

March 3, 2024 • Third Sunday in Lent  
9:00 and 11:30am



Zion  lutheran  
church

## WELCOME TO ZION

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

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

## HOW WE WORSHIP

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

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

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

## THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent begins with the ashes of Ash Wednesday and extends until Holy Week (the week before Easter). Traditionally, Lent is a time of greater self-examination and repentance for one's sins. In our sinfulness, we also remember that we are dust and will return to dust again.

Even as our worship becomes more somber during this season, we continually remember God's mercy which is everlasting. We confess our sins; God forgives them. We come to God's table; God feeds us. We are never far from the Lord's presence with us, and his love remains forever.

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# GATHERING

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

## PRELUDE

9:00

*And He Never Said a Word*  
arranged by Michael Ryan

Handbells

11:30

*Give Me Jesus* arranged by Anne Krentz Organ

## WELCOME

Pastor Dan Heim

*Please rise, as you are able.*

## CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☧ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of word and sacrament in the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☧ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Section end. Section end.

## GATHERING HYMN

## In the Cross of Christ I Glory

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing  
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam-ing light and  
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of  
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the  
 love up - on my way, from the cross the  
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that

sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
 ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872  
 Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867

## 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.**

## KYRIE



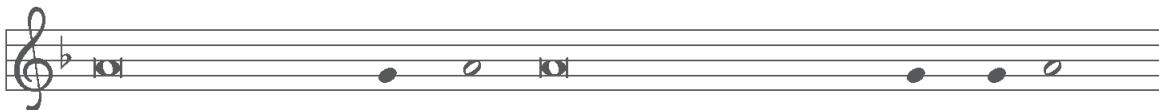
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord,** have **mer - cy.**



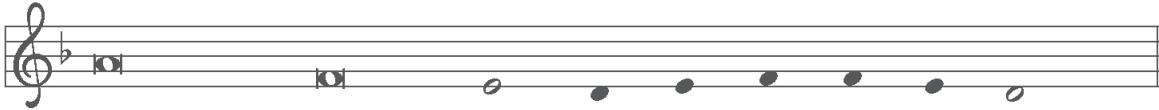
For the peace from a-*bo*-ve, and for our sal-*va*-*tion*, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord,** have **mer - cy.**



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



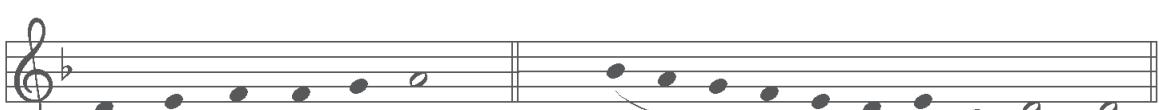
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



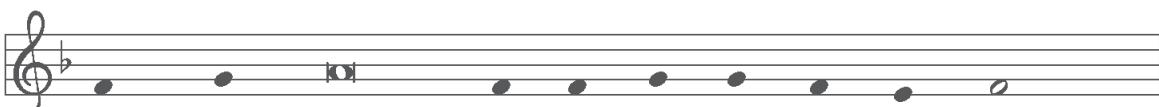
**Lord,** have **mer - cy.**



For this ho-*ly* house, and for all who of-*fer* here their wor-*ship* and *praise*,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord,** have **mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-*fend* us, *gra*-*cious* Lord.



A *men.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously.

Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*Section End*

# WORD

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

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor Dan Heim

FIRST READING: EXODUS 20:1-17

*The Ten Commandments  
Spark Children's Bible Page 94*

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery;

<sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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

## PSALM 19

*Refrain*

Michel Guimont

Musical notation for the refrain "Lord, you have the words of everlasting life." The music is in G major (two sharps) and common time (4/4). The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. A bracket above the notes indicates a three-note group.

Lord, you have the words of ev - er - last - ing life.

The law of the LORD is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the LORD is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. R.

The precepts of the LORD are right,  
they gladden the heart.  
The command of the LORD is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes. R.

The fear of the LORD is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the LORD are truth  
and all of them just. R.

They are more to be desired than gold,  
than the purest of gold  
and sweeter are they than honey,  
than honey from the comb. R.

## SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25

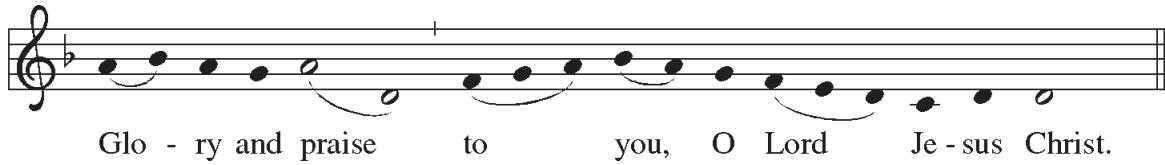
[Paul writes] <sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."  
<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

*Please rise, as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: JOHN 2:13-22

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

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a market-place!” <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

Pastor Kathi Johnson

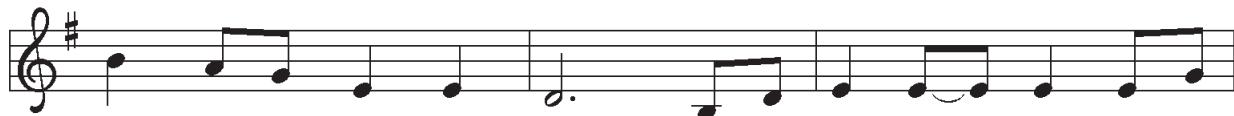
*Please rise, as you are able.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the  
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
work great . . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
jus - tice tears ev -'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.  
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
The hun - gry poor shall . . . weep no more, for the  
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev -'ry  
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat

Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional

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## APOSTLES' CREED IF NO RAPHTISM

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

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Each petition ends: God of mercy,

*Please respond:*

**hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love; 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. Children are invited to come forward during the music and place their offerings in the jar to the left of the Chancel area (near the Sacristy door). During the offering music, the pastor sets the table with the elements for Holy Communion. Please know that this is the Lord's table, and all are welcome to receive Communion.*

### OFFERING MUSIC

9:00

*Come, Ye Disconsolate* arranged by Terry Osman

Handbells

11:30

*You Do Not Walk Alone* by Elaine Hagenberg

Chancel Choir

*Please rise, as you are able.*

### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of good gifts,  
receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your  
gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence  
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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'r 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.

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

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, 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.**

Worship Guide

## 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 away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace. Amen.

## COMMUNION MUSIC

9:00

*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*  
arranged by Ron Mallory

Handbells

11:30

*Ave Verum Corpus* by Franz Liszt

Chancel Choir

Translation: Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,  
having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for all people,  
from whose pierced side water and blood flowed:  
Be for us a sweet foretaste in the trial of death.

## COMMUNION HYMN

## When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G clef, common time, and F major. The top staff has a basso continuo part below it. The middle staff has a basso continuo part below it. The bottom staff has a basso continuo part below it.

When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748  
 Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

*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. Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Section end

## SENDING

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

## BENEDICTION

God bless you and keep you, ☩ Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN *on next page*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Basse et Dessus de Trompette*  
by Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

## 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.*

## SENDING HYMN

## Built on a Rock

1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee-ples are  
 3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -

fall - ing; crum-bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are  
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us

chim-ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call-ing the  
 life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their

souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.  
 midst will show his grace, bless-ings up - on them be - stow - ing.

- 5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,  
 grant that, when church bells are ringing,  
 many may come to hear your Word,  
 who here this promise is bringing:  
 “I know my own, my own know me;  
 you, not the world, my face shall see;  
 my peace I leave with you. Amen.”

## THIS WEEK AT ZION

Scan QR code for this month's calendar



### Sunday, March 3

Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Faith Formation Hour for all ages	10:15	Details next page
Adults: Beautiful Terrible Lent	10:15	MC 6
Coffee Talk: Church Council	10:20	Fellowship Hall
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanctuary & YouTube

### Monday, March 4

Game Group	1pm	Fellowship Hall
LMM Planning Mtg	6:30	Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, March 5

Exercise Group	9am	Church 2
Staff Meeting	11am	Break Room
Handbell Choir	6:30	Sanctuary Balcony
Children's Choir	7-7:45	Ministry Center 1
Youth Choir	7pm	Music Apse
Warriors Anonymous	7pm	Church 2

