

August 13, 2023 • Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
9:00 and 11:30 am



**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 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.

## ON THE COVER

Disciples See Christ Walking on the Water  
by Henry Ossawa Tanner, 1859-1937

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# GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*, setting by Diane Bish

WELCOME

Pastor Bill Swantner

## 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.**

# GATHERING HYMN

# Oh, Worship the King

1 Oh, wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.  
 2 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,  
 3 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?  
 4 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,  
 5 O mea - sure - less might, in - ef - fa - ble love,

Oh, grate - ful - ly sing God's pow - er and love;  
 Al - might - y, your pow'r has found - ed of old;  
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,  
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
 while an - gels de - light to hymn you a - bove,

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,  
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,  
 the hum - bler cre - a - tion, though fee - ble their lays,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.  
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.  
 our mak - er, de - fend - er, re - deem - er, and friend.  
 with true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to your praise.

Text: Robert Grant, 1779–1838, alt.  
 Music: HANOVER, William Croft, 1678–1727

## 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. O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of 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 Bill Swantner

### FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9-18

<sup>9</sup>At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup>He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

<sup>11</sup>He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>14</sup>He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." <sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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

## PSALM 85



Lord, in your mer-cy hear my prayer; your good-ness nev - er fails.

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The Lord has long looked with favor upon the chosen land;  
To Jacob's heirs, the wealth of earth is lavished in their hand.  
The captive chains of servitude are loosed, the slaves are free;  
And through God's grace, the bonds of sin give way to liberty. *Refrain.*

Restore to us salvation, Lord, let your displeasure cease;  
And still the power of your own wrath with gentle winds of peace.  
My humble heart the still small voice of your great love attend;  
The faithful, you from death redeem, the fearful you defend. *Refrain.*

Your steadfast love and faithful ways will meet us face to face;  
The arm of justice, mercy sways; the righteous, truth embrace.  
May wisdom dwell in human law, and justice, courts display;  
Let righteous ways precede your steps, and guide us on our way. *Refrain.*

### SECOND READING: ROMANS 10:5-15

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say?

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"  
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

<sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim

him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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 14:22-33

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

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” <sup>29</sup>He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

*Please be seated.*

*Please rise as you are able.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the  
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -  
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os  
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav-'lers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its  
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and  
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and  
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we  
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we  
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we  
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt.  
 Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876



## 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      *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*, setting by Thomas Keesecker

*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

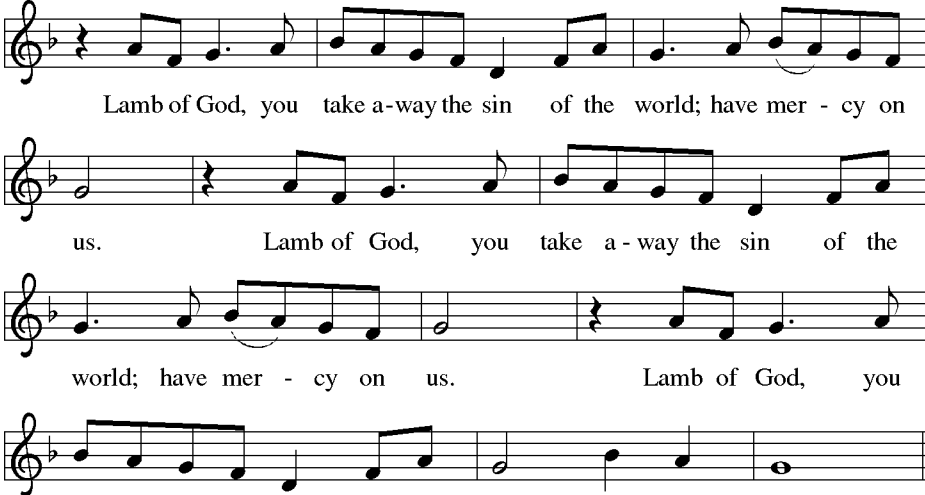
These are the gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God.

