

June 2, 2024 • Sundays after Pentecost  
9:00 and 11:30am



**Zion** <sup>+</sup> *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.

## GREEN SEASON

Today, we begin the long Green Season on the Sundays After Pentecost. Here at Zion, this summer will be a time of focusing on spiritual growth, as a community and as individuals. Our ministry this summer doesn't really slow down! In addition to worship, we will host the greater San Antonio community at two different summer camps and a summer theatre production. Many of our groups continue meeting in the summer months, too. The Green Season helps us find ways that God is helping us to grow in and through it all. How do we grow as people of welcome? How do we grow as people of care? How do we grow as people of love?

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# GATHERING

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

PRELUDE 9:00	<i>Fanfare and Alleluia</i> by Douglas Wagner	Handbells
11:30	<i>Dies sind die heiligen zehn Gebot</i> ( <i>These are the Holy Ten Commandments</i> ) by J.S. Bach	

WELCOME 9:00  
11:30

Pastor Dan Heim  
Pastor Kathi Johnson

*Please rise, as you are able.*

*Section and Section end.*

## INVOCATION

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

**Amen.**

## OPENING DIALOGUE (BASED ON PSALM 139)

O LORD, you search me and know me.

**You know when I sit and when I rise;**

You discern my thoughts from far away.

**You observe my path; you are acquainted with all my ways.**

Where can I go from your spirit?

**Where can I flee from your presence?**

Search me, O God, and know my heart;

**Search me, and know my thoughts.**

*OK*

*Sacrament of Holy Baptism (1/9, 7/21) - as we've done*



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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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.**

## GLORIA MASS OF JOY AND PEACE

**Refrain**



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on  
earth peace, on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

**Verse 1**



1. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we  
glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,  
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, O God, al - might - y Fa - ther.

**Refrain**



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on  
earth peace, on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

Verse 2

2. Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got - ten Son,  
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you  
 take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us;  
 you take a-way the sins of the world, re -  
 ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed at the  
 right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on  
 earth peace, on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.

Verse 3

3. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,  
 you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the  
 Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly  
 Spir - it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.

To Final Refrain

Final Refrain

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the  
 high-est, and on earth peace, on earth peace to  
 peo-ple of good will. A - men.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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: DEUTERONOMY 5:12-15

<sup>12</sup>Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>14</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup>Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

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

## PSALM 81

*The cantor sings the refrain once to begin, followed by the assembly. The assembly then sings the refrain when indicated by R̄*

Michel Guimont



Raise a song and sound the timbrel,  
the sweet-sounding harp and the lute;  
blow the trumpet at the new moon,  
when the moon is full, on our feast. R̄.

For this is Israel's law,  
a command of the God of Jacob,  
imposed as a law on Joseph's people,  
when they went out against the land of  
Egypt. R̄.

A voice I did not know said to me:  
"I freed your shoulder from the burden;  
your hands were freed from the load.  
You called in distress and I saved you. R̄.

Let there be no foreign god among you,  
no worship of an alien god.  
I am the LORD your God,  
who brought you from the land of  
Egypt." R̄.

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## SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:5-12

[Paul writes] <sup>5</sup>We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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

*Please rise, as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Sing twice*

Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia. Al-le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

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

<sup>123</sup>One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? <sup>26</sup>He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; <sup>28</sup>so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

<sup>31</sup>Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup>They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. <sup>3</sup>And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. <sup>5</sup>He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. <sup>6</sup>The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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