### Wednesday, March 6

High School/Elementary Mentoring	7:15am	Nichols Elementary
MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers	9:30	Ministry Center 1
Weight Watchers Mtg	9:30	Church 2
Crafty Bunch	9:30	Ed Bldg Craft Rm
Midweek Worship Services	1:00 & 6:30	Chapel (Church 1)
AA - Alcoholics Anonymous	7pm	Church 2
Al-Anon Meeting	7pm	Fellowship Hall
Chancel Choir	7:15	Sanctuary

### Thursday, March 7

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief	9:30	Fellowship Hall
Weight Watchers Mtg	9:30	Church 2
Dinner Out	6:30	Islong Garden Korean BBQ
Youth Night	6:30	Ministry Center
Fiesta Flutes Rehearsal	7pm	Church 2

### Friday, March 8

Pre-Show Reserved Dinner	6:30	Family Life Center
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## Worship Support

### Altar Guild

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

### Lay Reader

9:00 John Macha  
11:30 Eileen Spehr

### Cantor

Jeff Williams

### Communion Servers

9:00 Bev Rosel, Melanie Murray  
11:30 Laura Knoll, Karen Umlang

### Livestream

Justin Heinen, David Umlang

### Sound

Scott VanDoren

### Ushers

9:00 Gus and Shannon Rios  
Carolyn Pfeiffer  
Paul and Mary Jo Goldenbaum  
David Thamm  
11:30 LeShea Clabough, Kevin McGee,  
Laura Walsh, Paul Spehr

**Two Midweek Services**  
 Wednesdays at 1pm and 6:30pm  
 in Church 1  
 Simple communion worship services  
 in Zion's historic chapel.

**Music Rehearsals**

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

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<i>A Night on Broadway Show</i>	7:30	Family Life Center
<b>Saturday, March 9</b>		
Weight Watchers Meetings	7:30 & 9:30am	Church 2
Pre-Show Reserved Dinner	6:30	Family Life Center
<i>A Night on Broadway Show</i>	7:30	Family Life Center

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<b>Sunday, March 10</b>		
Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
<i>No Children's or Youth Classes-Spring Break</i>		
Adults: Beautiful Terrible Lent	10:15	MC 6
Coffee Talk: Landscaping on Campus	10:20	Fellowship Hall
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanctuary & YouTube
Pre-Show Reserved Dinner	1:30	Family Life Center
<i>A Night on Broadway Matinee Show</i>	2:30	Family Life Center

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### ⇒ Coffee Talk ⇐ Today, March 3 at 10:20

Join Congregational Treasurer Allen Cockrell and other council members for a Coffee Talk in the Fellowship Hall.

The Coffee Talk series will cover a variety of topics throughout the Sundays in March:

- March 10 with Pastor Bill Swantner, Master Gardener, who will discuss native planting, and what he's working on around Zion's campus.
- March 17 with Dan Graham, discussing financial scams and how to avoid fraud.

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### Adult Class

**Sundays in Lent: Have a Beautiful, Terrible Lent**  
**10:15 in MC Room 6**



Lenten devotional and discussion group, based on a resource by Kate Bowler. "Lent is full of hard truths. And it is a perfect moment for spiritual honesty. We can look on this tragicomedy with love and bemusement as we wait for the someday that will be God's promised future. There, God's kingdom comes. God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven. And in the meantime, there's this...our beautiful, terrible days."

- Use this QR ([katebowler.com](http://katebowler.com)) to sign up for free daily Lenten e-mails.
- Come to MC-6 for Sunday morning discussions during the 10:15 Faith Formation hour.



## **Weekday Bible Study - 9:30**

Bible 101: Bible Studies from a Lutheran Perspective  
 Led by Pr. Eileen Spehr on Thursdays: March 14 and 28,  
 Apr 11 at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Series will continue with new topics.

## **Sunday Faith Formation for Children and Youth**

Meet in Ministry Center classrooms at 10:15am.

*No Children's and Youth Classes March 10, Spring Break.*

<i>Age or Grade</i>	<i>Room</i>
Two Years-Kindergarten	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

## **Cemetery Board Opening**

For an unfilled term

If you are interested or would like more information about the position, contact Dave Brewton or the church office.



