

November 19, 2023 • Sunday of Giving Thanks
9:00 and 11:30am



Zion lutheran
church

WELCOME TO ZION

When we gather for worship, we're receptive to God's word and we rejoice in God's grace through song, prayer, and Holy Communion. The history of Christian worship is rich with rituals formed by generations. These traditions, prayers, and pastoral teachings help connect our lives with Christ. In our daily lives, we show God's love by serving our community, both locally and globally.

We are a group of believers seeking to respond to Christ's call to worship and serve, even as we wrestle with the big questions of life. We want you to know that you and your questions, faith, and doubts are welcome here!

HOW WE WORSHIP

The Holy Spirit gathers people around the means of grace: the Word of God and the Sacraments. From the table of Holy Communion where Christ comes with forgiveness, life, and salvation, God sends us out to share the good news and care for those in need. Our worship follows this pattern in four parts: Gathering, Word, Meal, and Sending. By its very nature, Lutheran worship is participatory and the service is contained within this bulletin. Worship leaders guide us through the service and our responses are printed in **bold type**.

We welcome children in our worship services! If needed, a nursery is available down the hallway past the restrooms. The restrooms contain changing tables, as needed.

Throughout the service, members of Zion's music ministry offer their talents as an offering to God. Please receive their musical gifts as a time for prayer, contemplation, or praise of God rather than a performance to be applauded, so that we may worship God throughout our time here together.

WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER

As we wind down the Church Year for 2023, we jump from our last true "Green Season" Sunday on November 12 to Zion's annual Sunday of Giving Thanks on November 19. Each year on the Sunday before the Thanksgiving holiday, we as a congregation also take time to focus on giving thanks to God. Then, on the last Sunday of the month (November 26), the Church Year finishes with Christ the King Sunday: "Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds" (*Sundays & Seasons*).

ON THE COVER

The fresco *Jesus Healing the Ten Lepers* in byzantine iconic style in Baptistry, probably by Grisopolo, from 13th century Parma, Italy. Photo by Renáta Sedmáková, AdobeStock.com

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Rhosymedre
by Vaughn Williams arranged by Nourse

The Fiesta Flutes
Robert Rubio,
Conductor

WELCOME

Pastor Bill Swantner

WOMEN'S THANKOFFERING

Please make Thankoffering checks payable to Zion.

Carolyn Pfeiffer

Please rise, as you are able.

GATHERING HYMN

For the Fruit of All Creation

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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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.

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through 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: DEUTERONOMY 8:7-18

⁷For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. ¹⁰You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

¹¹Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. ¹²When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, ¹³and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, ¹⁶and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." ¹⁸But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

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

PSALM 65

Refrain

Michel Guimont



You care for the earth, give it water;
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. R.

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth. R.

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps;
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. R.

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. R.

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SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15

⁶The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written,

“He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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

Please rise, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

GOSPEL: LUKE 17:11-19

Ten Men Healed
Spark Children's Bible Page 380

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

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

Please be seated.


SERMON

Pastor Kathi Johnson

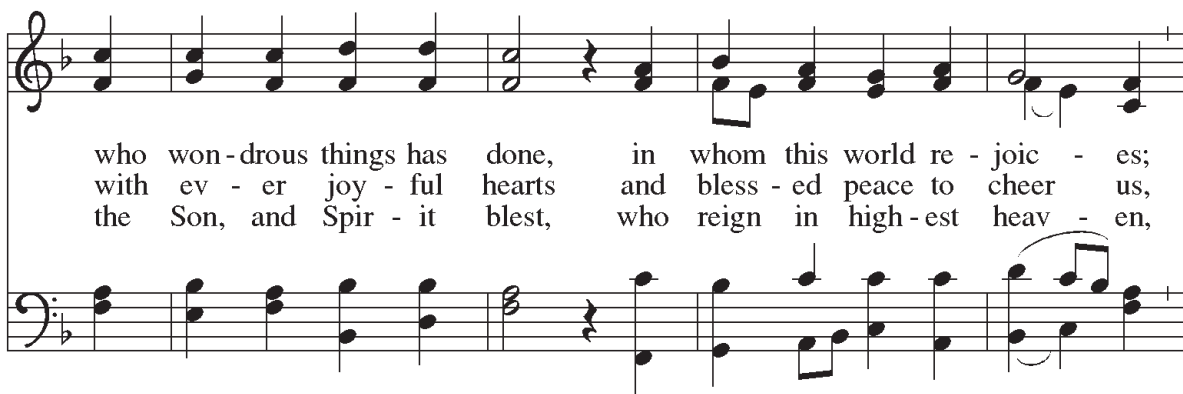
Please rise, as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