*Please be seated.*

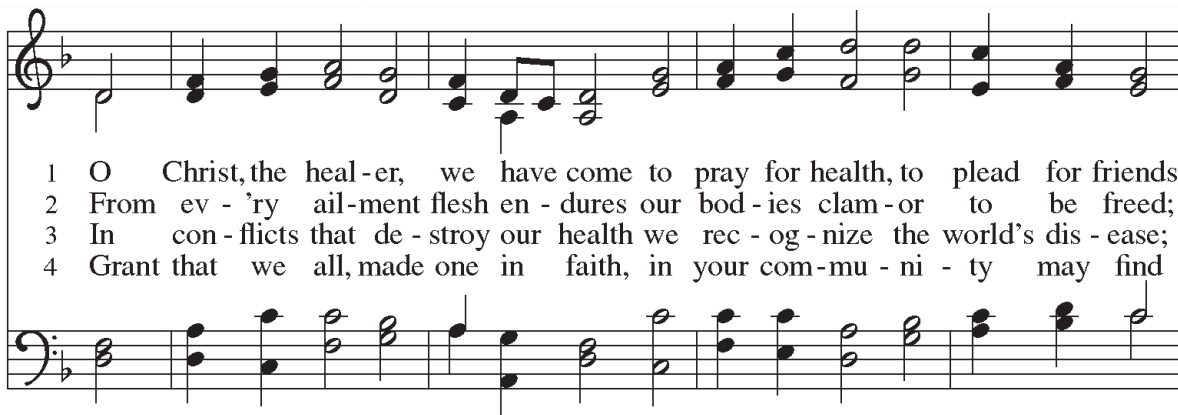
SERMON

Pastor Kathi Johnson

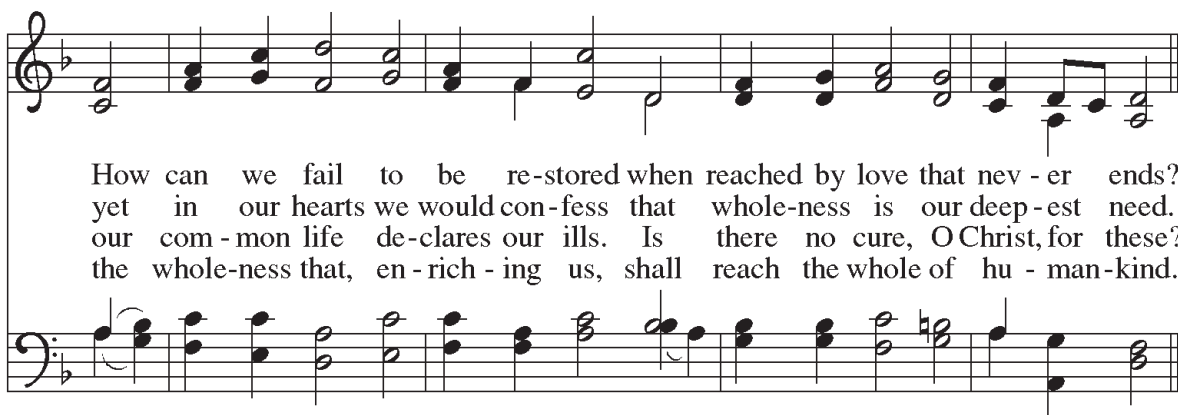
*Please rise, as you are able.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come



1 O Christ, the heal-er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.  
 2 From ev - 'ry ail-ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;  
 3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;  
 4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find



How can we fail to be re - stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?  
 yet in our hearts we would con - fess that whole - ness is our deep - est need.  
 our com - mon life de - clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?  
 the whole - ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man - kind.

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## RITE OF HEALING

*On several Sundays this summer, our readings include stories of the healing ministry of Jesus. On these Sundays, we will include a Rite of Healing. If you want a prayer for healing for yourself or on behalf of someone else, please make your way to the center aisle. If you would like a prayer but cannot come forward, please notify an usher and we will pray for you at your seat. (No need to share what the prayer need is - God knows!)*

## 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.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**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](http://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.*

