

May 12, 2024 • Ascension of Our Lord
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.

ASCENSION

In today's readings the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples are told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

ON THE COVER

The Ascension (1879), Gustave Doré (French, 1832-1883). Oil on canvas. Petit Palais - Fine Arts Museum of Paris.

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE		
9:00	<i>Joyful Peal</i> by Patricia Hurlbutt	Handbells
11:30	<i>Day of Arising</i> setting by James Biery	

WELCOME

Pastor Bill Swantner

Please rise, as you are able.

Section end. Section end.

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,

his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful

Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Section End

WORD

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

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor Dan Heim

FIRST READING: ACTS 1:1-11

The Ascension
Spark Children's Bible Page 498

[Luke writes:] ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

PSALM 47

Michael Morgan

Hal H. Hopson

Refrain

Clap your hands, O faith - ful peo - ple!

Shout to God a song of praise!

Clap your hand, O faithful people! Shout to God a song of praise!
From the dust of conquered nations, God a realm of grace shall rise.
To God's name forever faithful, May we prosper all our days. *Refrain.*

With a shout, and blast of trumpet, God shall mount a throne on high;
Let our praise, as finest incense, Rise to meet God in the sky.
Fill the world with glad rejoicing, Heav'n shall sing, and earth reply. *Refrain.*

Let your hearts be filled with gladness, As the lord your life shall bless;
Live as heirs of God's great justice, Wear the cloak of righteousness.
God will grant us earth's dominion, All things good and nothing less. *Refrain.*

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SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1:15-23

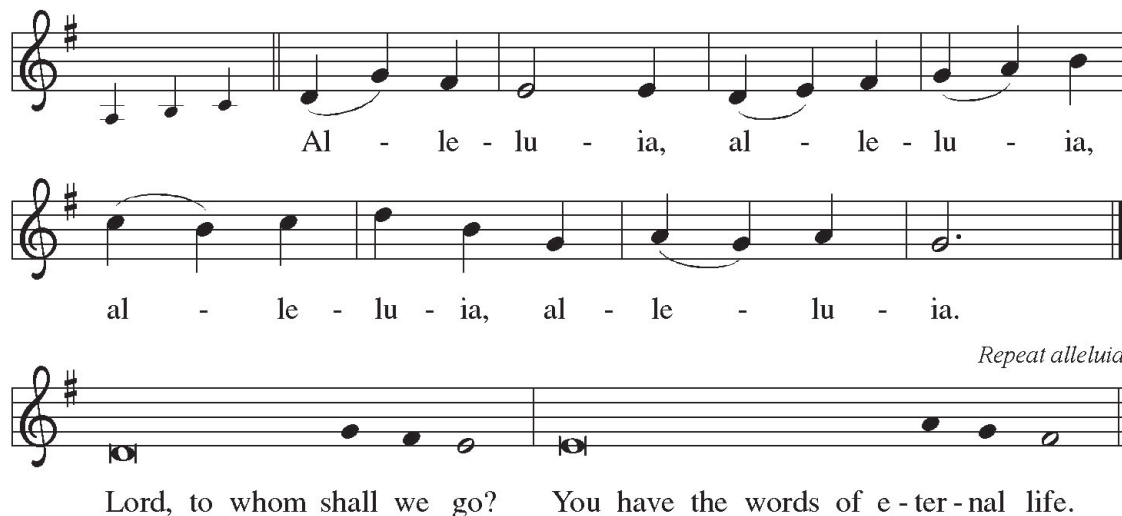
[Paul writes] ¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

Please rise, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

GOSPEL: LUKE 24:44-53

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

⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” ⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you

preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,

and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the

to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:
mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

Refrain

With the Spir-it's gifts em-pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

The image shows a musical score for a refrain. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The treble staff contains a melody with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The bass staff contains a bass line with chords and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music concludes with a double bar line.

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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

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

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 may place their offerings in the jar to the left of the Chancel (near the sacristy door). During the offering music, the pastor sets the table for Holy Communion.

