

June 16, 2024 • Sundays after Pentecost
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.

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?

Zion Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Concertante in Bb
by Franz Danzi – Movement 3

Elyse Hearn, Flute
Dean Hearn, Clarinet
John Roberts, Piano

WELCOME

Pastor Dan Heim

Please rise, as you are able.

Section end. 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.

✠OR✠

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (6/9, 7/21) – as we've done

1 What is this place where we are meet - ing? On - ly a house, the
 2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in
 3 And we ac - cept bread at this ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a

earth its floor. Walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,
 us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs and won - ders
 liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,

win-dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be-comes a bod - y that lives
 sent from the past are all we need. We in this place re - mem-ber and speak
 we are each oth-er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re - ceive

when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.
 a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem-ing word.
 what we need to in - crease: our jus - tice and God's peace.

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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

IN THE KEY OF D AND 6/8

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

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.

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

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



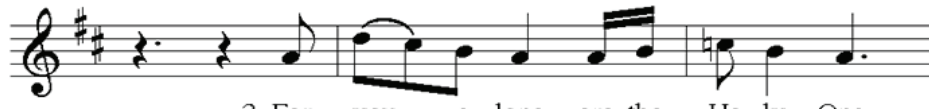
right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us.



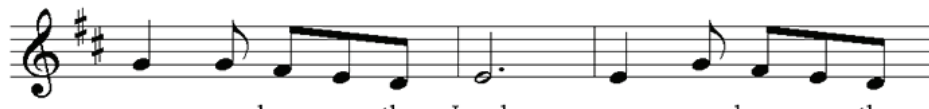
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the thigh - est, and on



earth peace, on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.



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.

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.

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, 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: EZEKIEL 17:22-24

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. ²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

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

PSALM 92

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

Refrain

The right - teous shall spread a -
broad like a ce - dar of Leb - a - non.

It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, O Most High;
to herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night;
on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.
For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD;
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands. *R*

The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God;
they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;
that they may show how upright the LORD is, my rock, in whom there is no injustice. *R*

Psalm 92:12

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SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-17

[Paul writes] ⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. ¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. ¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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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GOSPEL: MARK 4:26-34

Parable of the Mustard Seed
Spark Children's Bible Page 320

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

²⁶[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.” ³⁰He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” ³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Kathi Johnson

Please rise, as you are able.



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
 5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found:
 and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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9:00 INSTALLATION OF CAMP HOPE STAFF

Miss Ella Brei, Director
Mr. Tyler Duysen, Assistant Director

Staff and Support Staff

Noah Arviso
Daniel Arviso
Mia Autobee
Joseph Autobee
Brennan Clegg
Zachary Cockrell
Caleb DeHart
Audrey DeHart
Arianna Dinote
Ryder Dorn
Carter Duysen
Madi Frias

Bella Gallegos
Ben Gerber
Anslee Gunter
Neva Haidin
Cali Haidin
Kendall Herrmann
Harrison Herrmann
Ava Jasso
Joanna Kaczmar
Noah Kiesow
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Holden Smith
Carter Smith
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Matt Iwanicki
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Chris Jones
Don Jones
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Kevin Kretzschmar
Cindy Matheny
Kathy Null

Clint Ogburn
Rebekah Osher
Bethany Roberts
Marty Schimcek
Kathy Schwab
Darren Smith
Jennifer Smith
Bill Swantner
Kat Umlang

APOSTLES' CREED IMPADE WITH KAREN

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 IMPADE WITH KAREN

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

Alleluia from Exsultate, jubilate
by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Elyse Hearn, Flute
Dean Hearn, Clarinet
John Roberts, Piano