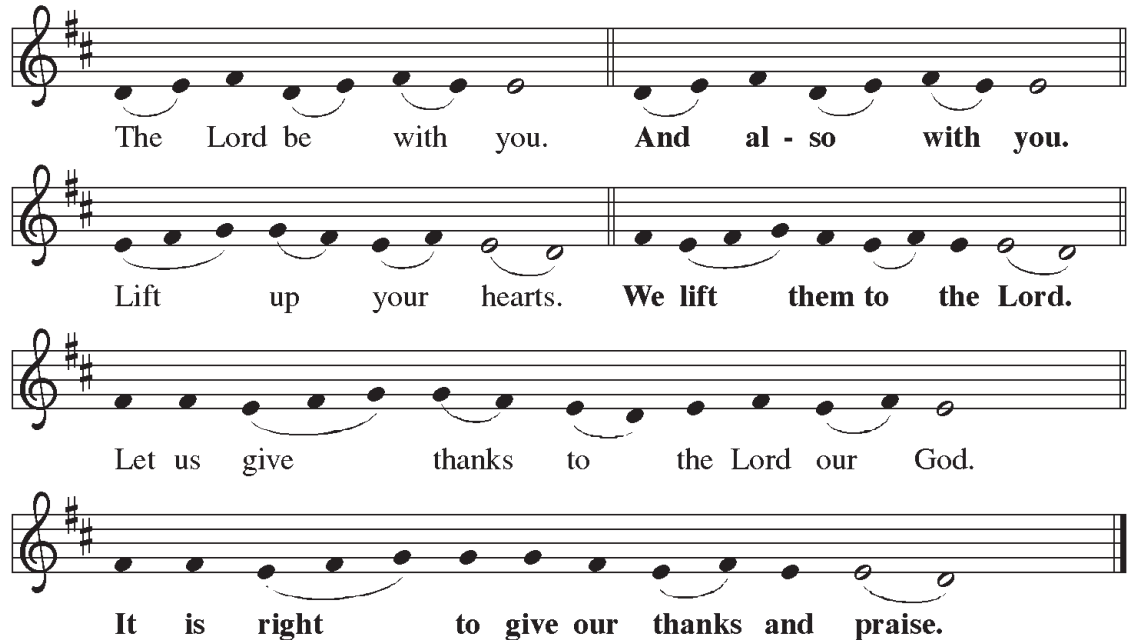
OFFERING MUSIC		
9:00	<i>Ring Out Your Praises</i> by John Behnke	Handbells
11:30	<i>Come Down, O Love Divine</i> setting by Mark Sedio	Handbells

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

## OFFERING PRAYER

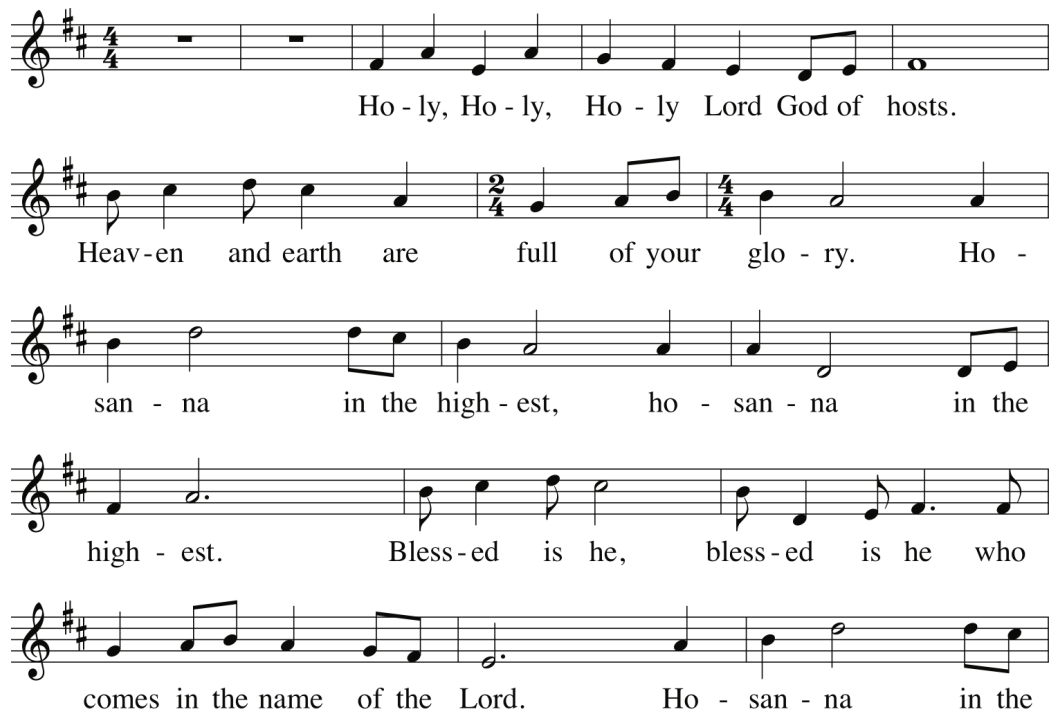
Let us pray. God of mercy and grace,  
**the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

