

April 7, 2024 • Season of Easter
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 RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

"Alleluia! Christ is risen!" This Easter greeting rings out our joy every year. Because Jesus lives, we also live.

"Christ died for our sins," 1st Corinthians reminds us. But the good news of God doesn't dwell in the tomb. The good news is that God's power was shown fully in raising Christ from the dead. The good news is that God's great love for us was also shown fully in raising Christ from the dead. Because Jesus lives, we also live.

We are now in the Season of Easter - a whole season in our church year is dedicated to remembering and celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord. "Alleluia! Christ is Risen!" He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

ON THE COVER

Christ shows himself to Thomas by Rowan and Irene LeCompte

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Trio on *O Filii et Filiae*, by David Johnson
Sandy Musk, Organist

WELCOME

Pastor Kathi Johnson

Please rise, as you are able.

GATHERING HYMN

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,
5 Al - le - lu - ia! now we cry to our Lord im - mor - tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, hold you as a mor - tal:
who tri - um - phant burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing
Al - le - lu - ia! with the Son God the Fa - ther prais - ing;



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.
Al - le - lu - ia! yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing.

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, Johann Horn, 1490–1547

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, 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.

WORD

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

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor Dan Heim

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

PSALM 133

Refrain



God of love and mer - cy, bring peace to all your peo - ple.

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How good when all the earth is one, and hearts embrace community;
When strife will cease to separate, and love binds all in unity. *Refrain*

As oil anointed Aaron's head, and dew adorns the mountainside,
So peace and blessing of the Lord within the faithful heart abide. *Refrain*

SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1-2:2

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—
²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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: John 20:19-31

Doubting Thomas
Spark Children's Bible Page 492

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

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Dan Heim

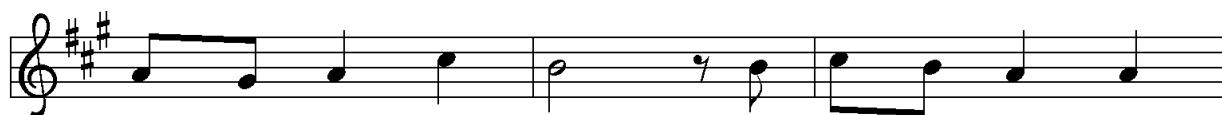
Please rise as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Walk by Faith



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - jice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found:
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

On this day of resurrection joy, let us offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world.

Each petition ends: God of grace,

Response: **Hear our prayer.**

We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy.

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.

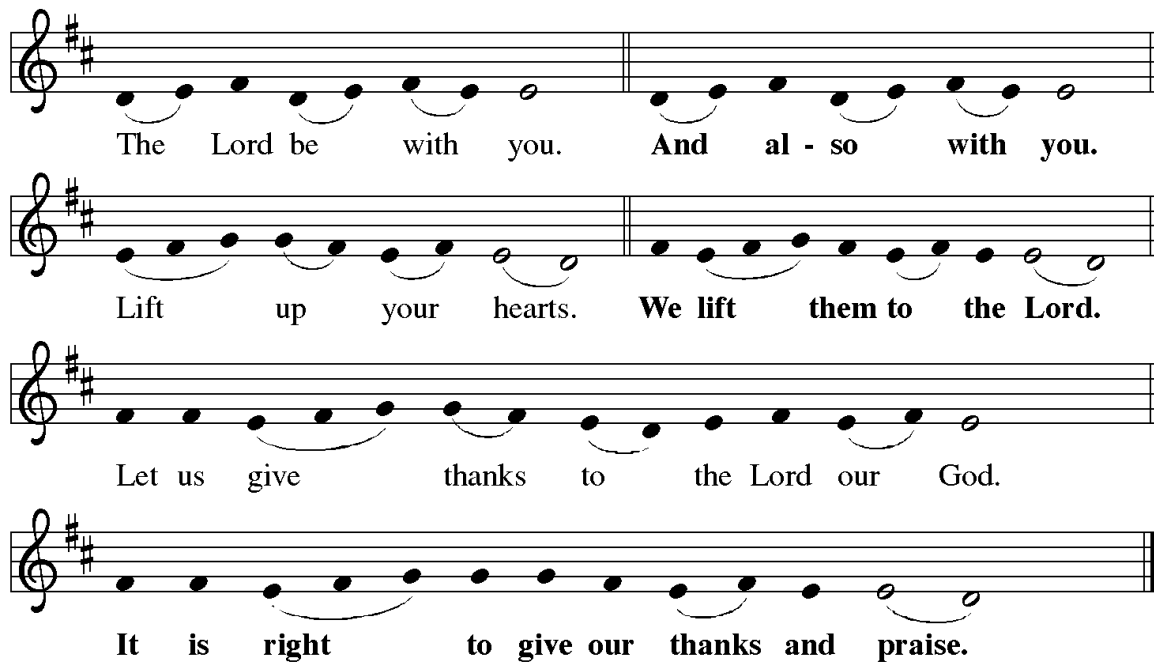
OFFERING MUSIC *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*, by Richard Wienhorst

