

June 23, 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?

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

God, Whose Almighty Word
setting by Richard Proulx

WELCOME

Pastor Kathi Johnson

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.

**Optional*

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (6/8, 7/21) as we've done

GATHERING HYMN

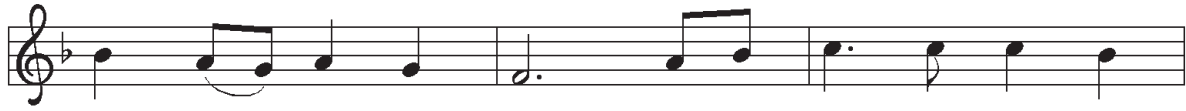
All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Refrain
 Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus: All are wel - come,
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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 Music: Mary Hansen
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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

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 of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, 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: RUTH 1:1-18

Naomi and Ruth
Spark Children's Bible Page 110

¹In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, ⁵both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. ⁶Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. ¹⁰They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, ¹³would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me." ¹⁴Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge, your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die, I will die — there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" ¹⁸When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

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

Children sing verse 1, assembly sings verses 2-4

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the

nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba oo
We are march - ing oo

Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,
We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,

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si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - , kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba _____ oo _____
We are march - ing _____ oo _____

Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,
We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

2. We are dancing....
3. We are praying....
4. We are singing....

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SECOND READING: HEBREWS 9:11-14

¹¹But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), ¹²he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. ¹³For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, ¹⁴how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

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.

The musical notation is written on two staves in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

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GOSPEL: MARK 12:28-34

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

²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” ²⁹Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ ³¹The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” ³²Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; ³³and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ — this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” ³⁴When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Dan Heim

Please rise, as you are able.



1 *Cuan-do el po-bre na-da tie-ne y aún re-par-te,*
 1 When the poor ones, who have noth-ing, still are giv-ing;
 2 When com-pas-sion gives the suf-f'ring con-so-la-tion;
 3 When our spir-its, like a chal-ice, brim with glad-ness;
 4 When the good-ness poured from heav-en fills our dwell-ings;



cuan-do al-guien pa-sa sed y a-gua nos da,
 when the thirst-y pass the cup, wa-ter to share;
 when ex-pect-ing brings to birth hope that was lost;
 when our voic-es, full and clear, sing out the truth;
 when the na-tions work to change war in-to peace;



cuan-do el dé-bil a su her-ma-no for-ta-le-ce:
 when the wound-ed of-fer oth-ers strength and heal-ing;
 when we choose love, not the ha-tred all a-round us;
 when our long-ings, free from en-vy, seek the hum-ble:
 when the strang-er is ac-cept-ed as our neigh-bor:

Refrain / Estribillo



Va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro mis-mo ca-mi-nar;
 We see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way;



va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro mis-mo ca-mi-nar.
 we see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way.

2 *Cuando alguno sufre y logra su consuelo,* 3 *Cuando crece la alegría y nos inunda,*
cuando espera y no se cansa de esperar, *cuando dicen nuestros labios la verdad,*
cuando amamos, aunque el odio nos rodee: *cuando amamos el sentir de los sencillos:*
 Estribillo Estribillo

4 *Cuando abunda el bien y llena los hogares,*
cuando alguien donde hay guerra pone paz,
cuando "hermano" le llamamos al extraño:
 Estribillo

9:00

INSTALLATION OF THEATRE CAMP STAFF

Sammy Mikulski
Rob Mikulski
Lindsay Magee
Tres Allison
Brittany Finn

APOSTLES' CREED AND BAPTISM

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 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

*Allegro from Voluntary III
by John Stanley*

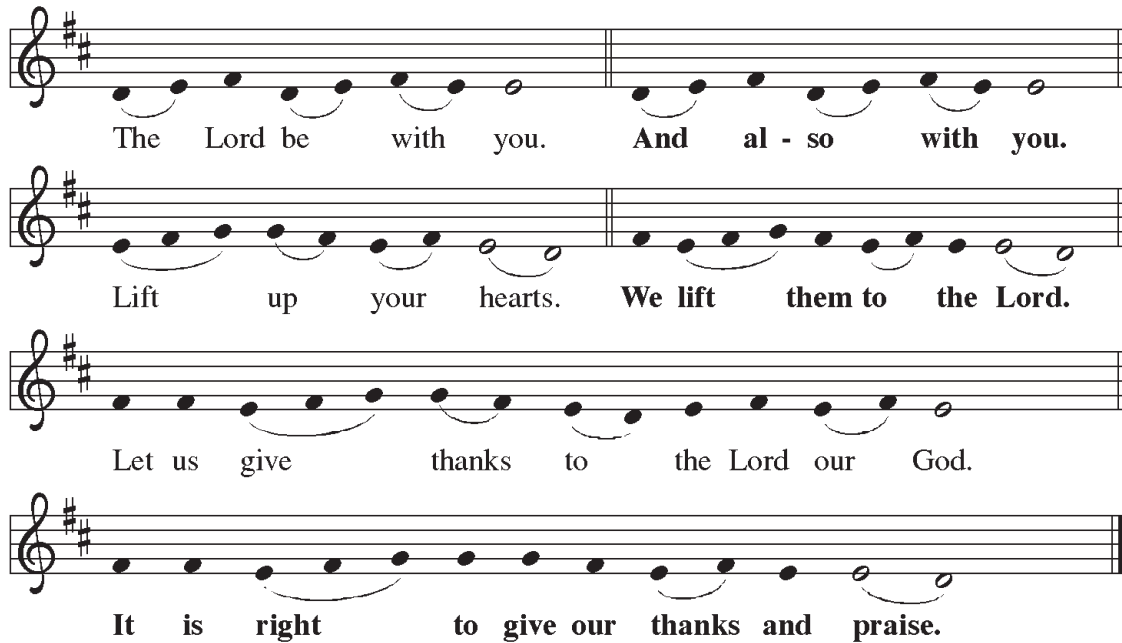
Please rise, as you are able. The ushers bring the offering forward for the Offering Prayer.