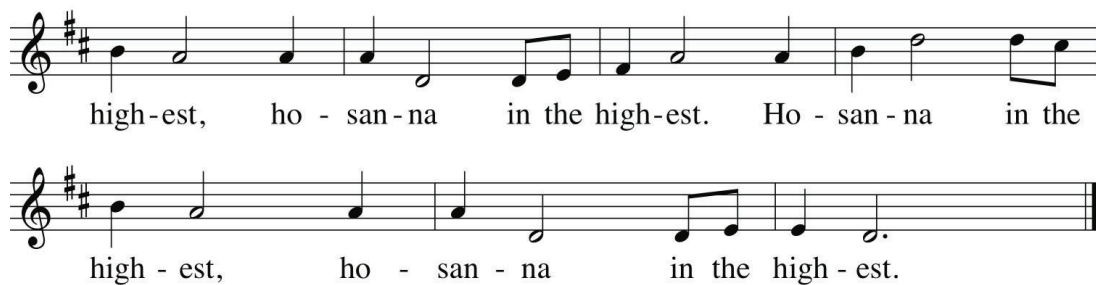


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



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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 sins of the  
world, have mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace.

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COMMUNION MUSIC

9:00

Here I Am Lord setting by Douglas Wagner

Handbells

COMMUNION HYMN

There Is a Balm in Gilead

*Refrain*

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,  
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,  
 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

*Refrain*

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.  
 you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."  
 and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

*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.

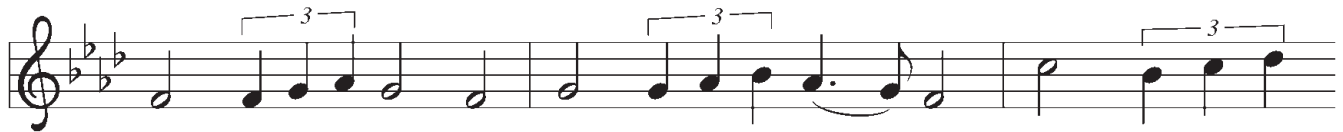
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Praeludium in c minor BWV 549* by J. S. Bach

## 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 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy  
4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we  
forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,  
tongues thy mercy to proclaim,  
throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
mouths to speak thy holy name.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
May the light which thou dost send  
fill our songs with alleluias,  
alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,  
to thee laud and honor be.  
To thee, Light of Light begotten,  
praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
glory, glory be to thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
praise the holy Trinity!

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## THIS WEEK AT ZION

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### Sunday, June 2

Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Pastor's Class: Women, Jesus and the Gospels (last in series)	10:15	Fellowship Hall
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanctuary & YouTube
New Member Lunch and Campus Tour	12:30	Fellowship Hall

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### Monday, June 3

Game Group	12:30	Fellowship Hall
LMM Planning Mtg	6:30	Fellowship Hall

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### Tuesday, June 4

Exercise Group	9am	Church 2
Staff Meeting	11am	Break Room
Warriors Anonymous	7pm	Church 2