Please rise, as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

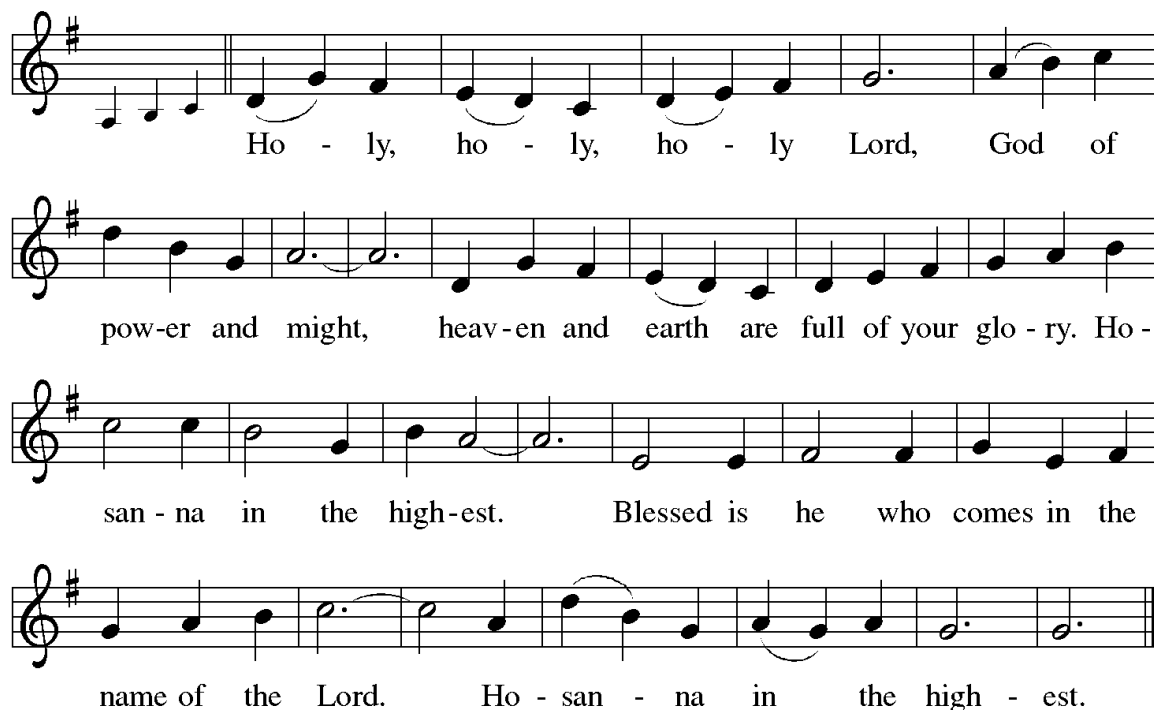
Let us pray. Living God, you gather us in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, that we may be nourished and strengthened in faith, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, 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. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, ✠ your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, 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

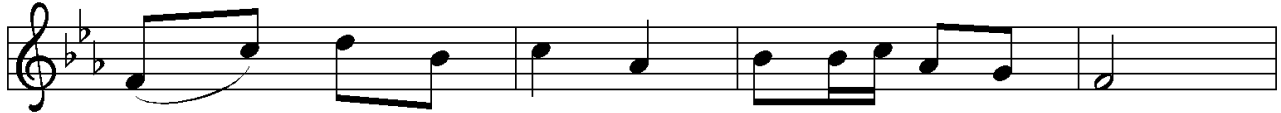
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION 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
 Text from *Oxford Book of Carols*, © Oxford University Press 1928. All rights reserved.

