

May 19, 2024 • Pentecost Sunday
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.

PENTECOST

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist
(Come, God Creator, Holy Spirit) by J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Pastor Dan Heim

Please rise, as you are able.

INVOCATION

We worship today in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Please face the rear of the sanctuary and turn as the cross enters.

Section end. Section end.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl-wind, as on Pen - te -
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's

cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,

past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;

there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

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GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Section End

WORD

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

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor Dan Heim

FIRST READING: ACTS 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

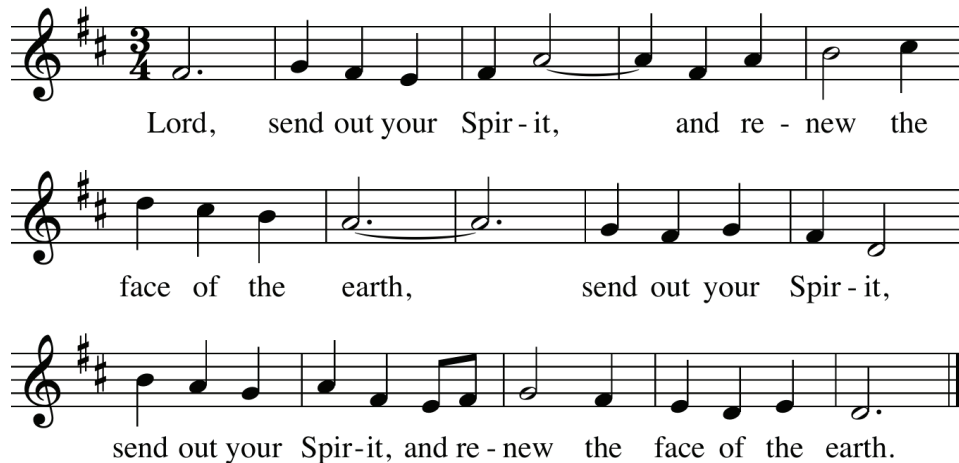
¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

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

PSALM 104

Refrain

Tony Alonso



Lord, send out your Spir - it, and re - new the
face of the earth, send out your Spir - it,
send out your Spir-it, and re - new the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, how great you are.

How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your creatures. *Refrain.*

You take away their breath, they die, returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, and they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. *Refrain.*

May the glory of the Lord last forever! May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I will rejoice in the Lord. *Refrain.*

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SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:22-27

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

Please rise, as you are able.

GOSPEL PROCESSION

O Spirit, All Embracing

Sing Verses 1 and 2



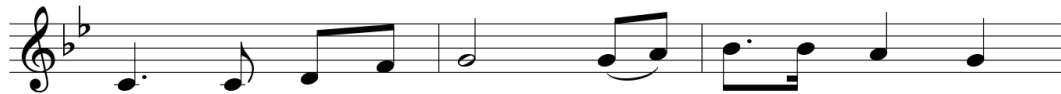
1. O Spir - it all-em-brac - ing and coun-sel - or all -
2. O Beau - ty ev - er blaz - ing in flow-er, field, and
3. Come, pas - sion's pow-er ho - ly, your in-sight here im -



wise, Un - bound - ed splen-dor grac - ing a shore-less sea of
face, You show your-self a - maz - ing in un - ex - pect - ed
part, And give your ser-vants low - ly an un - der-stand-ing



skies: Un - fail - ing is your treas - ure, un -
place. We see you and re - mem - ber what
heart To know your care more clear - ly when



fad - ing your re - ward; Sur - pass - ing world - ly
once our dreams had been; You fan the glow - ing
faith and love are tried, To seek you more sin -



pleas - ure, the rich-es you af - ford. Come, stream of end-less
em - ber and kin-dle hope with - in. Come, fire of glo - ry
cere - ly when false i - deals have died: For vi - sion we im -



flow - ing, and res - cue us from death; Come,
gra - cious, bless all who trust in you; Un -
plore you, for wis - dom's pure de - light; In



wind of spring-time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.
dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in our hearts a - new.
prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

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

[Jesus said,] ²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

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

GOSPEL PROCESSION

Sing Verse 3, previous page.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Kathi Johnson

Please rise, as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

O, Day Full of Grace

2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for

earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -
cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the
life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be
us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -

lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all
stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -
lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the
glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will

mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.
gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.
mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.
join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001, alt.
Music: DEN SIGNEDE DAG, Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842
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APOSTLES' CREED — NO PARTISAN —

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

Rejoicing that God is with us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Each petition ends: God of grace,

Response: **Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected Lord.

