

April 21, 2024 • Season of Easter
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 EASTER

"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!

Zion Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

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

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| PRELUDE | | |
| 9:00 | <i>This is the Day</i> by Mark Burrows | Children's Choir |
| 11:30 | <i>I Know That My Redeemer Lives</i> by Robert Farrell | Chancel Choir |

WELCOME

Pastor Dan Heim

Please rise, as you are able.

Section end. Section end.

GATHERING HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!

of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!

at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807-1882, alt.
 Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781-1821

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father 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 4:5-12

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' ¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

PSALM 23

Refrain



The LORD is my shep-herd; I shall not be in want.

Psalm 23:1

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The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. *Refrain.*

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. *Refrain.*

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

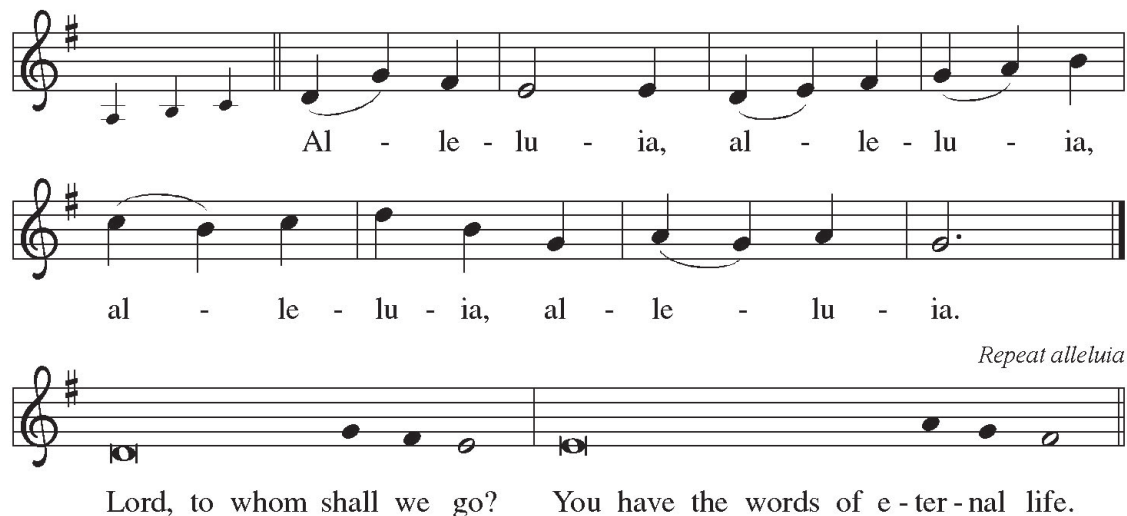
¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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 10:11-18

The Good Shepherd
Spark Children's Bible Page 436

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

[Jesus said:] ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

Please be seated.