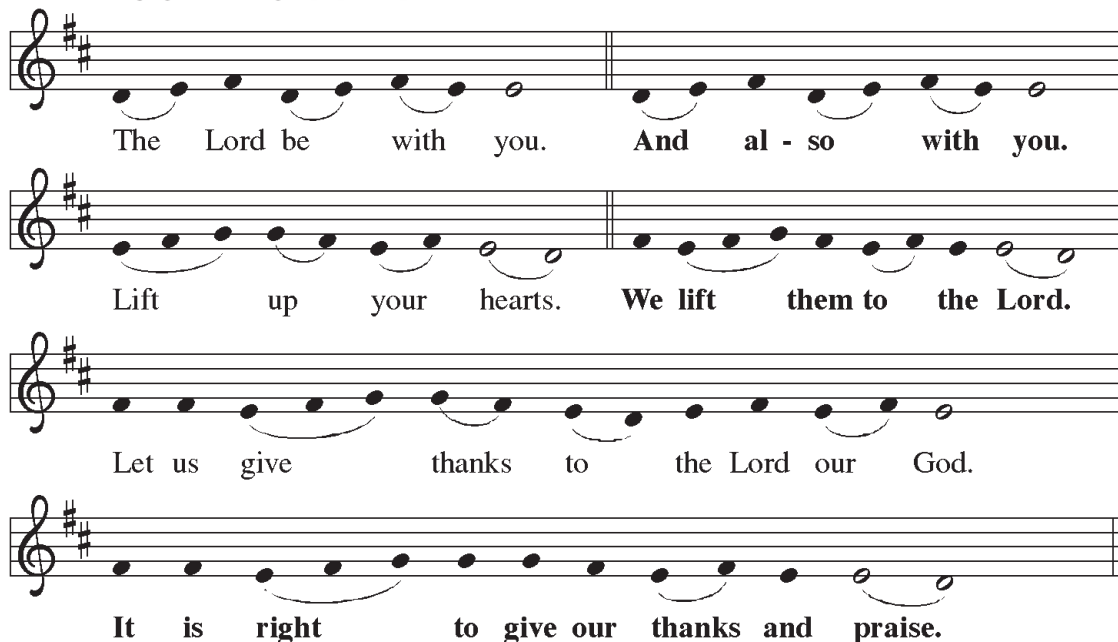
OFFERING MUSIC		
9:00	<i>Abide with Me</i> arranged by Jason Krug	Handbells
11:30	<i>Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels</i> by Michael Burkhardt	Chancel Choir

Please rise, as you are able. The ushers bring the offering forward for the Offering Prayer.

OFFERING PRAYER

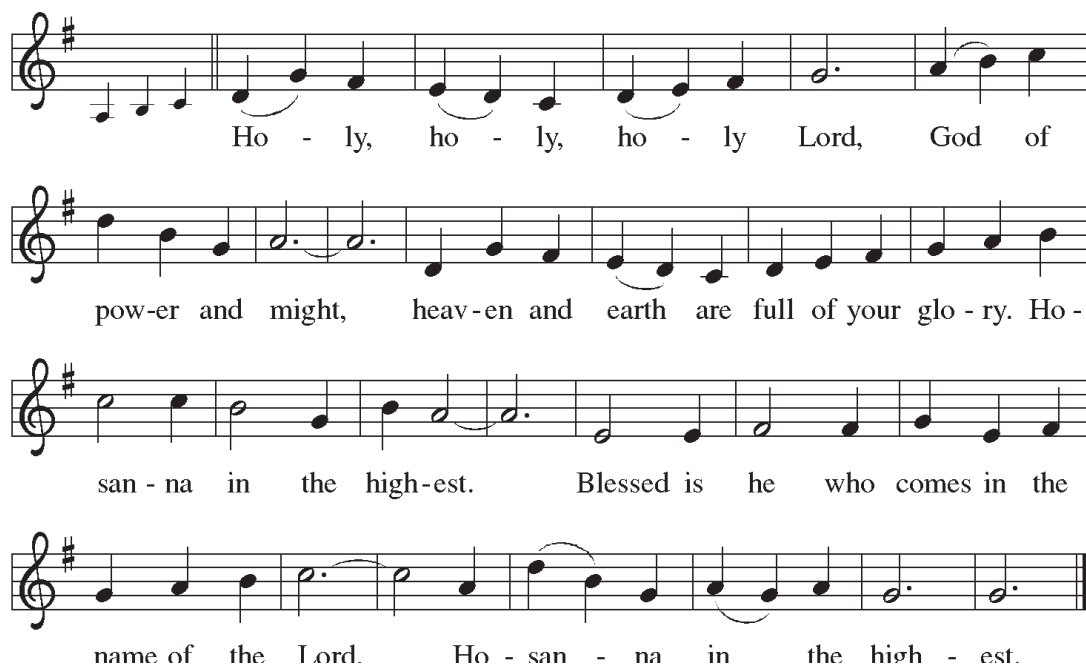
Let us pray. God of good gifts,
receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ; who, enthroned forever at your right hand, intercedes for us as our great high priest. 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 your grace shown in every age: the promise to your people, 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

