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





#### 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**

We are now in 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?

#### HOLY BAPTISM TODAY

At the 11:30 service today we receive Noah David Pastrano, child of Krystal & Jason Pastrano. His sponsors are Brandon Houlahan and Brinna Houlahan.

Please note on your attendance slip if you are visiting for the baptism.

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#### **GATHERING**

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

PRELUDE O Blessed Spring setting by Robert Farlee

WELCOME Pastor Kathi Johnson

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.

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.

At 9:00 turn to page 5, Gathering Hymn

#### 11:30am HOLY BAPTISM

#### Statement of Faith

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

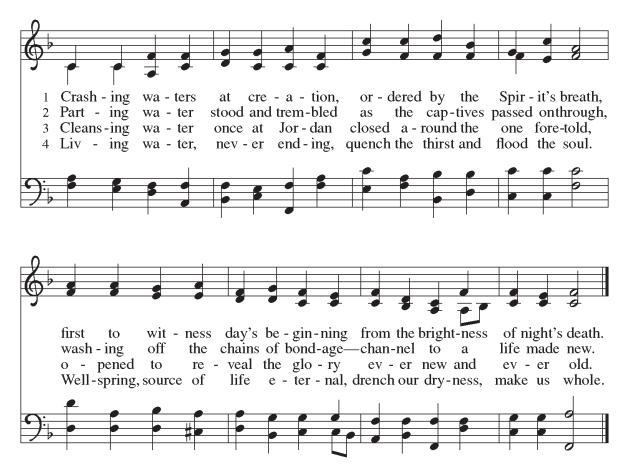
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks..... in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever, Amen.

#### Welcome

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

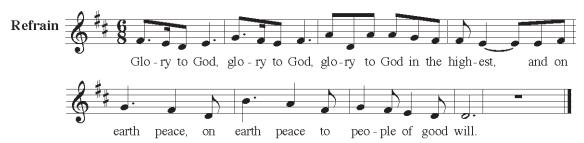


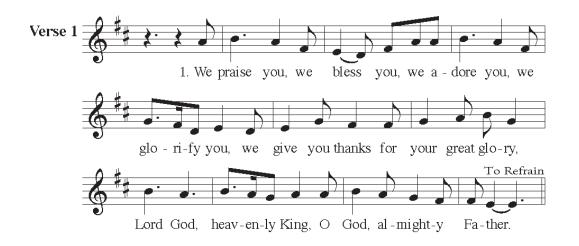
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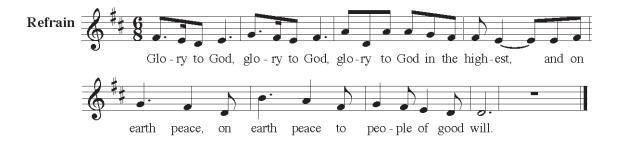
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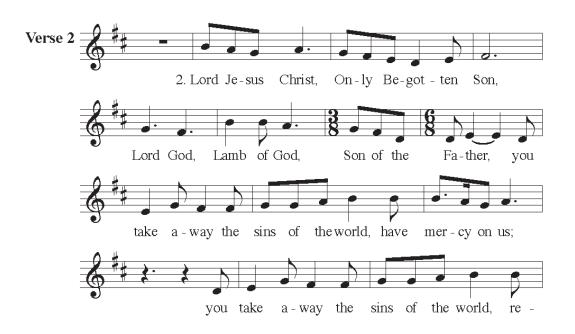
#### **GREETING**

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.** 





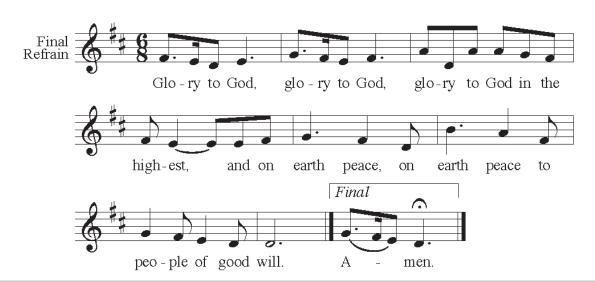












#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

#### WORD

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

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor Dan Heim

FIRST READING: GENESIS 3:8-15

The First Sin Spark Children's Bible Page 14

<sup>8</sup>[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." <sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

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



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#### SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:13-5:1

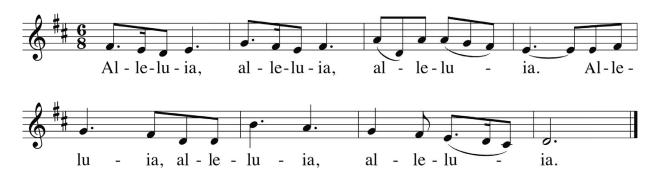
<sup>13</sup>Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. <sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. <sup>5:1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

Please rise, as you are able.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Sing twice



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GOSPEL: MARK 3:20-35

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

[Jesus went home;] 20 and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. 21When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." 23And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? 24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. 28"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—30 for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." 31Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. 32A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." 33And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" 34And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! 35Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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

Please be seated.