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

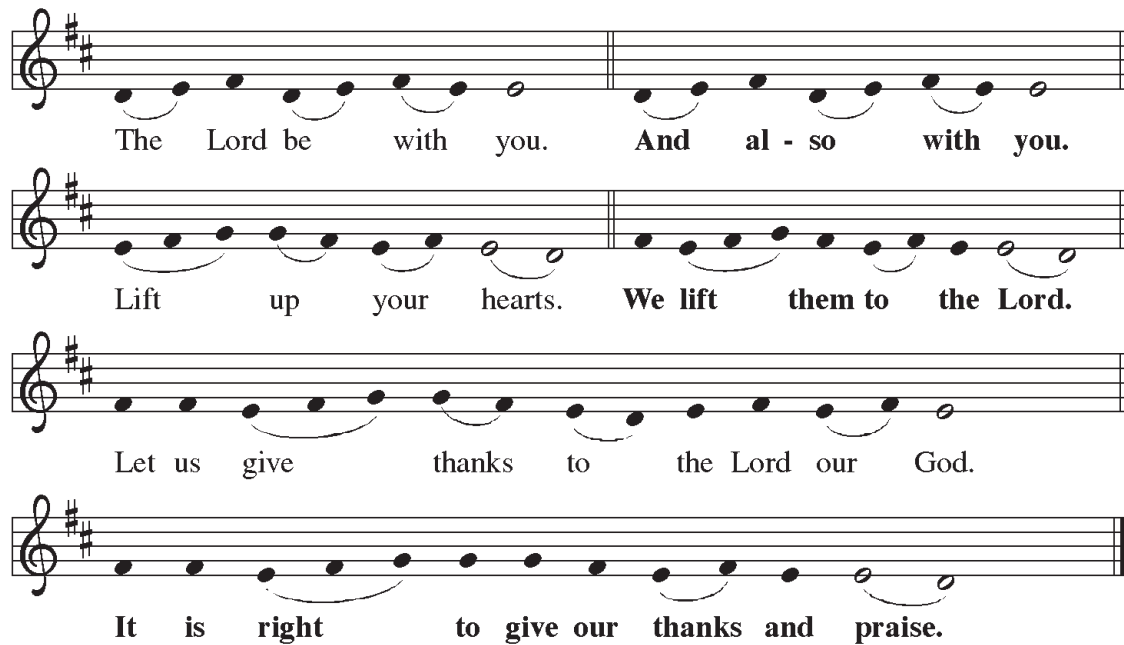
OFFERING PRAYER

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.

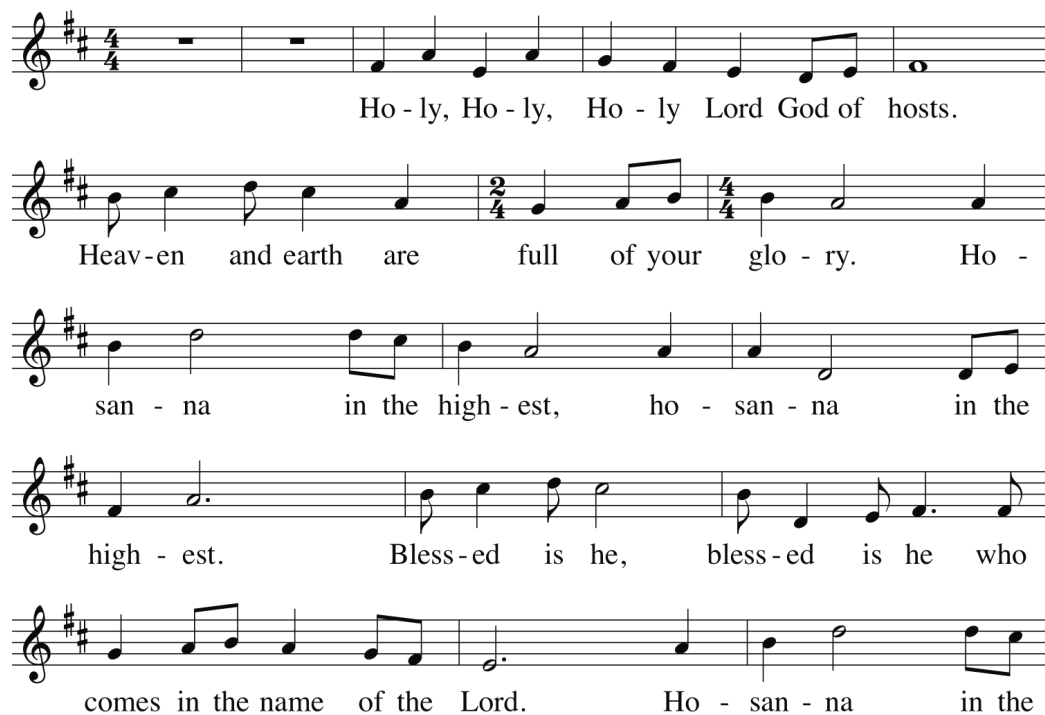
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GREAT THANKSGIVING