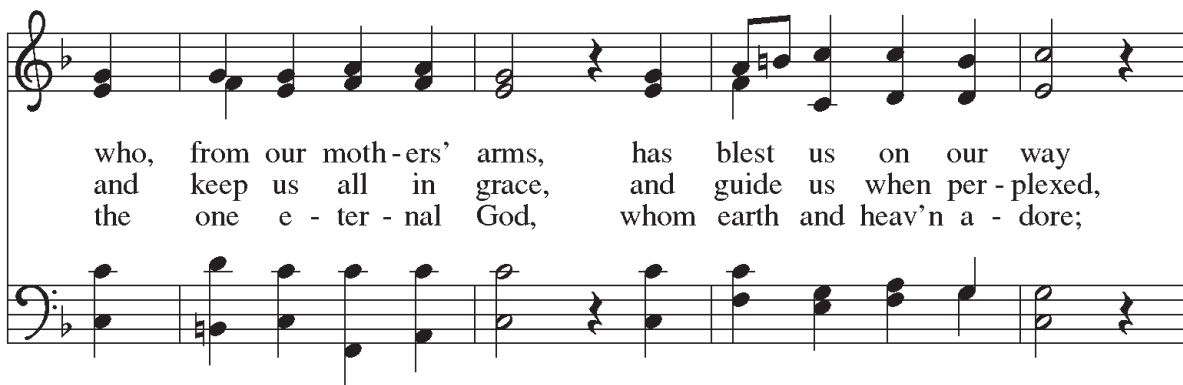
Now Thank We All Our God



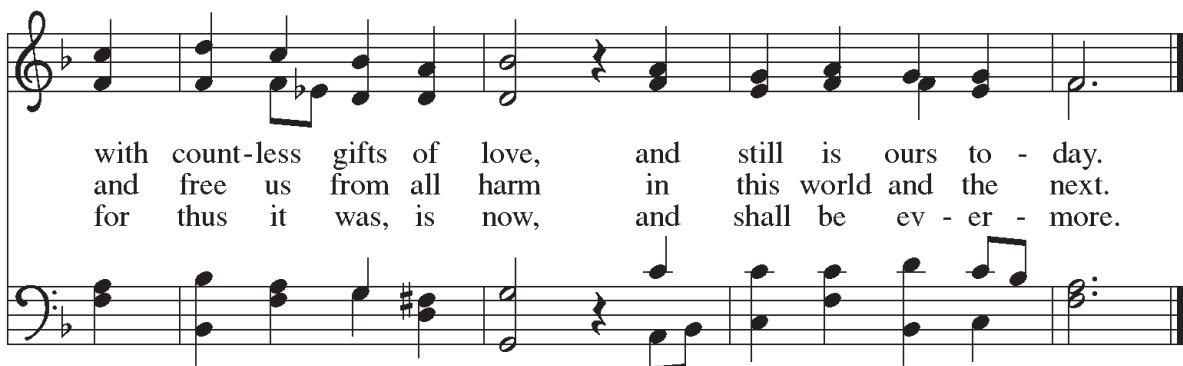
1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

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

Let us turn our hearts to God as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Each petition ends: Hear us, O God.

Response: Your mercy is great.