SERMON Pastor Dan Heim

Please rise, as you are able.



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#### 9:00am 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

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. 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

Voluntary III by William Croft

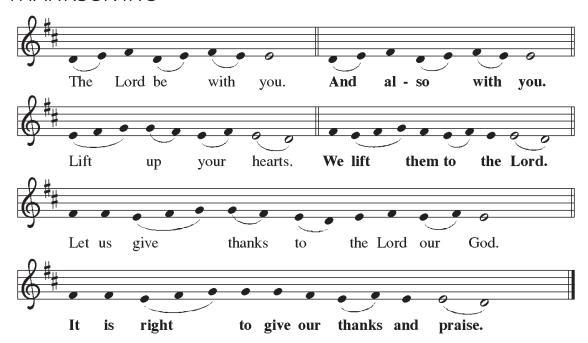
Please rise, as you are able. The ushers bring the offering forward for the Offering Prayer.

#### 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



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:



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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

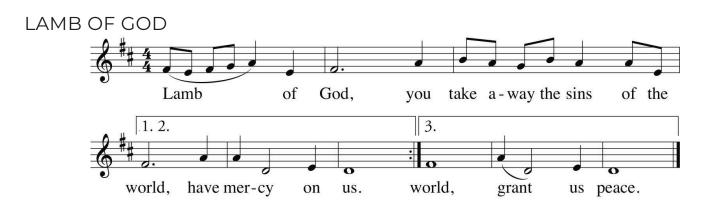
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come to the table.

Please be seated.

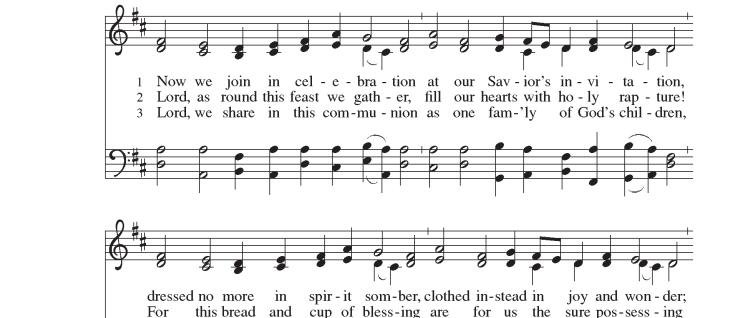
#### COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

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.



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Now We Join in Celebration



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.

#### **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.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** 

Postludium by Adolf Hesse

#### **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.

#### **Worship Support**

#### **Altar Guild**

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

#### Lay Reader

9:00 Kristyn Bova

11:30 Mike DeHart

#### **Communion Servers**

9:00 Kathy Newman, Antje Logue

11:30 Suzi Lockamy, Laura Knoll

#### Livestream

Steve Johnson, David Umlang

#### Sound

Scott VanDoren

#### Ushers

9:00 David Umlang

Brinkley & Bonnie Harrell

Amy Swanson, Bev Rosel Liz McClain, Linda Hansen

11:30 Mike & Kim Dehart

Mel & Joanna Arviso

#### **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.

#### THIS WEEK AT ZION

Scan QR code for this month's calendar

#### 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

#### Monday, June 10

Theatre Seating Tickets on sale for West Side Story at ZTG.Booktix.net

Bunco 1pm Fellowship Hall
Zion Zippers Potluck Fellowship 6pm Fellowship Hall

#### Tuesday, June 11

Exercise Group 9am Church 2

Women of Zion Bible Study & More 10am Fellowship Hall

Staff Meeting 11am Break Room

Executive Committee 6pm Zoom
Warriors Anonymous 7pm Church 2

#### Wednesday, June 12

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, June 13

The Psalms Bible Study 9:30 Fellowship Hall

Weight Watchers Mtg 9:30 Church 2

#### Saturday, June 15

Weight Watchers Meetings 7:30 & 9:30am Church 2

#### Sunday, June 16

Worship in person 9am Sanctuary

Dinner and Theatre Seating Tickets on sale for West Side Story 10am- 12pm Gazebo

New Member Class #3 10:15 FLC Room 101

Worship in person and online 11:30 Sanctuary & YouTube

Pancake Breakfast TODAY,
June 9

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



#### 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

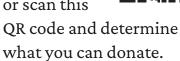


house for the hard-working family that will live there. A living room ceiling fan, a front window, a toilet for the kid's bathroom – you choose what you'd like to give from the display in the gazebo. Even the wooden beams are waiting for a drop in the bucket and your signature as a donor.

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 dis-



play in the Fellowship Hall, or scan this



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Suzie Wyatt,	Thursday
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Sammy Mikulski,	Monday
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#### **Zion Bunco Group**

TOMORROW, June 10 at 1:00pm

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

Bunco will resume the regular fourth-Monday schedule on July 22.