*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 HYMN

When Peace Like a River

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 It is well with my soul,

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888  
 Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

*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

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;  
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;  
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,

di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.  
 for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.  
 I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,

With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;  
 Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,  
 then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!

so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.  
 for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.  
 So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

Text: Julie von Hausmann, 1825–1901; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
 Music: SO NIMM DENN MEINE HÄNDE, Friedrich Silcher, 1789–1860  
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Great and Glorious God*, by Colin Hand

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.*

## 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  
Kevin Kretzschmar  
11:30  
LeShea Clabough

Cantor  
Mason Miller

Bread Servers  
9:00  
Suzie Wyatt  
11:30  
LeShea Clabough

Communion Servers  
9:00  
Kathy Newman, Amy Swanson  
11:30  
Rachel Cannady, Chris Jones

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

## THIS WEEK AT ZION



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this month's  
calendar

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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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### Monday, August 14

Zion Zippers Potluck and Fellowship	6pm	Fellowship Hall
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### Tuesday, August 15

Exercise Group	9am	Church 2
Council Meeting	6:30	Fellowship Hall
Warriors Anonymous	7pm	Church 2

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### Wednesday, August 16

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 17

Quilting	9:30	Fellowship Hall
Weight Watchers	9:30	Church 2

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### Saturday, August 19

Weight Watchers	7:30& 9:30	Church 2
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### Sunday, August 20

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

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## Music Rehearsals Resume

### Chancel Choir

Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, August 23 at 7:15pm in the sanctuary.

### Handbells

Rehearsals begin on Tuesday, August 29 at 6:30pm in the sanctuary balcony.

### Youth Choir (Grades 6-12)

Begins on Tuesday, August 29 at 7:00pm in the music apse.

### Children's Choir (Grades 2-5)

Begins on Tuesday, September 5 at 7:00pm in the ministry center.

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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 September 12, 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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## Zion MOPS and MOMSnext

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

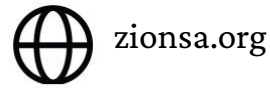
A MOPS/MOMSnext meeting includes practical teaching through speakers, demonstrations, and videos. Plus, there's usually food...food you didn't make! But more importantly, you'll get to have honest conversations with other moms who understand the joys and frustrations of motherhood. In addition to our 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](mailto: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 and MOMSnext - Childcare Needs

We are seeking loving, responsible childcare volunteers (ages 16+) to help make this year of Zion MOPS/MOMSnext a success! Help moms enjoy their time together. No special skills required, come snuggle a baby, play with a toddler or sing songs with a preschooler. Only 1 morning a month from 9-12, September to May. If you or someone you know is interested please contact Nicole Stender 210-391-8773 or [mops@zionsa.org](mailto:mops@zionsa.org).

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8:30am-5:00pm

Friday close at 3:00pm

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## STAFF DAY OFF

Pastor Kathi - Monday

*Out of office until August 16*

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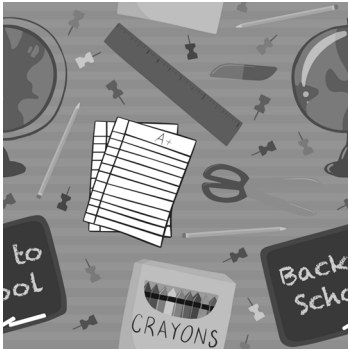
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## Publicity Notices

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

**Women of Zion and  
Lutheran World Relief  
School Supplies Collection**  
Sundays, August 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.



**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
- Drive for carpools
- Make 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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## 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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## Game Group

August 21 at 1:00pm

Come for table games and daytime fellowship for all ages. Meet in the Fellowship Hall.

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## Zion Bunco Group

Fourth Mondays, 1-4pm, starting August 28

Welcome ladies and gentlemen of Zion interested in forming a Zion Bunco Group (ZBG). We are looking for 24-28 players and additional subs, for 12 months.