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and 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

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desire
by J.S. Bach arranged by Holcombe

The Fiesta Flutes

Please rise, as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

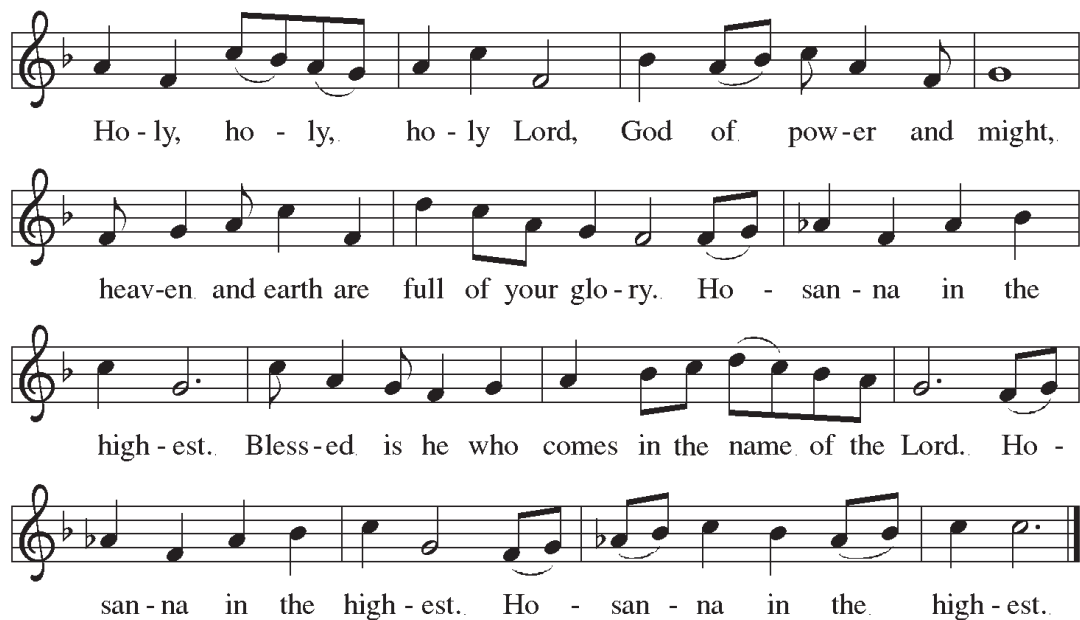
Lift up your hearts.

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.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us ✠ and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as Jesus has taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION

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

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes all to this holy meal! Children who commune should be assisted by adults who are with them. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will bring the sacrament to you. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask the person serving bread. White grape juice is available in the center of the communion tray for any who are unable to drink wine. After taking Communion, please return to your seat for singing and prayer.

LAMB OF GOD

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

COMMUNION MUSIC

What Wondrous Love
 arranged by Davis

The Fiesta Flutes

COMMUNION HYMN

How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me

all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
 gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou

art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to

thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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

BLESSING

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

Amen.

PRAYER

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us out in peace.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

Amen.

SENDING HYMN (next page)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Allegro from Symphony 1
by Boyce, arranged by Melicharek

The Fiesta Flutes

AVAILABLE FOR PRAYER

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

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
 2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days.
 deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
 joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
 God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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 Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

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**THIS
WEEK
AT
ZION**



Scan QR code for
this month's
calendar

Sunday, November 19

Thankoffering Sunday

Crafty Bunch Christmas Craft Sale	Gazebo
Worship in person	9am Sanctuary
Faith Formation Hour for all ages	10:15 Details next page
Adult Class with Pastor Kathi	10:20 Fellowship Hall
Worship in person and online	11:30 Sanc & YouTube

Monday, November 20

Game Group	1pm FLC 101
LMM Fellowship & Dinner	6:30 Sea Island Restaurant

Tuesday, November 21

Exercise Group	9am Church 2
Handbell Choir	6:30 Sanctuary Balcony
Warriors Anonymous	7pm Church 2

Wednesday, November 22

AA - Alcoholics Anonymous	7pm FLC 202
Al-Anon Meeting	7pm FLC 101

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Day - campus closed

Friday, November 24

Campus closed

Saturday, November 25

Weight Watchers Meetings	7:30 & 9:30am Church 2
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Sunday, November 26 Christ the King Sunday

Worship in person	9am Sanctuary
<i>No Faith Formation or Adult Classes Nov 26, Thanksgiving break</i>	
Worship in person and online	11:30 Sanc & YouTube

Worship Support

Altar Guild

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

Lay Reader

9:00 Mary Mora
11:30 Joe Noonan

Cantor

Bud Halstead

Communion Servers

9:00 Jake Apodaca, Bev Rosel
11:30 Alyssa Brodbeck, Chris Jones

Livestream

Steve Johnson, David Umlang

Sound

Scott VanDoren

Ushers

9:00 Rachel Williams, Karen Stoldt
Linda & Bruce Krueger
Stuart Williams
11:30 Kim & Mike DeHart
Joanna & Mel Arviso



**Crafty
Bunch
Christmas
Craft Sale
TODAY
in the
Gazebo**

Home decor,

ornaments, clothing, kitchen linens,
toys and treats.