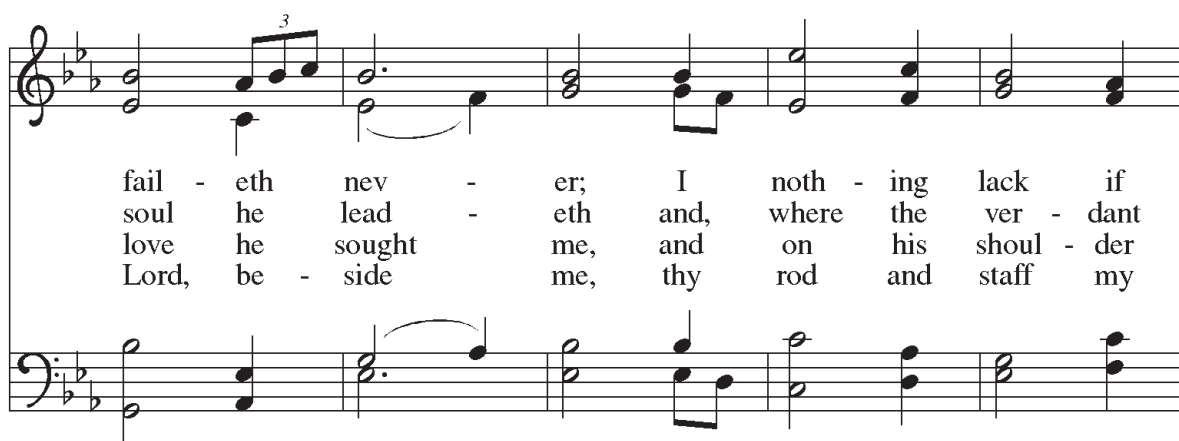
SERMON

Pastor Kathi Johnson

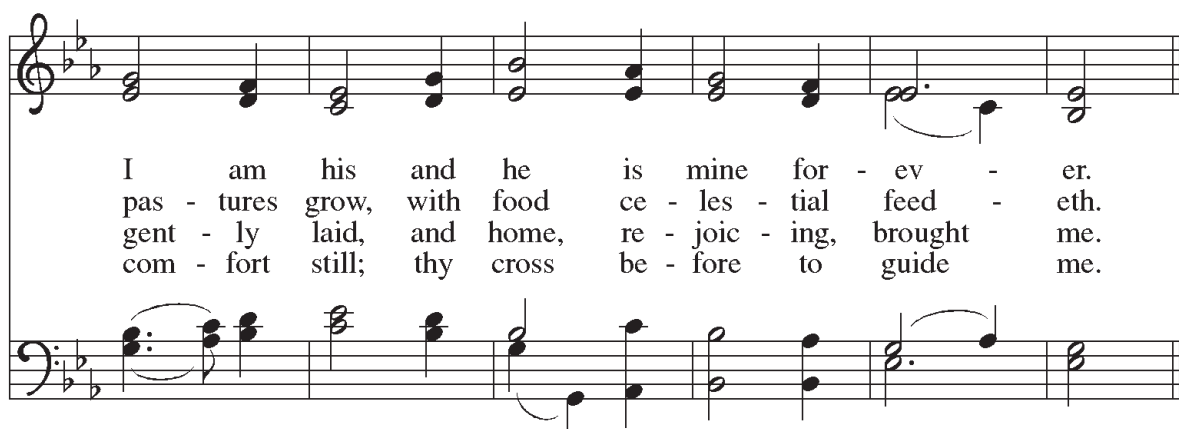
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1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877
 Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

APOSTLES' CREED — NO PARTIALS —

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

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

9:00

Hymn of Promise by Natalie Sleeth

Children's Choir

11:30

The Lord is My Shepherd by Neil Harmon

Chancel Choir

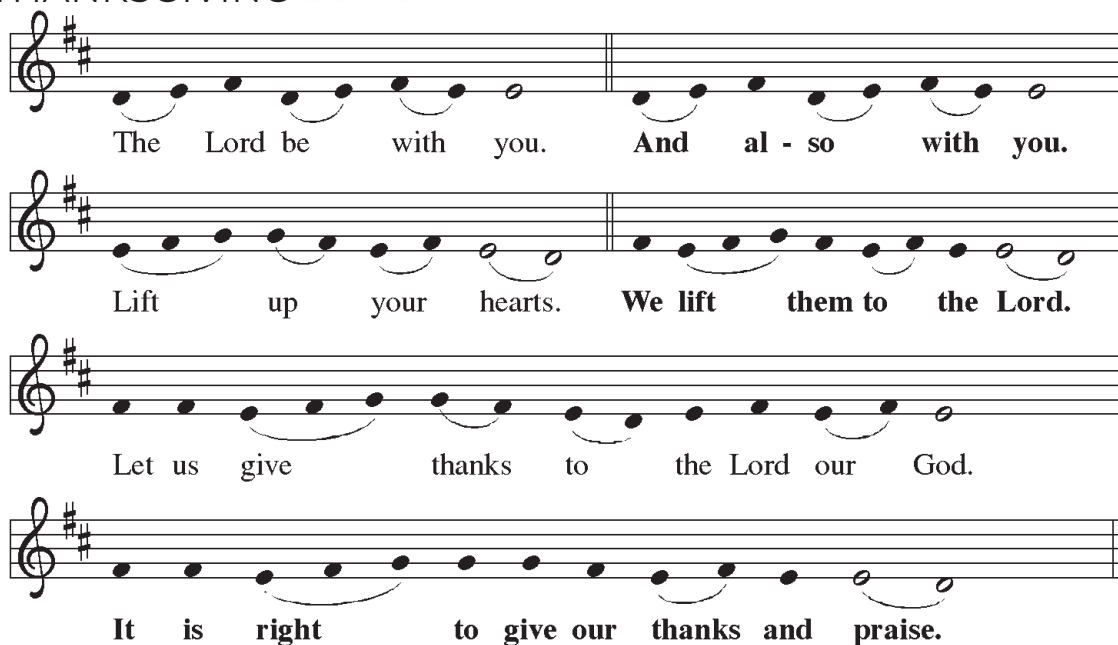
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OFFERING PRAYER