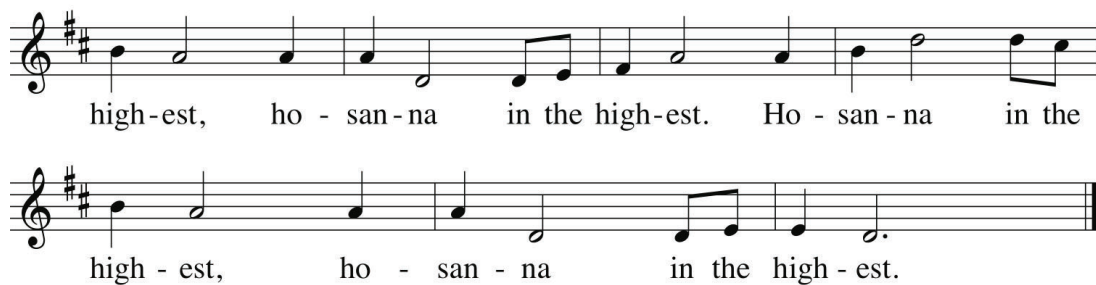


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Concertante in Bb
by Franz Danzi – Movement 2

Elyse Hearn, Flute
Dean Hearn, Clarinet
John Roberts, Piano

COMMUNION HYMN

God of the Fertile Fields

1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

After communion, we rise and share in blessing and prayer.

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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

Trumpet Air by Paul Bryan

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.

SENDING HYMN

For the Fruit of All Creation

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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THIS WEEK AT ZION

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Today, June 16

Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Dinner and Theatre Seating Tickets on sale for <i>West Side Story</i>	10am-12pm	Gazebo
New Member Class #3	10:15	FLC Room 101
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanctuary & YouTube

Monday, June 17

Camp Hope Week 1	9am	Campus
Game Group (alternate room)	12:30	Church 2
LMM Fellowship & Dinner	6:30	Sea Island Restaurant

Tuesday, June 18

Camp Hope Week 1	9am	Campus
Exercise Group	9am	Church 2
Staff Meeting	11am	Break Room
Council Mtg (alternate room)	6:30	Break Room
Warriors Anonymous	7pm	Church 2

Wednesday, June 19

Camp Hope Week 1	9am	Campus
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 (alt. room)	7pm	Church 2
Al-Anon Meeting (alternate room)	7pm	Fellowship Hal

Thursday, June 20

Camp Hope Week 1	9am	Campus
Weight Watchers Mtg	9:30	Church 2

Friday, June 21

Camp Hope Week 1	9am	Campus
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Saturday, June 22

Weight Watchers Meetings	7:30 & 9:30am	Church 2
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Sunday, June 23

Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Dinner and Theatre Seating Tickets on sale for <i>West Side Story</i>	10am-12pm	Gazebo
New Member Class #4	10:15	FLC Room 101
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanctuary & YouTube

Worship Support

Altar Guild

Carolyn Thronson, Doris Enderlin, Susan Johns, Carrie Schmitzer, Amy Swanson
Gina Williams

Lay Reader

9:00 Rhyker Love
11:30 Betty Parker

Cantor

Celeste Mussey

Communion Servers

9:00 Antje Logue, Amy Swanson
11:30 LeShea Clabough & Kevin M^cGee

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 JoAnna & Mel 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.

STAFF CONTACT *Day Off*

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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.



Camp Hope 2024

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.

≡ Coffee Talks ≡

Join us at 10:15 on these dates. Come to 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.
- **August 4** - Habitat for Humanity representative will speak about the Lutheran Cluster House and the family that will live there.