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### Wednesday, June 5

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

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### Thursday, June 6

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief	9:30	Fellowship Hall
Weight Watchers Mtg	9:30	Church 2
Dinner Out: El Mirasol Alon	6:30	Details Page 22
Fiesta Flutes Rehearsal	7pm	Church 2

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### Saturday, June 8

Weight Watchers Meetings	7:30 & 9:30am	Church 2
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### Sunday, June 9

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser	8-11:30	Fellowship Hall
Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
New Member Class #2	10:15	FLC Room 101
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanctuary & YouTube

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## Worship Support

### Altar Guild

Chris & Don Jones, Alyssa Brodbeck  
Mary Jo Goldenbaum  
Suzi Lockamy, Belynda McKenzie  
Susan & Joe Noonan, Kathy Null  
Linda & Roy Tschirhart

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### Lay Reader

9:00 Mary Mora  
11:30 Pastor Eileen Spehr

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### Cantor

Bud Halstead

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### Communion Servers

9:00 Jennifer & Kevin Kretzschmar  
11:30 Rachel Cannady  
LeShea Clabough

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### Livestream

Kevin McGee  
Steve Johnson

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### Sound

Scott VanDoren

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### Ushers

9:00 David Umlang  
Brinkley & Bonnie Harrell  
Amy Swanson, Bev Rosel  
Liz McClain, Linda Hansen  
11:30 Pam Gammage  
Laura Walsh

## New Member Class begins TODAY 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. You may still come to the lunch and tour today at 12:30.

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

June 9  
June 16  
June 23  
*10:15am, three Sunday classes covering Zion's worship, history, programs, groups, and opportunities for your involvement. Meet in Family Life Center Room 101.*

June 30 New Members received in worship

## 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.

## Women, Jesus, & The Gospels

Class with Pastor Kathi

Today 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.

## Host a Piece of Habitat for Humanity

Lutheran Men in Mission and Habitat for Humanity are offering



you a chance to sponsor a piece of the house for the hard-working family that will live there. A living room ceiling fan, a front window, a toilet for the kid's bathroom – you choose what you'd like to give from the display in the gazebo. Even the wooden beams are waiting for a drop in the bucket and your signature as a donor.

Zion's 2024 goal is to collect \$6k towards all the pieces that come together to build this year's Lutheran Cluster House. Every little bit helps. Come to the

gazebo, or scan this QR code and



determine what you can donate.



## Pancake Breakfast Next Sunday, June 9

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



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## RSVP Now for 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.

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## Game Group

Monday, June 3 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.

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## 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 June 13 and July 11.*

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

For those entering Kindergarten through grade 7

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

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

Cost 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

## Supply Collection for Camp Hope

Recycling for Art/STEM Projects

Clean, empty food cans, ie soup, beans

Paper towel tubes

Toilet paper tubes

Egg cartons

Milk jug caps

Plastic lids

Fabric scraps

Felt scraps

Buttons

Ribbon



Look for the collection baskets in the narthex and gazebo, now through Sunday, June 16.

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## 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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## Quilting for Lutheran World Relief

Summer Schedule: Thursdays June 6, July 18, August 1

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

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## Zion Bunco Group

Monday, June 10 at 1:00pm

Zion Bunco Group will meet on Monday, June 10 for a rousing game of Bunco and fellowship. Meet at 1:00, the Fellowship Hall. For info contact Shirley Homeier-McBrayer through the church office.

Bunco returns to their regular fourth Monday schedule on July 22.

[June 10, 18, July 18, August 1  
Schedule](#)



## 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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YJYN/campaign  
/C-12GYC](https://secure.myvanco.com/YJYN/campaign/C-12GYC)



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## Zion Zippers 50+ Fellowship

Monday, June 10 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 with your Zipper friends and the entertainers. Bring your own plate and utensils if you can, and invite a friend, too!

On June 10, the Zion Zippers will be serenaded by two different barbershop quartets, from Concordia Lutheran Church. Contact Kathy Newman through the church office if you have a question or suggestion for a future guest speaker or activity.