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>Spiritus Sanctus (Holy Spirit)</i> by Thomas Grassi	Chancel Choir
11:30	<i>Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart</i> setting by Thomas Keesecker	

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

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of mercy and grace,

the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

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GREAT THANKSGIVING PENTECOST

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. 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:

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 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.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing your people safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading them through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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

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

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your ✠ Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus has taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION

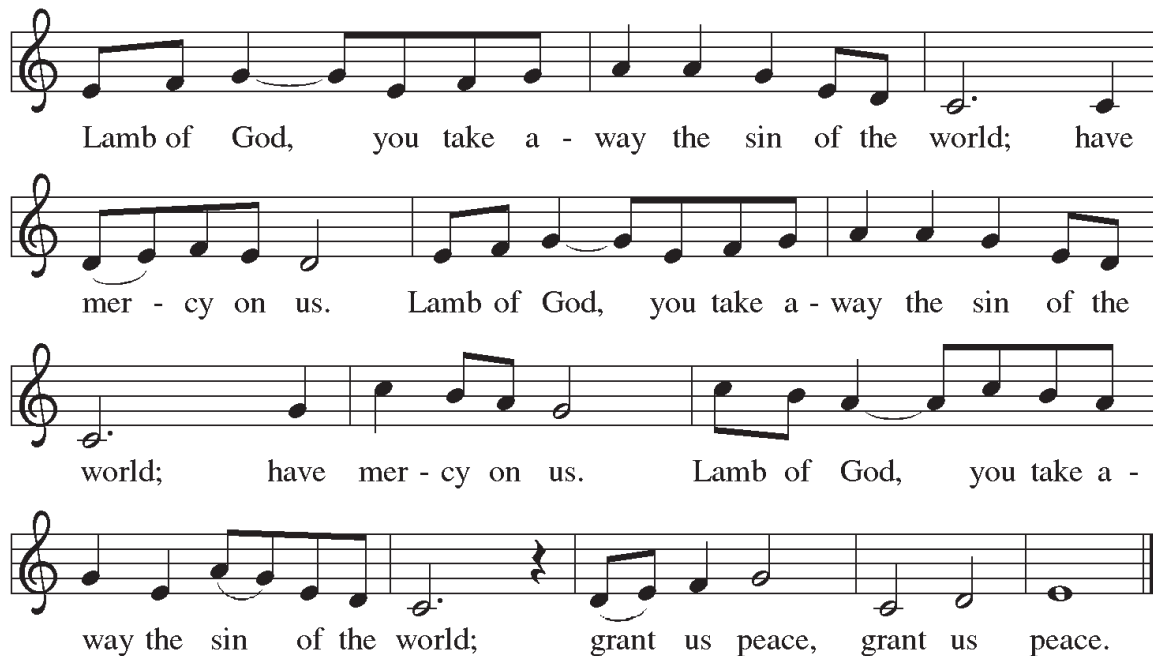
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come to the table.

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

Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me
setting by K. Lee Scott

Chancel Choir

COMMUNION HYMN

Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove

1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, de - scend
 2 To you, the Com - fort - er, we cry; to you,
 3 In you, with grac - es sev - en - fold, we God's
 4 Your light to ev - 'ry sense im - part, and shed

up - on us from a - bove; with grac - es man - i -
 the gift of God most high, true fount of life, the
 al - might - y hand be - hold; while you with tongues of
 your love in ev - 'ry heart; your own un - fail - ing

fold re - store your crea - tures as they were be - fore.
 fire of love, the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
 fire pro - claim to all the world God's ho - ly name.
 might sup - ply to strength - en our in - fir - mi - ty.

5 Keep far from us our cruel foe,
 and peace from your own hand bestow;
 upheld by you, our strength and guide,
 no evil can our steps betide.

6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
 and you, of both, to be but one;
 that through the ages all along
 your praise may be our endless song.

Text: Rhabanus Maurus, 776-856; tr. composite
 Music: KOMM, GOTT SCHÖPFER, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

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. We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Section end

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us out in peace.

