

March 17, 2024 • Fifth Sunday of Lent
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.

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.

ON THE COVER

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken, arranged by Amy Rice-Young
The Fiesta Flutes, conducted by Robert Rubio

WELCOME

Pastor Dan Heim

TEMPLE TALK

Tyler Duysen, Ameya Steubing

Please rise, as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and the ✠ Son, and 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.

GATHERING HYMN

Now the Green Blade Rises



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872-1958
 Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol
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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.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, 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.



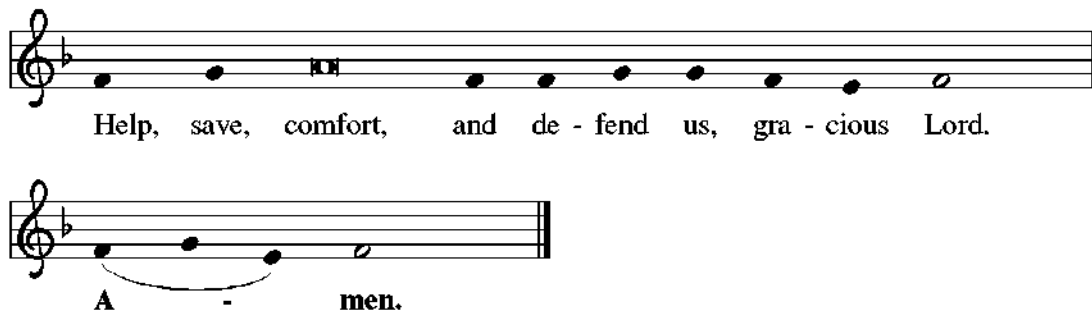
For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, 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.

WORD

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

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor Dan Heim

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; ⁶as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

Please rise, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: JOHN 12:20-33

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

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Kathi Johnson

Please rise as you are able.

1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;

whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!

Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
 see there the ten - drils of our hu - man
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your

pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending,
 this my resurrection;
 into your hands, Lord,
 I commit my spirit.
 This have I searched for;
 now I can possess it.
 This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,
 "Thanks to Christ whose passion
 offers in mercy
 healing, strength, and pardon.
 Peoples and nations,
 take it, take it freely!"
 Amen! My Master!

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 Music: K. Lee Scott, b. 1950
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APOSTLES' CREED

Let us now confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**catholic: universal*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Each petition ends: God of mercy,

Response: **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 *What Wondrous Love*, arranged by John E. Davis
The Fiesta Flutes, conducted by Robert Rubio

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

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

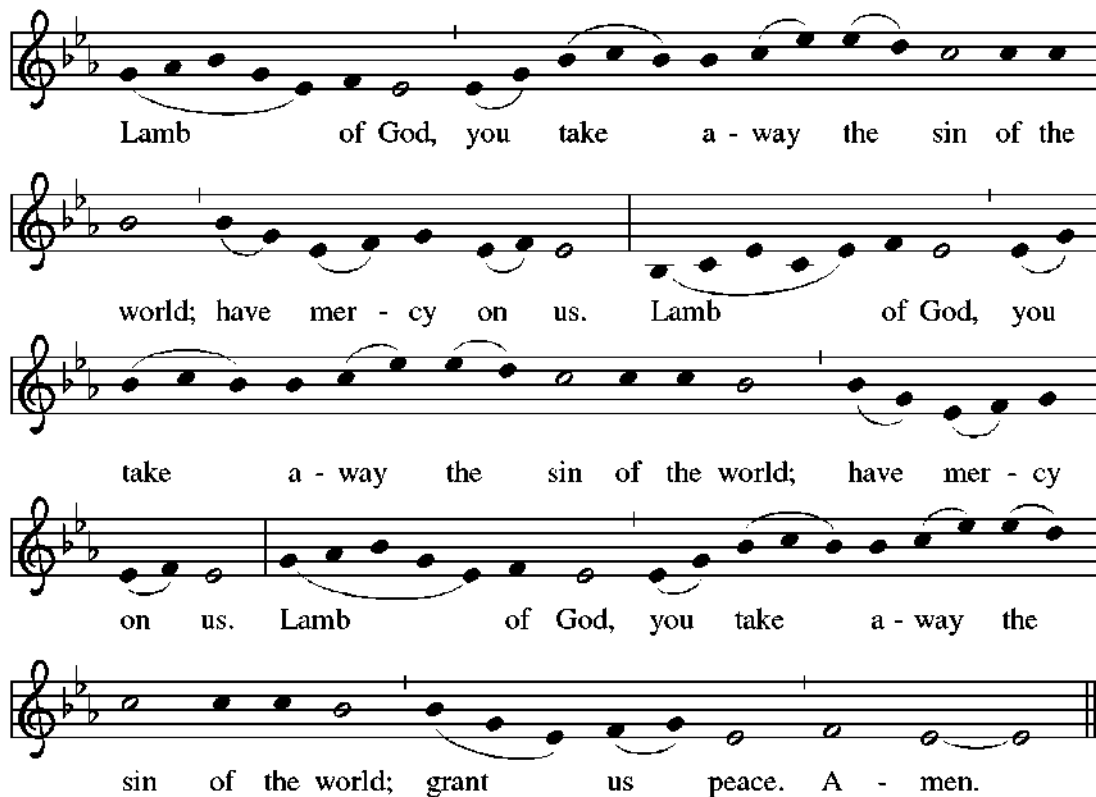
These are the gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God.