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## Women of Zion

WOZ Bible Study & More

Tuesday June 11 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](mailto:WOZ@zionsa.org).



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## Men's Fellowship Dinner

Third Monday, June 17 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](mailto:Imm@zionsa.org) if you need more details.

# Call Process Update

for our Associate Pastor

Dear friends in Christ,

We have begun to receive names of candidates from the Office of the Bishop. Our committee met to formulate questions for the first round of interviews. We then did a practice interview to receive feedback from a local pastor on our questions and interview process.

We are thrilled that we are beginning to speak with candidates for first interviews as of this week. Because of the many schedules we are coordinating, this portion of the process will take some time. We appreciate your ongoing prayers for us as we continue to move forward. Please also pray for the candidates and their discernment.

In peace,

*Susan Johns, Call Committee Chair*

*Bud Halstead, Council President*

*Pastor Kathi Johnson, Senior Pastor*

**JUNE 2, 2024  
SECOND SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**



*The sabbath is good news for our lives.*

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 2:23—3:6</b>	<b>A question about the sabbath</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 5:12-15</b>	<b>Respect the sabbath</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 4:5-12</b>	<b>Treasure in clay jars</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Isaiah 58:13-14</b>	<b>Honor the sabbath</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Exodus 20:8-11</b>	<b>Remember the sabbath day</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Hebrews 4:1-11</b>	<b>The rest that God promised</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalm 81:1-10</b>	<b>God makes us strong</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 3:20-35</b>	<b>Doing the work of God</b>

### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

*Then he [Jesus] said to them, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.”* **Mark 2:27-28 (NRSV)**

### **PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Merciful and loving God, we thank you for the gift of sabbath rest that our lives may be renewed in body, mind, and spirit through Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, you who provide the grain of the fields for us to eat, we thank you for your love and kindness that renews our lives daily through Jesus Christ, the Son of Man. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May God’s love renew you each day through Christ our Lord.



**JUNE 2, 2024**

## **HYMN OF THE WEEK**

*I Heard the Voice of  
Jesus Say*



**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:

- What exhausts you? What refreshes you?
- When do you take a day of rest (sabbath) and what do you like to do on that day?

## **DEVOTIONS**



*Read:* Mark 2:23–3:6.

This amazing text from the Gospel of Mark says much about the story of Jesus. Jesus draws criticism from those wanting to protect God's teachings. He ends up gaining the deadly opposition of religious and cultural leaders (Pharisees and Herodians), even though these two groups also oppose one another in other contexts. Jesus and the Pharisees engage in biblical debate about the intent of God's word. Jesus argues, "*The sabbath was made for humankind*" (Mark 2:27). Deuteronomy 5:12-15 clearly supports that. Honoring the sabbath was much more than worshipping on the sabbath day (Sunday for most Christians). This commandment was the first recorded labor law, protecting workers from being abused and allowing for a day of rest. It protected life. Whether its gathering grain to eat or healing a withered hand on the sabbath, the real offense is challenging the wisdom and authority of established leaders. It is an age-old example of how institutional powers can become ends in themselves and miss their own stated aim, in this case, to love God and neighbor.

*Discuss:* How could resting on the sabbath day help renew you?

*Pray:* **Life-giving God, we thank you for your word that challenges the misuse of power and authority as it protects and renews life through Jesus Christ, the Son of Man and Lord of the sabbath. Amen.**

## **SERVICE**



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you help someone you know experience rest and renewal?

## **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**



Taking time not to work and instead rest the mind and body and enjoy God's presence promotes health and wellbeing. In addition to Sunday rest and worship, consider mini-sabbath rests by taking five to fifteen minutes during the day to remain quiet and prayerful. It is good for your mind, your body, and your relationship to God and neighbor. Begin the time of sabbath with a prayer: **God of peace, thank you for the gift of sabbath rest to honor you and to restore us in health to love and serve others. In Jesus' name. Amen.**



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