ZBG will gather the 4th Monday of each month, 1-4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. You may also bring snack refreshments to share. For additional information contact Shirley, Homeier-McBrayer at 210-872-3489. Hope to see you there for fun and fellowship!

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## Mah Jongg, Anyone?

Fourth Mondays, 1-4pm, Fellowship Hall

Anyone interested in getting together for a game of National Mah Jongg, please contact Algine Perry.

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## September Dinner Out

Friday, September 7

PoPo Family Restaurant, I-10W at Exit 533

Enjoy a 50-year-old traditional supper club, filled with memories and all kinds of good food! Contact: Jim or Sandy Chillstrom at chillstrom@sbcglobal.net or 210.695.6310 / 210.771.7573

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## Zion is a Stephen Ministry Church!

Sometimes  
It's Hard to  
Ask for Help  
We're brought

up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it is a sign of weakness. So we try to keep our struggles hidden, stuffed deep inside. However, that's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God wants us to care for others—and allow others to care for us in our time of need.

If you're sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time. (It's confidential too!)

*To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: 210-688-3090.*





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# 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.





**AUGUST 13, 2023  
ELEVENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**



*Even a little faith is enough.*

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 14:22-33</b>	<b>Jesus walks on water</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>1 Kings 19:9-18</b>	<b>The Lord appears to Elijah</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Romans 10:5-15</b>	<b>Anyone can be saved</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Luke 17:1-6</b>	<b>Sayings of Jesus</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Acts 15:6-21</b>	<b>The council at Jerusalem</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Romans 12:1-8</b>	<b>The new life in Christ</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 85:8-13</b>	<b>Restoration of God's favor</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 15:10-28</b>	<b>A woman's faith</b>

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

*Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He [Jesus] said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. **Matthew 14:28-29 (NRSV)***

### **PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

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

Dear God, help us to trust in you during the difficult and scary times of life that we may still sing your praises through Jesus Christ, the one who calms our fears. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Nurturing God, you give what is good and bless our land with abundant food; for your goodness and mercy we thank you for this meal. Amen. (Psalm 85:12)

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

May God calm you when you are afraid and bless you with steadfast love.



**AUGUST 13, 2023**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

*Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me*



**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:

- Think or talk about a difficult time in your life.
- Who or what has helped you make it through a difficult time in your life?

**DEVOTIONS**



*Read:* Matthew 14:22-33.

Once again, Jesus is on the sea with his disciples. And, again, Jesus points out the disciples' fears and little faith as he did when he stilled a storm (Matthew 8:23-27). Just the night before, Jesus fed the 5,000 men plus more women and children. Don't they understand how powerful and caring Jesus is? How many of us would have the faith and courage of Peter to step out of a boat during a storm and onto dangerous and deep waters? Yes, Jesus calls it "little faith," but that little faith is still quite remarkable. When we are in the midst of a storm, a painful period in our lives that scares us, our lives are very fragile, needy, and weak. We often do not respond with great confidence and faith. No matter how little our faith is, it is enough because of Jesus who is Emmanuel, God with us. When life gets calm following a difficult time in our lives, at least then we are relieved—even joyful—and can say of Jesus, "Truly you are the Son of God" (Matthew 14:33).

*Discuss:* How does your faith help you when you face difficult situations?

*Pray:* **Merciful God, when we experience moments that scare us and make us long for stable ground to stand on, give us even a little faith to hope in you through Christ 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 who are anxious or worried?

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**



Jesus came to the disciples in the middle of the night and calmed their fears. Bedtime is a special opportunity to think, talk, listen, and pray for yourself and others. Take time to think or talk about your highs and lows at bedtime this week. Give thanks to God for your highs. For your lows, pray that Jesus will come and remain with you during the night and calm any "storms." Then pray the Lord's Prayer.



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)