#### Tickets on Sale TOMORROW, June 10



Performances are:

Thur	July 18	7:30pm
Fri	July 19	7:30pm
Sat	July 20	7:30pm
Sun	July 21	2:30pm
Thur	July 25	7:30pm
Fri	July 26	7:30pm
Sat	July 27	7:30pm
Sun	July 28	2:30pm

Theatre seating tickets will be available on-line this Monday at **ZTG.Booktix.net** (QR above). All seats are \$16.50, including handling charge.

Dinner seating tickets go on sale next Sunday, June 16 in the gazebo at 9:00 through noon. Dinner begins at either 6:30 or 1:30, one hour before curtain. Adult \$30, child (11 & under) \$20.

#### Weekday Bible Study Series: The Psalms

This Thursday, June 13

Led by Pastor Eileen Spehr. Meets at 9:30am on Thursdays as scheduled below. Come to the Fellowship Hall.

Meeting topics June 13 - Psalms of Comfort July 11 - Psalms of Praise



#### 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.



#### **Supply Collection for Camp Hope**

Recycling for Art/STEM Projects

Clean, empty food cans, ie soup, beans

Milk jug caps

Plastic lids

Fabric scraps

Felt scraps

**Buttons** 

Ribbon





Clean cans are especially needed. Look for the collection basket in the narthex, now through next Sunday, June 16.

# 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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#### 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, em-

pathize, 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.

#### Zion Zippers 50+ Fellowship

TOMORROW, 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 guest speaker or activity.

#### Women of Zion

WOZ Bible Study & More This 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.

#### **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.



#### 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 lmm@zionsa.org if you need more details.

#### Men's Retreat September 13-15

Southwestern Synod Lutheran Men in Mission are sponsoring a **One Year To Live Retreat**, a life-changing, lay-led event at Camp Chrysalis near Kerrville. Early Registration

discount price is \$150 (by Monday, July 15).
Scan this QR for registration form and payment options. Contact David Umlang at lmm@zionsa.org if you need more details



#### June 30 and July 7

Join us at 10:15 in the Fellowship Hall for information on these topics:

- June 30 Treasurer Allen Cockrell will give a quarterly financial update.
- July 7 Senior Pastor Kathi Johnson will give a mid-year ministry update.

All are welcome to come and hear about the ways that God is working in and through you - the people of Zion!

# JUNE 9, 2024 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Following Jesus is the will of God.

#### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

Sunday	Mark 3:20-35	Doing the work of God
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Monday Genesis 3:8-15 Adam and Eve hide from God

Tuesday 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Living by faith

Wednesday 2 Peter 3:8-15 The Lord is patient

Thursday Acts 3:11-26 Peter speaks in the temple

Friday 2 Corinthians 4:7-12 Treasure in clay jars

Saturday Psalm 130 Prayer of lament and hope

Sunday Mark 4:26-34 Parables of Jesus

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

And looking at those who sat around him, he [Jesus] said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." Mark 3:34-35 (NRSV)

#### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, give us faith to see your power of love and mercy in the world through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, we thank you for providing us with this meal and everything we need for daily life. Help us to recognize your goodness and mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May the power of Jesus give you peace in knowing God's steadfast love.



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#### **JUNE 9, 2024**

#### **HYMN OF THE WEEK**

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am



#### **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 is a time you witnessed an act of kindness that was not well received?
- Many religious leaders did not approve of what Jesus did or said. Why do you think this was?

#### **DEVOTIONS**



Read: Mark 3:20-35.

In this reading, Jesus' ministry creates controversy and conflict. It also brings healing, hope, and salvation. Jesus challenges families as well as scribes, those who represent the religious life of Jerusalem. Both our family life and our life of faith in the larger church need the power of Jesus. It is Jesus who can bind up the strong man, an image of Satan. Jesus binds and limits the powers of evil as well as unbinds people needing healing and forgiveness. The eternal sin of speaking against the Holy Spirit is rejecting the divine goodness in Jesus. Opposing the work of the kingdom that Jesus brings denies the power of God to heal and to save. The conflict presented by the kingdom of God is either believing or not believing in the divine power of Jesus. The will of God is to listen to and believe in Jesus. It is the merciful power of God that heals our lives and is intended for our homes and our congregations.

*Discuss:* When have you gone through a tough time and then experienced the power of God's care and mercy?

*Pray:* Almighty God, give us faith and confidence to reject evil and to see your goodness and mercy in the world through the power of Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 you do the will of God by reaching out to someone in need of healing?

#### **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**



Psalm 130 is a prayer for forgiveness and mercy. Recognizing our sin and need for God's mercy and forgiveness is a wonderful gift of faith. The prayer Jesus taught us to pray, the Lord's Prayer, teaches us to ask for forgiveness. Write the words "forgive us our sins (trespasses) as we forgive those who sin (trespass) against us." Use the paper as a bookmark for Bible readings. Finish by praying the Lord's Prayer.



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