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. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us out in peace.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace and share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

The Strife is O'er, setting by Flor Peeters

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.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Scan QR code for this month's calendar



Sunday, April 7

Women of Zion—Collecting LWR Kits	8:30	Gazebo, Narthex
Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Faith Formation Hour for all ages	10:15	See next page for rooms
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanctuary & YouTube

Monday, April 8

Zion Zippers Potluck & Fellowship	6pm	Fellowship Hall
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Tuesday, April 9

Exercise Group	9am	Church 2
Women of Zion Bible Study	10am	Fellowship Hall
Staff Meeting	11am	Breakroom
Executive Committee Meeting	6pm	Zoom
Handbell Choir	6:30	Sanctuary Balcony
Children's Choir	7pm	Ministry Center 1
Youth Choir	7pm	Music Apse
Warriors Anonymous	7pm	Church 2

Wednesday, April 10

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, April 11

Bible 101: From a Lutheran Perspective	9:30	Fellowship Hall
Weight Watchers	9:30	Church 2
Stephen Ministry	7pm	Ministry Center 5, 6
Fiesta Flutes Rehearsal	7pm	Church 2

Saturday, April 13

Weight Watchers	7:30& 9:30am	Church 2
Memorial Service for Vernon Enderlin	11am	Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall

Calendar continued next page

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 Readers

9:00 Mary Mora
11:30 Rachel Cannady

Cantor

Bud Halstead

Communion Servers

9:00 Bonnie & Brinkley Harrell
11:30 Rachel Cannady, Laura Knoll

Livestream

Steve Johnson
David Umlang

Sound

Scott Van Doren

Ushers

9:00 LeShea Clabough,
Allen Cockrell, John Macha,
Kevin McGee, Travis Nickel,
Brandon & Meredith Price
11:30 Chris Berg, Pam Gammage

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

Memorial Service for Vernon Enderlin

Saturday, April 13, 11am at Zion

Sunday, April 14

Women of Zion—Collecting LWR Kits	8:30	Gazebo, Narthex
Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Faith Formation Hour for all ages	10:15	See sidebar for rooms
“Just Playing the Organ” Class	10:15	Choir Loft
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanctuary & YouTube
New Orleans Nat'l Youth Gathering Mtg	12:30	Ministry Center 1

Women of Zion—Lutheran World Relief Kits

Collecting Kits Sundays April 7, 14, 21 in Narthex and Gazebo

The Women of Zion are asking the congregation to participate in making Lutheran World Relief Kits this month. Please bring completed LWR kits to the red bins in the narthex and gazebo through Sunday, April 21.

Making Lutheran World Relief Kits is a simple, fun and tangible way to offer comfort to those suffering and express love to our neighbors in need. LWR Kits are designed to help people coping with poverty, disaster, conflict and more.

Personal Care Kits: Dark-colored bath towel; Bars of bath-size soap; Adult-size toothbrush in original packaging

Fabric Kits: Fabric should be cotton or cotton-blend fabrics. (No knits or polyester) Size: 2 1/4 yds of 60”-wide fabric OR 3 yds of 44”-wide fabric OR 4 yds of 36”-wide fabric; Thread: Neutral-colored, general purpose, 250-300 yds

Baby Kits: Cotton t-shirts (no onesies); Long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet); Receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel (Between 36” and 52” square); Cloth diapers (preferably NOT prefolded); Jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt with hood or without hood add a cap; Hand towel, dark color recommended; Bars of gentle baby soap

For more information go to: lutheranworldrelief.org

Just Playing the Organ

Sunday, April 14, 10:15am

Choir Loft (Behind the Altar and Organ)

Our Director of Music Ministries, Rob Mikulski, will talk about and demonstrate what goes into playing for services at Zion. You'll get to experience first hand the beautiful instrument we have in our sanctuary, and your questions are welcome! All ages are invited to sit in for this class.

Bible 101: Bible Studies from a Lutheran Perspective

2nd and 4th Thursdays - 9:30am

Led by Pastor Eileen Spehr in the Fellowship Hall on April 11 & 25. Series will continue with new topics.

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.



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Zion Zippers

Monday, April 8, 6pm, Fellowship Hall

The seniors' Zion Zippers, will meet in Fellowship Hall to enjoy a potluck meal. Attendees are requested to bring a little extra food to share, as there will be 6 - 8 additional guests this month. The guests will be flamenco dancers who are graciously donating their time to entertain us! Come join the fun and enjoy their lively performance.

Game Group

Monday, April 15 at 12:30pm

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

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Friday close at 3:00pm



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Men's Fellowship Dinner

Third Monday, April 15 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.

Get ready for some football!

Saturday, April 20

LMM is inviting anyone interested to a sporting fellowship event at the Alamodome...get to go on field prior to game and meet players! More information to come...