BENEDICTION

Almighty God bless us, ✠ and direct our days and our deeds in peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN *on next page*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*Choral Variation IV on the theme 'Veni Creator', Op 4,
by Maurice Duruflé*

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 O Ho - ly Spir - it, root of life, cre -
 2 E - ter - nal vig - or, Sav - ing One, you
 3 O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en -

a - tor, cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -
 free us by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to
 com - pass us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -

wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.
 wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.
 cir - cling all a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Hildegard of Bingen, 1098–1179
 Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621; arr. hymnal version
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THIS WEEK AT ZION

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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

Monday, May 20

Game Group	12:30	Fellowship Hall
LMM Fellowship & Dinner	6:30	Sea Island Restaurant

Tuesday, May 21

Exercise Group	9am	Church 2
Staff Meeting	11am	Break Room
Council Mtg	6:30	Fellowship Hall
Handbell Choir	6:30	Sanctuary Balcony
Warriors Anonymous	7pm	Church 2

Wednesday, May 22

High School/Elementary Mentoring (last)	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

Thursday, May 23

The Psalms Bible Study	9:30	Fellowship Hall
Weight Watchers Mtg	9:30	Church 2
Fiesta Flutes Rehearsal	7pm	Church 2
Stephen Ministry Supervision	7pm	MC-5 and 6

Saturday, May 25

Weight Watchers Meetings	7:30 & 9:30am	Church 2
MOPS Leadership Team	9:30	Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 26

Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Pastor's Class: Women, Jesus and the Gospels	10:15	Fellowship Hall
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanctuary & YouTube

Zion Campus Closed Memorial Day, May 27

Worship Support

May Altar Guild

Randalyn Nickel, Eileen & Mel Berg
Sharon Meade, Karen Umlang

Lay Reader

9:00 Karen Umlang
11:30 Rachel Cannady

Cantor

Anna Schulte

Book Bearer

9:00 Kathy Newman
11:30 Rachel Cannady

Crucifer

9:00 Scott McKenzie
11:30 Chris Jones

Torch Bearers

9:00 Ryker Love, Shiloh Love
11:30 Jackson Kretzschmar
Kevin Kretzschmar

Communion Servers

9:00 Carolyn Pfeiffer, Amy Swanson
11:30 Chris Jones, Suzi Lockamy

Livestream

Steve Johnson, Deb Hearn

Sound

Brinkley Harrell

Ushers

9:00 Rachel Williams
Linda & Bruce Krueger
Karen Stoldt
11:30 Pam Gammage
Chris Berg

2024 Communion Class

Eighteen of Zion's young people have completed this year's Communion Class. Please keep them in your prayers as they grow in their knowledge of this gift from God.

Carmen Avalos

Luke Cockrell

Aleister Correa

Reese Dorn

Carter Duysen

Caleb Jacob

Ava Jasso

Maxx Manzano

Mia McDonald

River McDonald

Killian McFadden

Adalyn Nickel

William Park

JJ Pastrano

Owen Peterson

Finley Roberts

Ramsey Stender

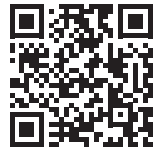
Kaleb Valentine



Blessed Change for Christian Assistance Ministry

TODAY, 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.



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.

TODAY: Pentecost Party on the Patio

Celebrate the end of the school year with your friends out on the patio and picnic tables, between the gazebo and the Family Life Center. Everyone is invited.

Women, Jesus, & The Gospels

TODAY: New Class Series with Pastor Kathi

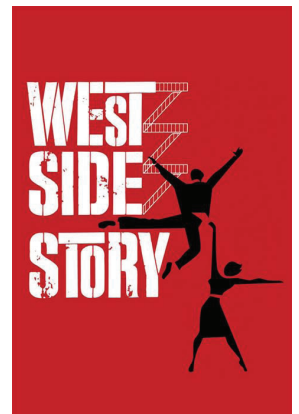
Three weeks beginning today at 10:15am in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to join Pastor Kathi for a look at the life of Jesus and the women who became his disciples, supported his ministry, followed him to the cross, and proclaimed his resurrection from the dead. We'll focus on Mary Magdalene,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

Summer Show Auditions

TODAY May 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 this afternoon. Contact Sammy Mikulski if you have questions.

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



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.

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.

Two Midweek Services

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

Simple communion worship services in Zion's historic chapel. During May and June, we will focus on the work of the Holy Spirit.

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



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Zion Bunco Group

Tuesday, May 28 1:00pm

Zion Bunco Group will meet for a rousing game of Bunco and fellowship at 1:00, Tuesday May 28 in the Fellowship Hall. For info contact Shirley Homeier-McBrayer through the church office.



**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.



New Member Class begins June 2

Zion's New Member class is geared toward those who are interested in joining the congregation, and also for those who just want to find out more about Zion and the Lutheran denomination in general. Please indicate your interest on your Connection Card in the pew when you register your attendance, or send an e-mail to the church office, zion@zionsa.org. Child care upon request.

June 2 Lunch at 12:30 in the Fellowship Hall, followed by campus tour.

June 9
June 16
June 23

10:15am in FLC Room 101. Three Sunday classes covering Zion's worship, history, programs, groups, and opportunities for your involvement.