**Midweek Services Resume
November 29**

No Wednesday services Nov 22.

Simple communion worship services
in Zion’s historic chapel. Wednes-
days at 1pm and 6:30pm in Church 1.

**Music Rehearsals
Resume November 28 & 29**

Handbells		
Tuesday 6:30	Balcony	
Children’s (Gr 2-5)		
Tuesday 7-7:45	MC Rm 1	
Youth (Gr 6-12)		
Tuesday 7-8pm	Apse	
Chancel (Adult)		
Wednesday 7:15	Sanctuary	

**Sunday Faith Formation
for Children and Youth at 10:15**

Meet in Ministry Center classrooms.

<i>Age or Grade</i>	<i>Room</i>
Two Years–Kinder	MC-3
Grades 1–4	MC-4
Grades 5–7	MC-5
Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) Grades 8–9	MC-7
High School Grades 10–12	MC-8

No classes November 26, Thanksgiving break.

Adult Sunday Morning Classes

No classes November 26, Thanksgiving break.

Down + Out

Meet in MC-6 (upstairs) at 10:15. Explore themes of the Lutheran Christian faith with John Macha and other volunteer leaders. Six-part video series “re-introduces you to the life-changing reality of God’s promises, and points the way to a completely different view of life in the light of where grace takes you.”

Growing With

Today in MC-1 at 10:15. Lori Gallegos and other volunteer leaders lead discussions based on the podcast/book *Growing With: Every Parents’ Guide to Helping Teenagers and Young Adults Thrive in Their Faith, Family and Future*. No required reading.

The Liturgical Year with Pastor Kathi

Today in the Fellowship Hall at 10:20. Discussion is loosely based on the book *Calendar: Christ’s Time for the Church* by Laurence Hull Stookey (which is NOT required reading). No class meeting Nov 26 or Dec 3.



Thankoffering History

Beginning in the late

19th century, Lutheran women were given small Thankoffering boxes to place in a special location in their homes as a visible reminder of blessings received. Women would add coins to those boxes almost daily as particular blessings were noted. From their use came the idea of an annual church service to celebrate their collection, and so the women of the congregation would come together for a Thankoffering service. The concept of Thankoffering celebrations dates back more than 100 years and beyond Lutherans. The Episcopal Church Women held their first recorded Thankoffering service in 1889, and the World Thankoffering service of the United Methodist Women has been a tradition for over 100 years. In the Lutheran tradition, the General Synod's Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society created their first Thankoffering service in 1889 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the organization. At that first Thankoffering, \$6,100 was collected. Today, Women of the ELCA collects more than \$1 million in Thankofferings annually for the ministries and mission of our women's organization.

Women of Zion Bible Study & More

Tuesday, November 14

Fellowship, service projects, and Bible study on the second Tuesday each month. 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited!

Join in activities and fellowship with other women in the congregation. Phone the church office (210-688-3090) or send an e-mail to Zion@ZionSA.org.

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Mah Jong

Monday, November 27 at 1:00pm
Meet in Fellowship Hall to play (or learn!) Mah Jong. Games commence

at 1:00pm. Contact
Alaine Perry.



Game Group

November 20 at 1:00pm

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



Men's Fellowship Dinner

Third Monday, November 20 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 if you need more details.

Food Bank Volunteer Day

LMM invites you to a volunteer event on Saturday, December 9, 2023, from 1:30 to 4pm. We'll pack and sort food in the San Antonio Food Bank warehouse (5200 Old Hwy 90). This service event is open to all ages.