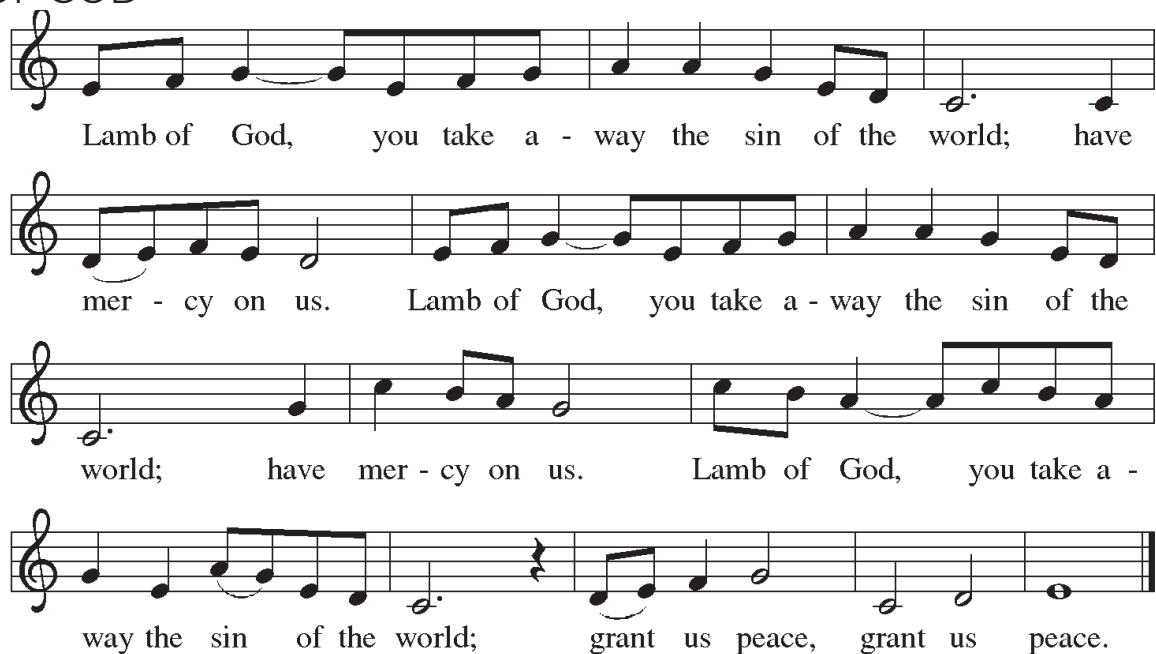
These are the gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

Because this is the Lord's table, we welcome all to receive Holy Communion. If you'd like to receive a blessing instead, simply come forward and cross your arms over your chest. 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 tray for those unable to drink wine. After receiving 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

Children of the Heavenly Father
arranged by Anna Laura Page

Handbells

11:30

Prayer of St. Patrick by Bernard Sexton

Chancel Choir

COMMUNION HYMN

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd



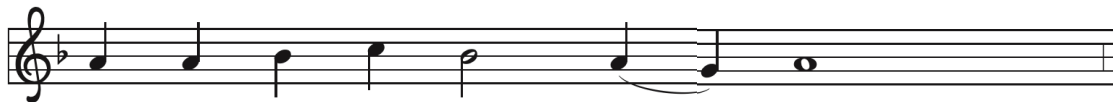
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
stripped of might up - on the cross,
sit in pow - er at God's side.
Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