## **Lenten Food and Toiletry Drive for St. Vincent de Paul of Helotes**

Zion will collect canned goods and toiletries for St. Vincent de Paul of Helotes (formerly Helotes House of Neighborly Service). Items will be collected throughout the six weeks of Lent, through March 24. Look for the collection baskets in the narthex and the gazebo.

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## Youth Nights/Confirmation Mentoring

March 7 and 21 Dinner and Fellowship

6:30-8:30 in Ministry Center

For middle and high schoolers, every other

Thursday, 6:30-8 pm: Dinner, Bible study, service project, Confirmation mentoring. \$4 suggested offering for dinner. Use the QR to RSVP.



**June 17-21**

**and/or**

**June 24-28**

For those entering Kindergarten through grade 7



in Fall '24. Youth-led daycamp, developing young leaders through hands-on activity with the Bible, worship, art, STEM, games, drama, snacks and more.

Disciple Campers (6th & 7th graders) are further challenged with off-site service and learning projects with our mission partner, Nichols Elementary School.

Cost per week is \$125 first camper, \$115 for each additional sibling. Before/after care \$25 per week. Use this QR to register. Scholarships are available.



Camp Hope 2024



## A Night on Broadway Musical Revue

**March 3 and 8-10**

2:30 and 7:30 performances in Zion's Family Life Center

- Regular theatre seating tickets are on sale at [ZTG.booktix.net](https://ZTG.booktix.net) (QR here). Tickets are also available at the door. Adults \$15, children (11 and under) are \$10.
- Dinner seating is completely sold out.



## Crafty Bunch

Wednesdays at 9:30

The Crafty Bunch meets in the Education Building on the west side of Leslie Road. Enter at the double doors, behind Churches 1 and 2. The craft room is the first room on the right. Bring your own project to work on.

## Quilting for LWR

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 9:30am

Even if you don't sew, consider learning some basics with LWR Quilters! Come on out on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Diane Stewart through the church office if you need more details.

The durable quilts we make are sent all over the world to be used as bedding, room dividers, and shelter. If you can't make it to the quilting meetings, quilt tops can be sewn at home at your convenience. Fabric is provided.

*The LWR Quilters are always in need of new and gently used twin size and larger flat sheets for quilt backing. Sheets can be dropped off at the Fellowship Hall during any quilting time.*

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,  
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## Zion is a Stephen Ministry Church!

Stephen Ministers Are Care-Givers,  
God Is the Cure-Giver.  
The role of a Stephen

Minister is to give care. They listen, empathize, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support on a weekly basis to hurting people for as long as the need persists. God works in and through them to bring hope and healing. If you are feeling lonely, experiencing a crisis, struggling through a difficult time, or simply find yourself stressed by everyday life, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders to learn more about Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, talk with LeShea Clabough, our Stephen Ministry Leader. Get her contact information from the church office, 210-688-3090, or email her directly using this QR.



## Game Group

March 4 and 18 at 1:00pm

Come for table games and daytime fellowship for all ages. Meet in the Fellowship Hall on the first and third Mondays. Contact Algene Perry through the church office if you have questions.

## MOPS Chapter at Zion

Wednesday, March 6 in MC Room

 Zion MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) supports moms by building community for growth in faith and as parents. Monthly meetings are in Zion's Ministry Center from 9:30-noon as scheduled below. They also are in need of adult volunteers to provide child care those Wednesdays.

Scan the QR to contact Nicole Stender ([mops@zionsa.org](mailto:mops@zionsa.org)) to register, volunteer or get more info! 2024  
*Meetings: Apr 17, May 14*



## Dinner Out at Ilsong Garden Korean BBQ

Thursday, March 7 at 6:30pm

Dinner Out invites all adults to meet this month at Ilsong Garden Korean BBQ, 6905 Blanco Road, just inside Loop 410. Come early for socializing; dinner seating is at 6:30.

RSVP by March 4 to Jim or Sandy Chillstrom; call the church office if you need their contact info.

Doris & Dave Newman, 210-859-7860 or [ddnewman@mac.com](mailto:ddnewman@mac.com).

