*

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.**

## 11:30AM THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Holy God, fountain of living water, source of mercy, tender and mighty, you are clothed with majesty and splendor. Your steadfast love fills the earth.

**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Your love flows through water, satisfying the thirst of all living things, sustaining life, nourishing and delighting us. We bless you for the gift of water. Your steadfast love fills the earth.

**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Your love flows through the water of baptism joined to your life-giving Word: your well of mercy and cleansing flood, your sea of deliverance from death into life, your healing river washing sin away, your living water springing up to eternal life. Your steadfast love fills the earth.

**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Shower us with your Holy Spirit. Fill us with your love. Clothe us and all your people with grace. Embolden us to do justice and help us to love mercy. Guide us to walk humbly with you, whom we thank and praise, through Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Seward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor Dan Heim

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

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

PSALM 145

*Refrain*

Michel Guimont

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he  
an - swers all our needs.

You are kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good you are, LORD, to all,  
compassionate to all your creatures. *℟.*

The eyes of all creatures look to you  
and you give them their food in due  
season.

You open wide your hand,  
grant the desires of all who live. *℟.*

You are just in all your ways  
and loving in all your deeds.  
You are close to all who call you,  
who call on you from their hearts. *℟.*

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## SECOND READING: ROMANS 9:1-5

<sup>1</sup>I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup>I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup>to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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: MATTHEW 14:13-21

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

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” <sup>17</sup>They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” <sup>18</sup>And he said, “Bring them here to me.” <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Dan Heim

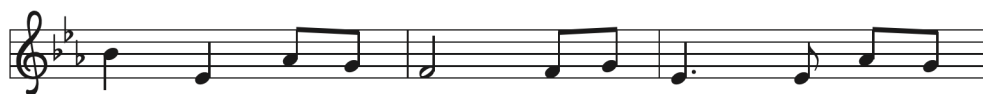
Please rise as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the  
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a  
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in  
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



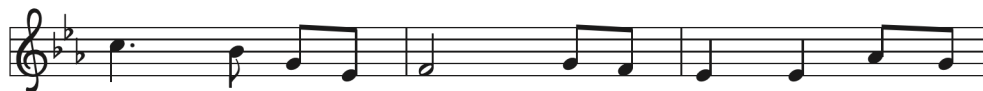
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from  
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you  
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the  
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.  
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.  
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"  
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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## 11:30AM 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

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*Each petition ends: God of grace.*

*Response: **Hear our prayer.***

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**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

*Fairest Lord Jesus*, arranged by Bill Holcombe  
Dean and Elyse Hearn, Clarinet and Flute

*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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

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, ✠ 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

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC

*Minuet in F*, by Beethoven, arranged by Ronald Dishinger  
Dean and Elyse Hearn, Clarinet and Flute

COMMUNION HYMN

O Living Bread from Heaven

1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!  
2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,  
3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.  
4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here

The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest,  
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;  
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy,  
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;

O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!  
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,  
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,  
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,

My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!  
the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.  
and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.  
where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

Text: Johann Rist, 1607–1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876



*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.**

## 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!

*Refrain*



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

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Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980  
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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Praise Him!.*, by Mark Hayes

## 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.*

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**THIS  
WEEK  
AT  
ZION**



*Scan QR code for  
this month's  
calendar*

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**Sunday, August 6**

Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanc & YouTube

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**Monday, August 7**

Game Group	1pm	Education Building
Lutheran Men's Ministry Planning Mtg	6:30	Fellowship Hall

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**Tuesday, August 8**

Exercise Group	9am	Church 2
Women of Zion Bible Study	10am	Fellowship Hall
Executive Committee	6pm	Zoom
Warriors Anonymous	7pm	Church 2

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**Wednesday, August 9**

Crafty Bunch	9:30	Education Building
Weight Watchers	9:30	Church 2
AA Meeting	7pm	FLC 202
Al-Anon Meeting	7pm	FLC 101

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**Thursday, August 10**

Weight Watchers	9:30	Church 2
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**Saturday, August 12**

Weight Watchers	7:30& 9:30	Church 2
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**Sunday, August 13**

Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanc & YouTube

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**Worship Support**

Altar Guild  
Alyssa Brodbeck,  
Mary Jo Goldenbaum,  
Chris & Don Jones, Suzi Lockamy,  
Belynda McKenzie,  
Susan & Joe Noonan, Kathy Null,  
Linda & Roy Tschirhart

**Lay Readers**

9:00

Mary Mora

11:30

Jennifer Kretzschmar

**Cantor**

Kirby Olson

**Communion Servers**

9:00

Philip Beekley, Bev Rosel

11:30

Audrey DeHart, Tyler Duysen

**Livestream**

Steve Johnson, Kevin McGee

**Sound**

Scott VanDoren

**August Ushers**

9:00

Jake Apodaca, Irvin Moss,

Matt Murray,

Bill and Mary Ann Schmitt

11:30

Chris Berg, Audrey DeHart,

Caleb DeHart,

Kim and Mike DeHart

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## Publicity Notices

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.

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## Game Group

August 7 at 1:00pm

Come for table games and daytime fellowship for all ages. Meet in the Education Building.

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## Zion Zippers

Monday, August 14, 6pm

The next social will be a potluck. The program will be conducted by Jane Paccione, who's associated with the San Antonio Area Foundation. She grew up in England and will be giving a presentation on "The History of High Tea."

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## Zion MOPS and MOMSnext

Zion hosts a MOPS (Moms of PreSchoolers) and MOMSnext (Moms of school age kids) group one Wednesday morning per month.