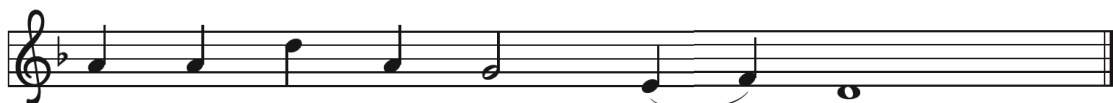
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
have a love that reach - es wide.
wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
you, who are both gift and cost.
you, who are our pil - grim and guide.
you, who are our death and life.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993.
Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.
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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. 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 *on next page*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

O God, Thou Faithful God
setting by Paul Manz

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 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Scan QR code for this month's calendar



Sunday, May 12

Car Wash Fundraiser for Youth	8:30	FH Parking Lot
Pie Sale Fundraiser for LWR by WOZ	10am	Gazebo
Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Faith Formation Hour for all ages (last)	10:15	Details at right
Science & Faith Series (last)	10:15	MC 1

Monday, May 13

Zion Zippers Potluck Fellowship	6pm	Fellowship Hall
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Tuesday, May 14

Exercise Group	9am	Church 2
Women of Zion Bible Study & More	10am	Fellowship Hall
Staff Meeting	11am	Break Room
Executive Committee	6pm	Zoom
Handbell Choir	6:30	Sanctuary Balcony
Warriors Anonymous	7pm	Church 2

Wednesday, May 15

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, May 16

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief	9:30	Fellowship Hall
Weight Watchers Mtg	9:30	Church 2
Fiesta Flutes Rehearsal	7pm	Church 2

Saturday, May 18

Weight Watchers Meetings	7:30 & 9:30am	Church 2
Auditions for West Side Story	2pm	Family Life Center

Sunday, May 19

Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
End of the Year Faith Formation Party	10:15	Patio by FLC
Pastor's Class: Women, Jesus and the Gospels, through June 9	10:15	Fellowship Hall
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanctuary & YouTube
Auditions for West Side Story	2pm	Family Life Center

Worship Support

May Altar Guild

Randalyn Nickel
Eileen & Mel Berg
Sharon Meade
Karen Umlang

Lay Reader

9:00 Scott McKenzie
11:30 LeShea Clabough

Cantor

Celeste Mussey

Communion Servers

9:00 Mary Jo & Paul Goldenbaum
11:30 Jennifer & Kevin Kretzschmar

Livestream

Justin Heinen, David Umlang

Sound

Scott VanDoren

Ushers

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

Sunday Faith Formation for Children and Youth at 10:15

Meet in Ministry Center classrooms.
Today is last class meeting for the
spring. Next Sunday, May 19 is an
End of the Year Party on the Patio,
next to the FLC/Gazebo

<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.

TODAY!



Mother’s Day Home Baked Pie Sale

Today, May 12 beginning
at 10:00am

Whole pies to go are \$15.00 each.

No sales before 10:00am, please. This fundraising event
is sponsored by the Women of Zion to benefit Lutheran
World Relief.

ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING FUNDRAISER

Free Will
Offerings Also
Accepted

CREATED
TO BE

TODAY! 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 four 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 fundrais-
ers, with participants paying the remaining \$600.
The Fall Craft Fair and the April 21 Mardi Gras event
have brought us \$8,500 to divide among the group.

As you are able, please bring your dirtiest vehicle
and support the youth for this trip! A free will offering
will be accepted.

Women, Jesus, & The Gospels

New Class Series with Pastor Kathi

Four weeks beginning next Sunday, May 19, at 10:15am in the Fellowship Hall. Join Pastor Kathi for a look at the life of Jesus and the women who became his disciples, supported his ministry, followed him to the cross, and proclaimed his resurrection from the dead. We'll focus on Mary Magdalene, Mary and Martha, and some of the unnamed women in the gospels.

Weekday Bible Study Series: The Psalms

Led by Pastor Eileen Spehr. Meets at 9:30am on Thursdays as scheduled below. Come to the Fellowship Hall. *Meeting dates May 23, June 13 and July 11.*

Blessed Change for Christian Assistance Ministry

Next Sunday May 19 in the Narthex

Zion is collecting Blessed Change for CAM in San Antonio. CAM helps people in all sorts of crisis, providing items for physical needs while addressing the needs of the mind and soul, like an emergency room for social services.