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.

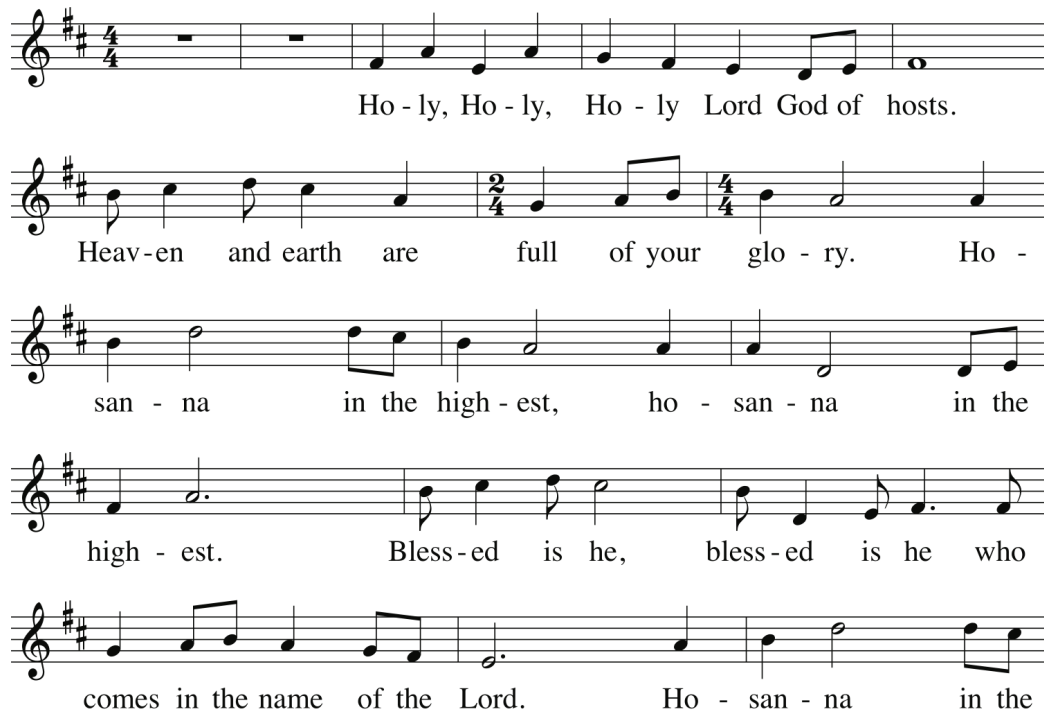
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GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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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Refrain




Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of



liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

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

BLESSING

May the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in God's grace.

Amen.

PRAYER

Let us pray.

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

The Rejoicing
by Charles Callahan

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.

Refrain— sung twice each time

Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
 Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our

bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
 hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. *End*
 prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
 2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain

I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
 strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

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THIS WEEK AT ZION

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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 (final)	10:15	FLC Room 101
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanctuary & YouTube

Monday, June 24

Camp Hope Week 2, through Friday	9am	Campus
Theatre Camp Week 1, through July 5	11am	Family Life Center

Tuesday, June 25

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

Wednesday, June 26

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 Hall

Thursday, June 27

Weight Watchers Mtg	9:30	Church 2
Stephen Ministry (alternate room)	7pm	Break Room
Endowment Committee	7pm	Fellowship Hall

Saturday, June 29

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

New Members received in worship		
Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Dinner and Theatre Seating Tickets on sale for <i>West Side Story</i>	10am-12pm	Gazebo
Coffee Talk: Financial Update	10:20	Fellowship Hall
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 Ameya Steubing
11:30 Bella Gallegos

Communion Servers

9:00 Jennifer & Kevin Kretzschmar
11:30 Max Knoll, Jeff Williams

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 LeShea Clabough & Kevin M^cGee
Paul Spehr
Laura Walsh

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.

*Wednesday worship will go on hia-
tus in July, resuming August 7.*

⇒ Coffee Talks ⇒

Join us at 10:15 on these dates. Come to the Fellowship
Hall for information on these topics:

- **Next Sunday, 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 11** - 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!