Jim or Sandy Chillstrom [chillstrom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chillstrom@sbcglobal.net),  
210.695.6310 or 210.771.7573

## Zion Zippers 50+ Fellowship

Monday, March 11 at 6:00pm

Zion Zippers meet on the second Monday of each month for a potluck dinner, beginning at 6pm. If you're fifty years or older, you're invited. Please bring a dish or two to share, along with your own plate and utensils if you can. Invite a friend, too! Stay for after-dinner socializing and Bingo.

Contact Kathy Newman through the church office if you have a question or suggestion for a guest speaker or activity.

## Women of Zion

Tuesday March 12, WOZ Bible Study & More. Join in activities and fellowship with other women in the congregation. Fellowship, service projects with a Bible study on the second Tuesday at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited! Scan the QR code to get on the mailing list, or send an e-mail to [WOZ@zionsa.org](mailto:WOZ@zionsa.org).



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## Men's Fellowship Dinner

Third Monday, March 18 at 6:30pmec

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

## UPDATE to Zion's Recycling Collection

Zion is currently collecting ONLY aluminum cans in the swing-top collection barrel in the south (cemetery side) parking lot, next to the shed. For the health and safety of our volunteers,

 Please empty, dry, and crush aluminum beverage cans, without any food or beverage residue that will attract vermin.

 Do not include plastic-lined cans, steel cans or other metal in this swing-top aluminum can collection barrel.

 Do not put paper, plastic, food or any other trash in this swing-top aluminum can collection barrel. A trash can is provided nearby for everything else.

MARCH 3, 2024  
THIRD SUNDAY  
IN LENT



*Worship the Lord wherever you are.*

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

Sunday	John 2:13-22	Jesus cleanses the temple
Monday	Exodus 20:1-17	The Ten Commandments
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Christ crucified
Wednesday	Proverbs 24:3-4	Seek wisdom
Thursday	Joshua 24:14-18	The tribes renew the covenant
Friday	2 Samuel 7:18-29	David's prayer
Saturday	Psalm 19	God is creator and gives the law
Sunday	John 3:14-21	God so loved the world

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

*The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?” But he [Jesus] was speaking of the temple of his body. John 2:20-21 (NRSV)*

### **PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

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

Creator God, help us to give you our worship and praise wherever we are for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord who came that we may be set free. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, with the sun, moon, and stars, we give you thanks for your creative work, including this gift of food. Amen. (Psalm 19:1)

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

May you worship the risen Lord with gladness.



MARCH 3, 2024

## HYMN OF THE WEEK

All Are Welcome



# 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:

- Where do you like to worship God?
- Jesus said that his body is the real temple. What does that mean for how and where we worship?

## DEVOTIONS



Read: John 2:1-22.

Jesus goes from turning water into an abundance of wine at a wedding to arriving in Jerusalem and announcing his uncompromising judgment in the temple. Both images of Jesus are critical to the Gospel of John. Jesus opposes the buying and selling happening in the temple at the expense of honoring “*my Father’s house*” (v. 16). The “sign” or authority he gives for his forceful actions is that his body is the real temple. Jesus, as the word made flesh (John 1:14), embodies the very presence of God and, therefore, Jesus becomes the centerpiece for our worship. To the Samaritan woman Jesus says, “*you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem*” (John 4:21). During the COVID pandemic Christians could not gather in person. We began to realize we need not worship only in a sanctuary. The phrase used was “the church has left the building,” noting that we can still worship God outside of sanctuaries. The same message is in John, and it is not new. We can worship wherever we are. *Discuss:* Besides a church building, where have you worshiped Jesus?

**Pray:** God of heaven and earth, help us to see that your glory is everywhere, and wherever we are is an acceptable place to worship you through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, in addition to a sanctuary, where can you join with others to worship God?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



The cross is an ancient symbol of the Christian faith. It reminds us Jesus died that we may live with God forever and is a reminder of a way of life for Jesus’ followers. Light three candles of the seven votive candles shaped like a cross being used for Lent. Sit in silence for a moment while looking at the cross.

**Then pray:** Lord, let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you. You are Rock and my Redeemer. Amen. (Psalm 19:14)