Next Sunday, look for the water well



in the narthex and drop in your loose change, folding money and checks, or use this QR code to get to Zion's donations web page.

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



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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 to share.

Women of Zion

WOZ Bible Study & More
Tuesday May 14 at 10:00am

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.



**June 17-21
and/or
June 24-28**

For those entering Kindergarten through grade 7 in Fall '24. Youth-led daycamp, developing young leaders through hands-on activity with the Bible, worship, art, STEM, games, drama, snacks and more.

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

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

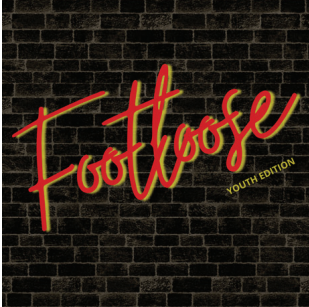


Camp Hope 2024

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*

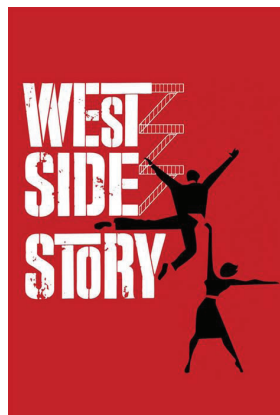


Summer Show Auditions

May 18 & 19 at 2:00pm

Auditions for high school age and adults. Be prepared to sing and learn a short dance combo. Meet in the Zion Family Life Center at 2:00 on either Saturday May 18 or Sunday May 19. Contact Sammy Mikulski if you have questions.

Performances of West Side Story are July 18-21 and 25-28.



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generosity
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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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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.



LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION®

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Men's Fellowship Dinner

Third Monday, May 20 at 6:30pm

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

Game Group

Monday, May 20 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.

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

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

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD



Christ's reign reaches all people.

ASCENSION DAY BIBLE READINGS

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

Thursday	Luke 24:44-53	The ascension of Jesus
	Acts 1:1-11	Jesus is ascended
	Ephesians 1:15-23	Paul's prayer for the church
	Psalms 47	God rules the nations

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR ASCENSION DAY

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for Ascension Day:

Almighty and living God, we thank you for bringing all the people of the earth under your reign that all may know of your steadfast love and faithfulness in Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Almighty God, you who rule over all the world, we praise you for your creative work that gives us food from the earth; thank you for the hands that provided it. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you be given a spirit of wisdom to know our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1:17)

HYMN FOR ASCENSION DAY

*Lord, You Give the Great
Commission*



taking
faith
home

ASCENSION DAY MILESTONES



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

CARING CONVERSATIONS



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

- Tell or think about the furthest city, state, or country you have traveled to.
- What is it like to meet new people and know they are God's people, no matter how different they are from you?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Psalm 47.

Psalm 47 is called an enthronement psalm. It is a psalm that celebrates God's reign over all the earth. Verse 9 is striking because it states that all nations and the rulers of all nations are the people of Abraham. It announces that all people are God's people. Ascension Day recognizes that the message of Jesus Christ is to go out to all the world. No people are to be left out. Jesus' ascension points to the power of God that is not just for the disciples, but a power intended to bless all people, all nations, just as Psalm 47 states. This psalm and the Ascension Day message direct the people of the church to see others in a new light, the light that is to shine on all people with grace and mercy for repentance and forgiveness. In a world that can divide people into different and opposing groups, Ascension Day reminds us of God's power to bring us together as one people, a people who receive the power of the risen Christ.

Discuss: How does the message of the ascension of Jesus help you to see others in a new way?

Pray: **Everlasting God, for your power that knows no end and that seeks us out with your love, help us to show your love to others through Christ Jesus our risen and ascended Savior. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Ascension Day Bible Readings and theme for this day, how can you reach out to someone who is different than yourself with the love of God in Christ?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



In Luke 24:50-53, we learn that Jesus led the disciples to a town named Bethany and then 'lifting up his hands and blessed them'. As he blessed the disciples, he ascended to heaven. Close your eyes and picture the disciples being blessed and then Jesus rising to the sky. After this, the disciples felt great joy. Take a moment to talk about what that great joy means to you today.

Bless one another: **May the ascended Lord Jesus give you power from heaven. May he bless you and fill you with joy.**



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