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.

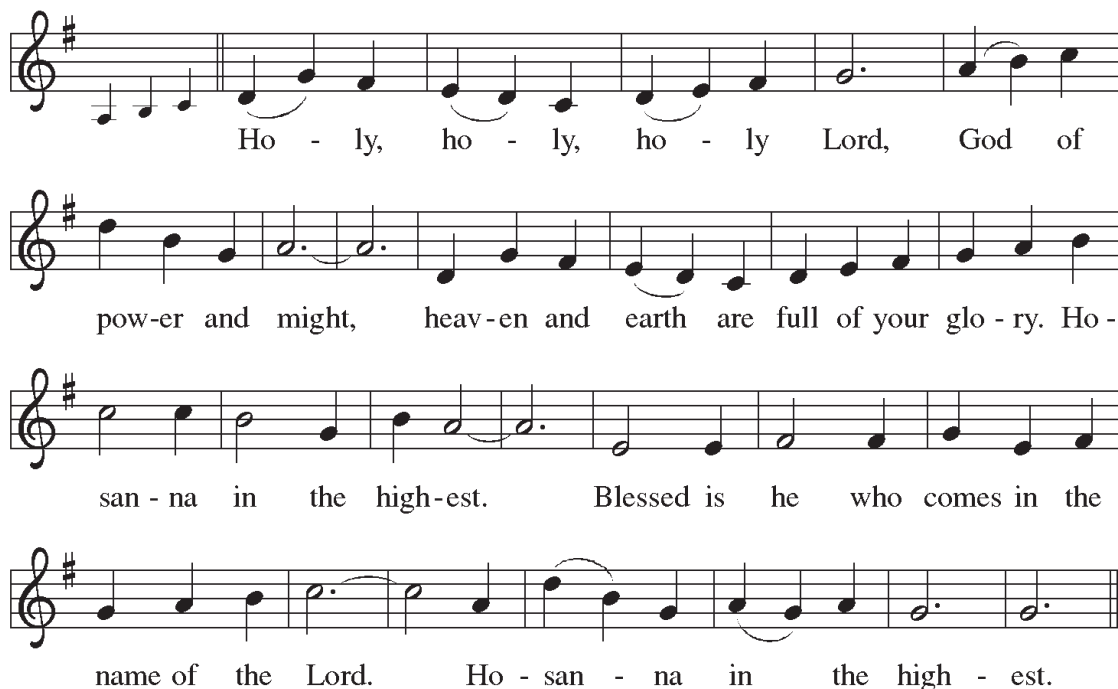
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GREAT THANKSGIVING



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, 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

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.