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. A - men.

COMMUNION HYMN

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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 Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen
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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

Let us pray. Blessed Jesus, in this meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us out in peace.

BENEDICTION

Beloved ones, we are God's own people.

God bless you and keep you.

God shower you with mercy.

God fill you with courage, and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
 know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
 glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,

far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
 so we are dead and live with you in God.
 so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

Text: Thomas H. Cain, 1931–2003
 Music: OLD 124TH, *Trente quatre pseumes de David*, Geneva, 1551
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*, arranged by Martin Melicharek III
 The Fiesta Flutes, conducted by Robert Rubio

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

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

Lay Readers

9:00 Mary Mora
11:30 Rachel Cannady

Communion Servers

9:00 Philip & Lisa Beekley
11:30 Laura Knoll

Livestream

Steve Johnson
David Umlang

Sound

Scott Van Doren

Ushers

9:00 Paul & Mary Jo Goldenbaum
Carolyn Pfeiffer
Gus & Shannon Rios
David Thamm
11:30 Chris Berg
Pam Gammage
Donna & Steve Niles

☞ Coffee Talk ☞

Today, March 17, 10:20am
Fellowship Hall

Join Dan Graham, discussing
financial scams and how to avoid
fraud.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Scan QR code for this month's calendar



Sunday, March 17

St. Vincent de Paul Drive	8:30	Gazebo, Narthex
Women of Zion Quilting Display	8:30	Gazebo
Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Faith Formation for all Ages	10:15	Details on next page
Coffee Talk: Financial Scams	10:20	Fellowship Hall
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanctuary & YouTube

Monday, March 18

Game Group	12:30	Fellowship Hall
LMM Fellowship Dinner	6:30	Offsite - Sea Island

Tuesday, March 19

Exercise Group	9am	Church 2
Staff Meeting	11am	Breakroom
Council Meeting	6:30	Fellowship Hall
Handbell Choir	6:30	Sanctuary Balcony
Children's Choir	7pm	Ministry Center 1
Youth Choir	7pm	Apse
Warriors Anonymous	7pm	Church 2

Wednesday, March 20

High School/Elementary Mentoring	7:15am	Nichols Elementary
Crafty Bunch	9:30	Ed Bdg Craft Room
Weight Watchers	9:30	Church 2
Wednesday Worship	1& 6:30	Historic Chapel
AA Meeting	7pm	Family Life Center 202
Al-Anon Meeting	7pm	Family Life Center 101
Chancel Choir	7:15	Sanctuary

Thursday, March 21

Weight Watchers	9:30	Church 2
Quilting for Lutheran World Relief	9:30	Fellowship Hall
Stephen Ministry	7pm	Ministry Center 5, 6
Fiesta Flutes Rehearsal	7pm	Church 2

Saturday, March 23

Weight Watchers	7:30& 9:30	Church 2
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Sunday, March 24—Palm Sunday

St. Vincent de Paul Drive	8:30	Gazebo, Narthex
Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Intergenerational Faith Formation Event	10:15	Fellowship Hall
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanctuary & YouTube
New Orleans Nat'l Youth Gathering Mtg	12:30	Ministry Center 1

National Quilt Day Observance

Today, March 17, in the Gazebo

In recognition of National Quilt Day, Zion's Lutheran World Relief quilters are displaying some of the quilts that are helping worldwide when natural disasters occur. Last year, more than 190,000 quilts were shipped from the LWR warehouse to 9 countries. Stop by the gazebo and Ministry Center hallway and look over the sampling of quilts that Zion's quilters have put together.

Adult Class

Sundays in Lent: Have a Beautiful, Terrible Lent
10:15 in Ministry Center 6

*Have a
Beautiful,
Terrible
Lent!*

Lenten devotional 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) to sign up for daily Lenten e-mail prompts.
- come to Sunday morning discussions during Faith Formation hour in MC-6.