Contact Mark Laneman if you have questions, or use the QR to register.



v Bucks January 4

San Antonio LMM has reserved two sections of group seating in the Frost Bank Center. All are welcome to come cheer on our Spurs! Tickets are \$40 and \$55 - consider who'd like this for a Christmas gift.

Purchase deadline is Dec 21. Get your digital tickets with the QR here or fevo-enterprise.com/event/Lutheranmen6



Angel Tree Gifts for Children in Foster Care

Now through December 3

Pick a tag from the boards near the entrance, and buy one gift to fulfill a Christmas wish. We are working with the Pathways agency to support foster families through the coming season. Please note the "early" return date. Gifts should not be wrapped, but attach the gift tag.

Women's Christmas Tea Saturday, December 9

The annual Christmas Tea is Saturday, Dec 9, from 3-5:00pm. Festivities take place in the Family Life Center.



Hostesses and guests may sign up in the gazebo on Sundays, Nov 26 and Dec 3, before and after worship. There is no charge, but all seating is reserved in advance.

Guest speaker is Alicia Velasquez. The in-kind collection is women's new undergarments for CAM. Activities include a drawing for a quilt, a silent auction, and Fair Trade products on sale. Monetary donations benefit Texas Foundation of Hope, a community for people with developmental disabilities. Donations and sales are in cash or paper checks only.

Hostess set-up times are Dec 8 from 1-3:00pm, and Dec 9 from 9-11:00am. The event begins at 3:00pm on Saturday. Contact Mary Jo Goldenbaum if you have questions.

Dinner Out at Seasons 52 Restaurant

Thursday, December 7 at 6:30pm

Dinner Out invites all adults to meet this month at Seasons 52 Fresh Grill in the Alamo Quarry Market, 255 E. Basse. Come early for socializing; dinner seating is at 6:30.

RSVP by Dec 3 to Doris & Dave Newman; call the church office if you need their contact info.

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GIVING THANKS**



Remember to give thanks for God's blessings.

THANKSGIVING DAY BIBLE READINGS

Take time to read and reflect on these Bible passages as part of your Thanksgiving Day observances.

Thursday	Deuteronomy 8:7-18	The Lord takes care of you
	Psalms 65	Thanksgiving for creation
	2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Generous giving
	Luke 17:11-19	The ten lepers

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing.

Deuteronomy 8:7-9a (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for Thanksgiving Day:

God of generosity and abundance, we thank you for your goodness to us. Help us to recall your goodness, especially in our support and care of others for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this food and for all the ways you protect and care for us day by day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of steadfast love and faithfulness give you a thankful heart.



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DAY

Have You Thanked the Lord?



THANKSGIVING DAY MILESTONES



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



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

- What are you thankful for? What gets in the way of being thankful?
- What traditions come to mind for you on Thanksgiving Day?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Deuteronomy 8:7-18.

The history of thanksgiving is at least as old as the Bible. Deuteronomy records what a biblical thanksgiving looks like. First, it is filled with wonder and delight at God's goodness for bringing people out of despair and into a fruitful and well-watered land. It is a land—like our own country—of plenty that provides all we need to live in peace. The crucial ingredient to biblical thanksgiving is to remember the source of that plenty. This is done by living according to God's teachings that promise peace and contentment for all. The challenge is that we forget. We are guilty of exulting ourselves at times by thinking that the blessings of life are due to the "*power and the might of my own hand*" (v. 17). Woven in this text is a call to remember and to repent of our forgetfulness. We give thanks as we turn away from self-satisfaction and to the goodness of God, the source of all blessings, who promises peace and contentment for all.

Discuss: What blessings and benefits do you want to remember as you give thanks for what God provides us?

Pray: **God of the abundant harvest, your creation gives us more than we need. Give us hearts that are thankful, satisfied, and ready to share your plenty and goodness in Christ. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this day, how can you share God's abundance with others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



One of the lepers, a Samaritan, returned to Jesus to give thanks for his healing (Luke 17:16). Today is a day to embrace the opportunity for us to give thanks for God's goodness in our lives. After the Thanksgiving meal, gather in a space where you can toss a ball or another item to one another making sure each person has a chance to catch the item. The person who catches the item tells what they are thankful for. After everyone has had a turn, close with this blessing:

May God bless you with a generous and thankful heart now and always.



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