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 MUSIC

9:00

Here I Am, Lord by Daniel Schutte

Children's Choir

COMMUNION HYMN

Lord, Who the Night You Were Betrayed

1 Lord, who the night you were be - trayed did pray that all your
 2 For all your church on earth, we in - ter - cede; Lord, make our
 3 And hear our prayer for wan-d'ers from your fold; re - store them,
 4 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease, may we be

church might be for - ev - er one: help us at
 sad di - vi - sions soon to cease; draw us all
 too, Good Shep - herd of the sheep, back to the
 one with all your church a - bove— one with your

ev - 'ry eu - cha - rist to say with will - ing heart and
 clos - er, each to each, we plead, by draw - ing all to
 faith your saints con - fessed of old, and to the church still
 saints in one un - bro - ken peace, one with your saints in

soul, "Your will be done." Oh, may we all one bread, one
 you, O Prince of peace; thus may we all one bread, one
 pledged that faith to keep. Soon may we all one bread, one
 one un - bound - ed love; more bless - ed still, in peace and

bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
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 bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
 love to be one with the Trin - i - ty in u - ni - ty.

Text: William H. Turton, 1856–1938, alt.
 Music: SONG 1, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

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.

Section End

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 *on next page*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Exultation by Richard Lloyd

AVAILABLE FOR PRAYER

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

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,

with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
 dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet, till we

meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 meet a - gain,

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904
 Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833-1896

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Scan QR code for this month's calendar



Today, April 21

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| Breakfast & Lunch Fundraiser for New Orleans Nat'l Youth Gathering | 8am-1pm | Fellowship Hall |
| Worship in person | 9am | Sanctuary |
| Worship in person and online | 11:30 | Sanctuary & YouTube |

Monday, April 22

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| Bunco | 1pm | Fellowship Hall |
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Tuesday, April 23

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| 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, April 24

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| High School/Elementary Mentoring | 7:15am | Nichols Elementary |
| 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 | FLC 202 |
| Al-Anon Meeting | 7pm | FLC 101 |
| Chancel Choir | 7:15 | Sanctuary |

Thursday, April 25

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| Bible 101: Lutheran Perspective | 9:30 | Fellowship Hall |
| Weight Watchers Mtg | 9:30 | Church 2 |
| Youth Night/Confirmation Mentoring | 6:30 | Ministry Center |
| Fiesta Flutes Rehearsal | 7pm | Church 2 |
| Stephen Ministry Supervision | 7pm | MC-5 and 6 |

Saturday, April 27

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| Weight Watchers Meetings | 7:30 & 9:30am | Church 2 |
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Sunday, April 28

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| Worship in person | 9am | Sanctuary |
| Faith Formation Hour for all ages | 10:15 | Details next page |
| Science & Faith Series | 10:15 | MC 1 |
| Worship in person and online | 11:30 | Sanctuary & YouTube |
| Hymn Festival for all, hosted by American Guild of Organists | 3:00 | Sanctuary |

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 Brian Mabry
11:30 Eileen Spehr

Cantor

Sammy Mikulski

Communion Servers

9:00 Melanie Murray
Jennifer Kretzschmar
11:30 Sammy Mikulski

Livestream

Steve Johnson, David Umlang

Sound

Scott VanDoren

Ushers

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

NEXT 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 |

Two Midweek Services

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

Simple communion worship services
in Zion’s historic chapel.

Music Rehearsals

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| 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 |

New Orleans Breakfast & Lunch TODAY

ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING FUNDRAISERS

Free Will Offerings Also Accepted at all Fundraisers!

CREATED
TO BE

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, twenty-two Zion youth and five 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 at each event. You may also donate via cash, check or at ZionSA.org>Events-Fundraisers, and note that your donation is for the Youth Gathering.



Hymn Fest Next Sunday, April 28

3:00pm in Zion's Sanctuary

The American Guild of Organists is hosting a Hymn Festival, as part of their weekend conference at Zion. The congregation and wider community are invited to this event, to sing and enjoy the hymns that are so integral to our Christian traditions.

Lutheran World Relief Kits

Collecting Kits through this Friday at noon

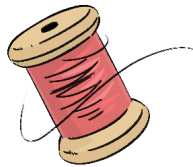
The Women of Zion are asking the congregation to participate in making Lutheran World Relief Kits this month. Please bring completed LWR kits to the red bins in the narthex and gazebo by the end of this week.

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.