Pancake Breakfast June 9

8:00 - 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall
hosted by Lutheran Men in Mission.
Free-will collection to support Habitat for Humanity.

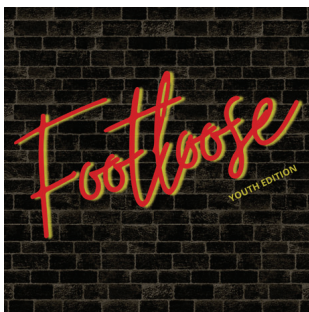


Pick a Piece of Habitat House
Next Sunday, stop by the display in the gazebo and pick a front window, a ceiling fan, a toilet or some kitchen tile to sponsor. Your donation will go to Zion's \$6k goal for the Lutheran Cluster House.

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



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.

*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.



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Dinner Out at El Mirasol

Thursday, June 6 at 6:30pm

Dinner Out invites all adults to meet this month at El Mirasol Alon, 1003 NW Military Hwy #2107. Come early for socializing; dinner seating is at 6:30.

RSVP by June 2 to Doris or Dave Newman; call the church office if you need their contact info.

Aluminum Beverage Can Collection

Zion is collecting aluminum drink cans in the swing-top collection barrel in the south (cemetery side) parking lot, next to the shed. Proceeds benefit Zion's Youth program.

For the health and safety of our volunteers that handle this collection:

- *Do not include* plastic-lined cans, pet food cans, steel cans or other metal in this aluminum can collection barrel.
- Please empty, dry, and crush aluminum beverage cans, without any residue that will attract vermin.
- *Do not put* paper, plastic, food or any other trash in this swing-top aluminum can collection barrel. A trash can is provided nearby, plus a bin for non-aluminum recyclables.

MAY 19, 2024
PENTECOST SUNDAY



The Holy Spirit comforts and guides us.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	Work of the Holy Spirit
Monday	Acts 2:1-21	The Holy Spirit is given
Tuesday	Romans 8:22-27	The Spirit intercedes
Wednesday	Galatians 5:22-26	Fruit of the Spirit
Thursday	Psalm 139:7-12	The inescapable God
Friday	Acts 4:23-31	The believers pray for boldness
Saturday	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	All living things depend on God
Sunday	John 3:1-17	Born of the Spirit

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Nevertheless I [Jesus] tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.” **John 16:7 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and living God, we thank you for the work of the Holy Spirit that comforts and guides us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you who fill us with good things, we thank you for this food that strengthens us to be your witnesses in the world. Amen. (Psalm 104:28)

A Blessing to Give:

May the comfort and power of God give you peace in Christ’s name.



MAY 19, 2024

HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Gracious Spirit, Heed
Our Pleading*



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:

- When have you felt you needed guidance from someone else?
- How do you experience the work of the Holy Spirit through prayer, scripture, and the community of faith as a guide for your life in Christ?

DEVOTIONS



Read: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15.

Jesus says that because he is leaving, he knows his followers are very sad. Because of his departure and because of the disciples' sorrow, Jesus sends the Advocate, that is, the Holy Spirit. The Greek word for advocate means someone who walks alongside us and can also be translated as helper, comforter, teacher, guide, or companion. It is a word rich in meaning and a powerful term for Jesus' followers who are grieving and needing direction. When we experience loss and transitions, feel alone, and are not sure of the future or how to understand the present, the Advocate, the "*Spirit of truth*", speaks the same message Jesus taught his followers and is here for us. Pentecost is a time to remember that Jesus remains with us as Savior through the work of the Holy Spirit. We are lifted up and sent on our way to do the work of Jesus in the world. We are not alone; we never have been and we never will be. Our loving God does not want to leave us feeling grief. We are empowered as the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus in the world.

Discuss: How does being empowered by the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, make a difference to you?

Pray: **Everlasting God, we thank you for the Holy Spirit that comforts and strengthens us; help us to faithfully be your presence in the world through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can the work of the Holy Spirit help you comfort someone?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Pentecost has been described as the giving of the Holy Spirit. It is the beginning of the ministry of the preaching of Peter (Acts 2:14-21) and all future preachers. It is also the birth of hearing the gospel in our own language. Light a candle, preferably a red one, to celebrate Pentecost. Take a moment to look at the flame as a reminder of the "*fiery tongues that settled on each person*" (Acts 2:3, CEV).

Then Pray: **Dear God, we thank you for the Holy Spirit that helps us in our weakness and prays for us with sighs too deep for words. Amen.** (Romans 8:26)



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