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



Zion Theatre Camp Presents

Friday, July 5 at 7:30pm

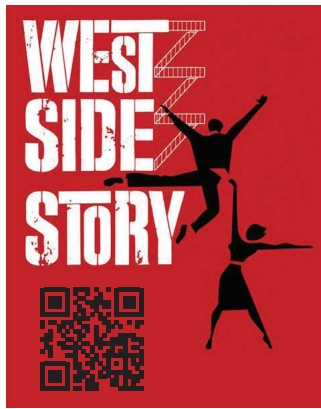
Saturday, July 6 at 2:00pm

Zion Theatre Campers present this

rollicking and heartfelt cultural conflict story, set in 1970's East Texas. You're invited to their performances as the finale of their 2024 Theatre Camp in the Family Life Center. There is no charge for these performances.



Tickets on Sale Now



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 are available on-line at [ZTG.Booktix.net](https://www.ztgbooktix.net) (QR above). All seats are \$16.50, including handling charge.

Dinner seating tickets are on sale in the gazebo today at 9:00 through noon. During the week, contact Sammy at 210-688-3090 or theatre@zionsa.org.

Doors open for dinner seating at either 6:30 or 1:30, one hour before curtain. Adult \$30, child (11 & under) \$20.

OFFICE CONTACT



Mon-Thur 8:30am-5:00pm
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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 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

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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.

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief

Summer Schedule: Thursdays July 18 and 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.

Weekday Bible Study Series: The Psalms

Thursday, July 11 - Psalms of Praise

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

Future Bible study topics to be announced.

Game Group

Monday, July 1 and 15 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 Alaine Perry through the church office if you have questions.

Zion Zippers 50+ Fellowship

Monday, July 8 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!

Entertainment and activities for July 8 have not yet been set. 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

Second Tuesday July 9 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.



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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.



**JUNE 16, 2024
FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**



We walk by faith, not by sight.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 4:26-34	Parables of Jesus
Monday	Ezekiel 17:22-24	Israel to return from exile
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 5:6-17	The ministry of reconciliation
Wednesday	Hebrews 11:1-3	The meaning of faith
Thursday	Romans 14:1-12	Do not judge another
Friday	1 Peter 1:3-9	A living hope
Saturday	Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15	Song for the sabbath day
Sunday	Mark 4:35-41	Jesus calms the waters

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:6-7 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Creator God, in the midst of things we cannot understand or accept, give us confidence that your goodness and mercy will triumph through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you bring a harvest full of good things; we thank you for this food and all that you do to guide our lives through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the power and wisdom of God be your strength.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

We Walk by Faith



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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 is something that is happening in your life or world that seems hard to understand?
- What is your understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Mark 4:26-34.

The Gospel of Mark was written around 70 A.D. during a very chaotic period of history in Jerusalem and in the surrounding Jewish lands. Roman soldiers were everywhere and the holy temple, with all its hope and promise for the people, was doomed to destruction. The earliest followers of Jesus were unsure how to be disciples, who was to be included in the community of faith, and how to address Gentiles and ruling powers alike. Mark writes about the kingdom of God that grows like a seed sown by a farmer. The seed grows one stage at a time even while the farmer sleeps. The farmer who planted the seeds is not sure how it is all happening just as the disciples are unsure about growing God's kingdom. Nothing stops the growing seed and nothing stops the kingdom of God. Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 5:7 that "[W]e walk by faith, not by sight". We are part of a kingdom whose standards and powers are not fully understood. Especially when things are confusing, we trust God's work, God's promises, and God's judgments. Faith trusts that God is in control.

Discuss: When you experience confusing times in your life, does faith in God give you confidence?

Pray: **God of the harvest, we thank you for the work of your kingdom that brings hope where there is pain, and confidence where there is uncertainty, through Christ 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 you help someone who is struggling with a decision?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



This Sunday is Father's Day. It is an opportunity to honor all men who have cared for you and others as well. Take time to talk about, give thanks, and reach out to the men who have parented and cared for you.

Pray: **Dear God, we thank you for fathers and all men who care for us. We especially give thanks for [name/s of men] who have been a blessing to our lives. Amen.**



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