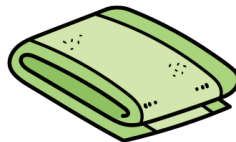
- **Personal Care Kits:** Dark-colored bath towel; Bars of bath-size soap; Adult-size toothbrush in original packaging



- **Fabric Kits:** Fabric should be cotton or cotton-blend fabrics. (No knits or polyester)
2¼ 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 pre-folded); 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

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Friday

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Thursday
afternoon

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Zion Bunco Group

Monday, April 22 1:00pm

Zion Bunco Group will meet for a rousing game of Bunco and fellowship at 1:00, Monday April 22 in the Fellowship Hall. For info contact Shirley Homeier-McBrayer through the church office.

Weekday Bible Study

Led by Pastor Eileen Spehr. Meets at 9:30am on the second and fourth Thursdays* in the Fellowship Hall.

Apr 25 Bible 101 (last in series)

May 9 New series begins: *The Psalms*.

*Meeting dates May 9, 23, June 13 and July 11.

Science & Faith Series

April 28, May 5 and 12, 10:15am

Adult class, *Test of Faith*: does science threaten belief in God? Join in this video and discussion series, with guest speakers. No preparation required. Meets in MC 1.

Quilting for LWR

1st and 3rd Thursdays at 9:30am

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Youth Nights/Confirmation Mentoring

April 25 Dinner and Fellowship
6:30-8:30 in Ministry Center

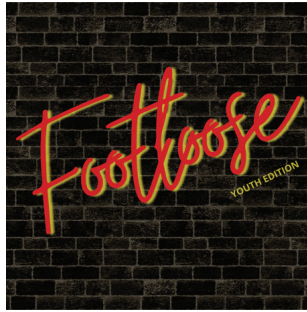
For middle and high schoolers, every other Thursday, 6:30-8 pm: Dinner, Bible study, service project, Confirmation mentoring. \$4 suggested offering for dinner. Use the QR to



Summer Theatre Camp

June 24-28 and July 1-5*

This year's camp is a musical production of FOOTLOOSE - Youth Edition (July 5 & 6). Kids will have a blast singing and dancing in this high energy musical.



The story takes place in the South, where we meet many interesting characters in the quiet town of Beaumont. SPOILER ALERT: things don't stay quiet for long!

Campers new to the Zion Theatre Group OR those interested in a larger role need to submit a singing audition video, approximately one minute, of any musical theater song. Deadline for video auditions is May 1. Ensemble performers and tech need not audition.

Theatre Camp applications are in the weekly Z-Mail, or request one through the church office. Details for submitting auditions is on the application. \$300 per person for the two week camp - ask about family discount.

*No camp July 4



Call Process Update

for our Associate Pastor

Now that we are through Holy Week and Easter Sunday, the Call Team for our next Associate Pastor began the orientation process with a meeting last weekend. Lengthy introductions allowed the team to get to know each other, and we briefed the team on parts of Zion's constitution that relate to the call process. As part of our meeting, Susan Johns was selected as the chairperson for the team.

Next steps include meeting with Deacon Darcy from the Office of the Bishop, and also commissioning the Call Team during both worship services next Sunday, April 28. Please pray for this team as their work begins!

In peace,

Bud Halstead, Council President

Pastor Kathi Johnson, Senior Pastor



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.



Day Camp June 17-21 and/or June 24-28

For those entering Kindergarten through grade 7 in Fall '24. Youth-led day camp, 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

Zion Zippers 50+ Fellowship

Monday, May 13 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, plus a little extra for the entertainers. Bring your own plate and utensils if you can, and invite a friend, too!

On May 13, the Zion Zippers will be treated to a performance by the puppeteer troupe of Colonial Hills United Methodist Church, led by Jason Chandler. It should be great entertainment, so come join the fun!

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

Dinner Out at Red Hook Seafood

Thursday, May 2 at 6:30pm

Dinner Out invites all adults to meet this month at



Red Hook
CAJUN SEAFOOD & BAR

Red Hook Seafood,
6759 NW Loop 410, between In-
gram and Culebra. Come early

for socializing; dinner seating is at 6:30.