A MOPS/MOMSnext meeting includes practical teaching through speakers, demonstrations, and videos. Plus, there's usually food...food you didn't make! But more importantly, you'll get to have honest conversations with other moms who understand the joys and frustrations of motherhood. In addition to our monthly meetings, Zion MOPS/MOMSnext has playdates and Mom's Night Out events. If you would like to learn more about MOPS/MOMSnext email Nicole Stender at mops@zionsa.org.

Our program year begins September 13 at 9:30 am. Join us on August 30 at 10am for our Pops with MOPS Kickoff Playdate at Nani Falcone Park.

*\*Zion MOPS is also in need of childcare volunteers. Please email mops@zionsa.org for more information.*

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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).

### Women of Zion Events

Tuesday August 8, 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!



[WOZ@zionsa.org](mailto:WOZ@zionsa.org)

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## Women of Zion and Lutheran World Relief School Supplies Collection

Sundays, August 6, 13, 20

Here are the following items to be collected:

- 70-sheet spiral notebooks (wide ruled or college ruled)
- ruler (inches and centimeters included)
- pencil sharpener
- pair of blunt scissors
- unsharpened pencils
- black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 16 or 24 box of Crayola crayons
- 2 1/2-inch eraser



Please purchase these specific items only. Place your donations in the red bins in the Narthex or Gazebo.

You may also wish to donate financially - please indicate in the memo line on your check that it is for LWR School Supplies.

Thank you for your donations to this annual event!

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## Zion is a Stephen Ministry Church!

We like to think of summer as being a relaxing, enjoyable time. But hurts, struggles, crises, and problems don't take a



vacation. Many times, our difficulties seem even worse during the summer because everyone else seems to be enjoying life while you are feeling down.

If you are experiencing a difficult time—emotionally, spiritually, or relationally—you don't have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. It's free. It's confidential. And it will make a difference in your life!

*To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: 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.



**LUTHERAN**  
**MEN IN MISSION**<sup>®</sup>  
AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH • SAN ANTONIO

**Men's Fellowship**

Third Monday, August 21 at 6:30pm

All men are invited to meet at Sea Island (11715 Bandera) for food, thoughtful study, camaraderie, and all YOUR ideas for Men's Ministry! Contact David Umlang at [imm@zionsa.org](mailto:imm@zionsa.org) if you need more details.



**Habitat for Humanity Work Days**

September 9 & 29

Lutheran Men in Mission invite you to a Habitat build on Saturday, September 9 and Friday, September 29 at Rancho Carlotta in Von Ormy. Construction volunteers must be age 14+, and must be on-site from 7:45am to 3:00pm. All tools and training are provided - no experience necessary.

Other volunteer needs:

- Prepare lunches
- Provide bottled water and supplies for lunches
- Driver for carpools
- Making phone calls

For details and registration, scan the QR code for September 9 or 29 (or both!) Please email Matt Iwanicki at [Mkiwanicki@yahoo.com](mailto:Mkiwanicki@yahoo.com) with any questions.



September 9



September 29

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## Summer Reflection

Last week, Pr. Kathi asked you to keep note of what you're grateful for. You can use the space provided on the next page to start a gratitude list, then take this bulletin home so you can keep adding to your list throughout the week!

# GRATITUDE LIST

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**AUGUST 6, 2023  
TENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**



*Jesus' compassion leads to action.*

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 14:13-21</b>	<b>Jesus feeds the five thousand</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Isaiah 55:1-5</b>	<b>An invitation to abundant life</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Romans 9:1-5</b>	<b>God's choice of Israel</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Psalms 25:1-10</b>	<b>Pray for guidance</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Exodus 34:1-9</b>	<b>Moses makes new tablets</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1 Peter 3:8-22</b>	<b>Suffering for doing right</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21</b>	<b>The Lord is kind and merciful</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 14:22-33</b>	<b>Jesus walks on water</b>

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

*"When he [Jesus] went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. **Matthew 14:14 (NRSV)***

### **PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

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

God of abundance, you shower us with your steadfast love. Give us compassionate hearts to care for others through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, the eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. Amen. (Psalm 145:15-16)

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

May the God of compassion give you joy through Christ our Lord.





**AUGUST 6, 2023**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

*Let Us Talents and  
Tongues Employ*



**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:

- In what ways do you show concern for someone who is suffering?
- In what ways have you experienced God caring for your needs?

**DEVOTIONS**



*Read:* Matthew 14:13-21.

The reading begins with Jesus being made aware of his cousin's death, the beheading of John the Baptist (Matthew 14:8-10). Jesus removed himself from people to grieve in an isolated place. However, the crowds followed him and his alone time was ended before it really had a chance to begin. Instead of showing frustration or anger at the relentless crowds, Jesus showed compassion on them. He healed their sick and then fed the masses who remained with him into the evening. The feeding of the 5,000 men (plus women and children) was a miraculous event motivated by a grieving, yet loving Jesus. Nothing could stop his love. It is a love that is shown in his actions. Those actions lead his followers to be involved, too. Jesus sets the table and blesses the food but his disciples go out to distribute it and pick up the leftovers.

*Discuss:* What do you think it was like for Jesus to be so sorrowful, and yet compassionate enough to heal and to feed his followers?

*Pray:* **Compassionate God, you provide for us in ways that go beyond what we can imagine. Help us to see your love in the world and to be a part of your love for the world through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SERVICE**



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you help others who lack food or adequate healthcare?

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**



In the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus took what the disciples brought to him and used it to feed the whole crowd. Cut out a fish or loaf-of-bread shape for yourself and other household members. Write each person's name on it. As part of your home devotions, name talents or gifts that you see in one another. Write these down on your "loaves" or "fish." Think or talk about ways that you can bless others through the God-given gifts and talents that were named. Say this blessing: **May the God of abundance guide you to use your gifts to bless others.**



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)