Volunteering at the San Antonio Food Bank

Saturday, May 11, 9-11:30am

Zion Lutheran Men in Mission is organizing a volunteer event packing and sorting in the San Antonio Food Bank warehouse at 5200 Historic Old Hwy 90, San Antonio, TX, 78227. It is open to all ages.

Contact Mark Laneman at (210) 264-6339 or mLANEMAN@yahoo.com if you have questions or use the QR code to register.



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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.

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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.

Your generosity empowers Zion's ministry

From Sunday morning worship to feeding families for the holidays, collecting clothing for local charity or relief supplies shipped hundreds of miles, to friendships fostered worldwide with simple hand stitches.

Because you kindly share your time, lend your skills, and support your ministry financially, Zion's impact reaches far beyond the four walls of our sanctuary. On behalf of everyone we're able to help, thank you for your contribution.

For more ways to support Zion's mission, scan this QR code.



<https://secure.myvanco.com/YJYN/campaign/C-12GYC>



**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.



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.

Zion

Music & Theatre Events



The Armed Man
**A Mass
for Peace**

**Friday, May 3
Saturday, May 4**

The Zion Lutheran Chancel Choir and Orchestra invite you to join us for Karl Jenkins' *The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace*. This work, dedicated to the victims of the Kosovo crisis, is a powerful and compelling account of the descent into war and its terrible consequences.

The Latin Mass provides the framework for the piece while also incorporating texts from other religious and historical sources, including the Islamic adhan (call to prayer), the Bible, and the Mahabharata. Words from Rudyard Kipling, Alfred Lord Tennyson, and Sankichi Toge are also included in the text.

A panel discussion led by spiritual and mental health professionals from throughout San Antonio will also be a part of this event.

Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4 at 7:30 pm

Zion Lutheran Church Sanctuary— 9944 Leslie Road, San Antonio, TX 78254

No reserved seating. Free will offering. ZionSA.org

**On April 28 at 10:15 in the Fellowship Hall, Director of Music Ministries Rob Mikulski and Pr. Kathi will hold a pre-concert discussion about the Mass for Peace.
Please join us!**

**APRIL 7, 2024
SECOND SUNDAY
OF EASTER**



Walking in the light of Jesus together.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 20:19-31	Come and see and believe
Monday	Acts 4:32-35	The sharing of goods
Tuesday	1 John 1:1–2:2	The word of life
Wednesday	Matthew 5:14-16	Let your light shine
Thursday	Psalms 27	Song of confidence
Friday	2 Corinthians 4:1-6	Light shining in the darkness
Saturday	Psalms 133	The blessing of unity
Sunday	Luke 24:36b-48	Jesus appears to the disciples

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

[I]f we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1:7 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of love and mercy, we thank you for the community of faith that helps us to know and experience your light and truth through Jesus, our resurrected Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Generous God, we thank you for this meal and pray that others may have what they need to live, serve, and trust in you through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's light bless you with people filled with joy.



APRIL 7, 2024

HYMN OF THE WEEK

This Little Light of Mine



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:

- Do you find it easy or difficult to forgive someone? Explain.
- Why is forgiveness important to Christian fellowship?

DEVOTIONS



Read: 1 John 1:1–2:2.

Linus from the Peanuts comic strip once said, “I love mankind... It’s people I can’t stand!” Living in community with others can be a challenge. For Christians, living together in community is God’s gift for our broken and sinful lives. Sometimes, we deceive ourselves into thinking we are more deserving, better than, or more lovable than others. Confession frees us to welcome Jesus into our lives through God’s power of forgiveness that is for all. This simple message of forgiveness is hard to experience, especially when there are people whom we have had a hard time loving or even accepting. God’s light takes us out of our own darkness and brings us into a humble yet joyous fellowship with others. Unity and fellowship have always been at the heart of God’s creative and redeeming work for all the world (Psalm 133). We are asked to be aware of our darkness and move into the light through the power of God’s forgiving grace.

Discuss: How does confession and forgiveness of your own brokenness help you understand fellowship with others in a new light?

Pray: **God of light and truth, we thank you for forgiveness given to us through the suffering of Jesus Christ that we may have eternal fellowship with you and with all people. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, what can you do to restore a broken relationship?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



There is a long history of Christians sharing a sign of peace with one another during worship as an expression of the peace God gives to us through Jesus. This sharing of the peace relates directly to Jesus’ appearance to the disciples when he said, “*Peace be with you*” three times (John 20:19-31). This week, when you are visited by others in your home or when you are visiting friends, take a moment to share the peace. As you shake their hand, hug them, or give a high five, greet them by saying: **Peace be with you.**



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