Bible 101: Bible Studies from a Lutheran Perspective

2nd and 4th Thursdays - 9:30am

Led by Pastor Eileen Spehr in the Fellowship Hall on March 28 and April 11. Series will continue with new topics.

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

Music Rehearsals

Handbells

Tuesday 6:30pm Balcony

Children's (Gr 2-5)

Tuesday 7-7:45pm MC-1

Youth (Gr 6-12)

Tuesday 7-8pm Apse

Chancel (Adults)

Wednesday 7:15pm Sanctuary

Two Midweek Services

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

Simple communion worship
services in Zion's historic chapel.

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Men's Fellowship Dinner

Third Monday, March 18 at 6:30pm

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

Women of Zion

Tuesday April 9

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.



WOZ@zionsa.org

Game Group—Updated Time

Monday, March 18 at 12:30pm

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



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

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

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

1st and 3rd Thursdays at 9:30am

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 fl at sheets for quilt backing. Sheets can be dropped off at the Fellowship Hall during any quilting time.

OFFICE CONTACT



Mon-Thur 8:30am-5:00pm
Friday close at 3:00pm



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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.

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



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.

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Maundy Thursday Soup Supper

March 28, 6:15 pm, Fellowship Hall (Worship is at 7 pm)

NOLA Celebration!

Sunday, April 21, 8am-1pm Fellowship Hall

Beignets, fruit and coffee breakfast, jambalaya and hot dogs lunch,
Mardi Gras masks, beads and activities for children.

Car Wash

Sunday, May 12, 8:30 am – 12 pm

Drop off your car and youth will wash during worship or Faith Formation hour.

**In July, 22 Zion youth and 5 adults will go to New Orleans
for the triennial gathering of ELCA youth.**

The trip costs \$1200 per person, and we have set a goal of raising
half of that through Zion fundraisers,
with participants paying the remaining \$600.

(The Fall Craft Fair got us off to a nice start with about \$5,000 raised!)

As you are able, please come out and support the trip at any or all of
these fundraisers!

Free will offering will be accepted for each.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Palm Sunday—March 24

Festival Worship with Palm Procession
9am & 11:30am (livestream at 11:30)

Maundy Thursday—March 28

Holy Communion with Stripping of the Altar
1pm & 7pm

Good Friday—March 29

Choral Stations of the Cross
1pm & 7pm

Holy Saturday—March 30

The Great Vigil of Easter
7pm

The Resurrection of Our Lord—March 31

Festival Worship
8am, 9:45am, & 11:30am (livestream at 11:30)

**MARCH 17, 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY
IN LENT**



Jesus is revealed to the whole world.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 12:20-33	The hour has come
Monday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	A new covenant
Tuesday	Hebrews 5:5-10	Jesus as a high priest
Wednesday	1 John 4:7-12	God is love
Thursday	Numbers 12:1-9	Aaron, Miriam, and Moses
Friday	Acts 7:54-60	The stoning of Stephen
Saturday	Psalms 51:1-12	A prayer for cleansing
Sunday	Mark 11:1-11	Jesus enters Jerusalem

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*They [some Greeks] came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." **John 12:21 (NRSV)***

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Loving God, may your power and glory be seen in Jesus' death and resurrection that all the world may know of the depth of your care. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this gift of food that we may be given strength and courage to follow you all the days of our lives through Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you see and hear of God's love for you.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Lord Jesus, You Shall
Be My Song*



**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:

- Who is a famous person you would like to see? Why?
- Where and how do you see Jesus in the world today?

DEVOTIONS



Read: John 12:20-33.

Greeks, that is, non-Jews and people who represent the larger world beyond Galilee and Judea, want to see Jesus. This is an example of John 3:16, *“for God so loved the world.”* Now is the time for Jesus as the Son of Man to be revealed to the whole world in glory. What does that reveal look like? The answer is death and resurrection described through a grain of wheat that must die in order to rise and bear fruit (v. 24). We, too, want to see Jesus and would love to hear a heavenly voice that points to Jesus among us. What we do see and hear is a community of faith that follows Jesus into the world. Through the work of Philip, Andrew, and all others who serve and follow Jesus, the message of his death and resurrection reaches the whole world.

Discuss: How do we as followers of Jesus make him known through our lives?

Pray: **Eternal God, help us to see Jesus in the world and be seen and heard as his followers who serve him and give our all for the sake of your love for the world. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you help others experience the love and mercy of 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 five 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: **Dear Jesus, help us to see you in your suffering and death that we may glorify you through your cross and empty tomb. Amen.**



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