RSVP by April 29 to Jim or Sandy Chillstrom; call the church office if you need their contact info.

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.

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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.



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Blessed Change for the Southwest Texas Synod Benevolence Collection

Next Sunday, April 28

in the Narthex

Zion is collecting your Blessed Change to forward to the benevolence collection at the SWTX Synod convention in May.

This year's collection will go toward Lutheran Disaster Ministry.

Look for the water well in the narthex next Sunday and drop in your loose change, folding money and

checks, or use this QR code to get to Zion's donations web page.



LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH · SAN ANTONIO

Fellowship Events for Men, and for Families

Men's Fellowship Dinner

Third Monday, May 29 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.

EVERYONE INVITED FOR Volunteering at the

San Antonio Food Bank

Saturday, May 11 from 9:00-11:30am

Zion Lutheran Men in Mission is organizing a volunteer event, packing and sorting donations in the San Antonio Food Bank warehouse at 5200 Historic Old Hwy 90.



This activity is open to all ages.

Scan this QR to register or contact Mark Laneman via the church office.



River City Ringers of San Antonio Pop, Rock and Recollection

Spring 2024 Handbell Concert Series

Thursday, May 9 at 7:00pm

Handbell concert in Zion's sanctuary is free and open to the community. Free-will donations will be appreciated.

APRIL 21, 2024
FOURTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER



The Good Shepherd comes with power to love.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

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| Sunday | John 10:11-18 | The Good Shepherd |
| Monday | Acts 4:5-12 | Peter and John before the council |
| Tuesday | 1 John 3:16-24 | Love one another |
| Wednesday | Luke 15:1-7 | Parable of the lost sheep |
| Thursday | Ezekiel 34:11-16 | God, the true shepherd |
| Friday | 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 | The resurrection of Christ |
| Saturday | Psalm 23 | The Lord is my shepherd |
| Sunday | John 15:1-8 | Jesus the true vine |

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. Psalm 23:4 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Shepherding God, we thank you that your care for us is never ending and filled with your abundant goodness and mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear Jesus, just as you are with us and protect us each day like a good shepherd, we thank you for feeding us with this food, a sign of your abundant love. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the love of God in Jesus, the Good Shepherd, give you comfort and peace.



APRIL 21, 2024

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Shepherd Me, O God



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:

- Talk or think about a time you experienced fear or anxiety.
- How does Jesus, the Good Shepherd, comfort and protect you during fearful times?

DEVOTIONS



Read: John 10:11-18.

The focus in John 10 on being the good shepherd is directly related to Jesus healing the man born blind in John 9. The man born blind was cast out of the synagogue, out of the religious community, out of a protective sheepfold. Jesus as the good shepherd knows us and loves us enough to lay down his life for us. Jesus does not abandon us or cast us out. Unlike the disinterest of a hired hand who runs away when our needs are the greatest, Jesus cares for us as those who need the protection of a shepherd. This is the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. He has power and he uses that power to care for us and to give us the abundant life, the life overflowing with goodness (John 10:10). All of this power to love, to give us life overflowing with goodness and abundance, comes not from the abusive power of Pharisees, synagogues, or any disinterested individuals or institutions, but from the divine. This is the command that Jesus has received from God and passes on to us, the command to love sacrificially.

Discuss: When has your life been blessed by the sacrificial love of another?

Pray: **Loving God, help us to know that we are not abandoned in our time of need, but blessed with overflowing love through the power and grace of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. 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 give sacrificially to someone in need?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Both readings from John 10 and Psalm 23 follow the theme of shepherd. Draw the shape of a sheep on a sheet of paper. Write Jesus in the center of the shape and then words you would use to describe a good shepherd. Think or talk about what the words you wrote mean to you. Finish with prayer using the words from Psalm 23:6 as a reminder of God's comfort: **You, LORD, are my shepherd. I will never be in need. Your kindness and love will always be with me each day of my life, and I will live forever in your house, LORD. Amen.** (CEV)



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

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!