Men's Fellowship Dinner

Third Monday, July 15 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 Chrysa-
lis near Kerrville. Early Registration discount
price is \$150 (by Monday, July 15). Scan this
QR for registration form and pay-

ment options. Contact David Umlang at
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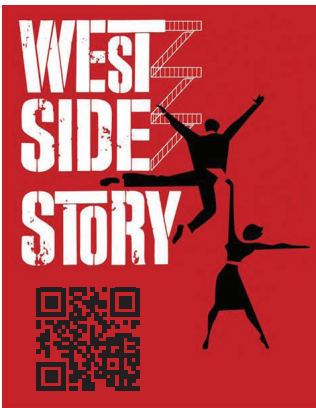
Zion Theatre Camp Presents

Friday, July 5 at 7:30pm
 Saturday, July 6 at 2:00pm



Zion Theatre Campers present this rollicking and heart-felt 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 (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 tickets are \$30, child (age 11 & under) \$20.

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Shiloh Love	At Large
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Pr. Dan Heim	Pastor

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Friday close at 3:00pm



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Call Process Update

for our Associate Pastor

Dear friends in Christ,

Our work as a team continues as we work with three candidates, conducting interviews and prayerfully considering their potential call to Zion. Deacon Darcy from the Office of the Bishop gives us names of candidates as she is able to.

One of our committee members has had to step out from working on the Call Committee, due to personal reasons. Fortunately, Council has identified an alternate person, LeShea Clabough, who has agreed to serve as part of our group.

With this new pastor will come a shift in focus for this position. Whereas we have an Associate Pastor for Youth and Family Faith Formation, our newest position will be an Associate Pastor for Congregational Care. Out of many conversations with a variety of Zion's people, and in her role as Head of Staff, Pastor Kathi has identified congregational care as a ministry focus for our next Associate Pastor.

The Associate Pastor for Congregational Care will be empowered to put together and lead a "Care Team," made up of the pastoral staff but also interested lay people. This team will work together with the pastors to minister to the people of Zion and people in the community. Our new Associate Pastor will, of course, join the rotation for leading worship and preaching for worship on Sundays and Wednesdays, and they will be the pastoral liaison for our active Stephen Ministry group.

Please continue to pray for our work as a call committee, and pray for the candidates.

In peace,

Susan Johns, Call Committee Chair

Bud Halstead, Council President

Pastor Kathi Johnson, Senior Pastor

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!

After dinner on July 8, the Zion Zippers will get out the dice for bunco. 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.



WOZ@zionsa.org

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.*

*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, 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.



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 Algine Perry through the church office if you have questions.

Crafty Bunch

Wednesdays at 9:30

The Crafty Bunch meets in the Education Building on the west side of Leslie Road. Enter at the double doors, behind Churches 1 and 2. The craft room is the first room on the right. Bring your own project to work on.

Lutheran Fall Festival September 21

at the Marktplatz in Fredericksburg, Texas

Quilt Show and Auction • Music • Craft Booths

Food • Carnival Games • Summer Camp Raffle

Annual fundraising event to benefit Cross Trails Ministries at Camp Chrysalis, Ebert Ranch and other off-site camping experiences.

Vendors, crafters, quilters, sponsors, volunteers and anyone interested in attending can use this QR for link to info and applications, or <https://crosstrails.org/tways-to-give/fall-festival/>



Fall Festival

Zion Bunco Group

4th Monday, July 22 at 1:00pm

Zion Bunco Group will meet on the fourth Monday 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.

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.

on the first and third Thursdays of the month

Dinner Out at Paesano's in August*

Thursday, August 1 at 6:30pm

Dinner Out invites all adults to meet in August at Paesano's Restaurant, 3622 Paesano's Parkway off Loop 1604, east of NW Military Hwy. Come early for socializing; dinner seating is at 6:30.

RSVP by Monday, July 29 to Jim or Sandy Chillstrom; call the church office if you need their contact info.

**No Dinner Out in July.*

Diane & Dave Newman, 210-654-7440 or
ddnewman@mac.com

Jim or Sandy Chillstrom chillstrom@sbglobal.net
210-695-6310 or 210-771-7573

**JUNE 23, 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**



God cares for us when we are afraid.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 4:35-41	Jesus calms the waters
Monday	Job 38:1-11	God's rebuke of Job
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	How Paul served God
Wednesday	Psalm 56	A prayer of trust in God
Thursday	Joshua 1:1-9	God's commission to Joshua
Friday	Joel 2:18-27	God's response and promise
Saturday	Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32	God saves those in distress
Sunday	Mark 5:21-43	Jesus heals and raises to life

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

And they [disciples] were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Mark 4:41 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of comfort and assurance, we thank you for your presence that promises to protect us through the storms of life through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you who still the storm and hush the waves, we thank you for protecting us and caring for us with this food through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Psalm 107:29)

A Blessing to Give:

May your heart be open to the grace of God in Christ. (2 Corinthians 6:13)



JUNE 23, 2024

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Calm to the Waves



taking
faith
home

WEEKLY MILESTONES

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

CARING CONVERSATIONS



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

- When is a time you were afraid? What did you do?
- How is God with you when you are afraid?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Mark 4:35-41.

This story is not simply about a miracle showing the powers of Jesus over nature. It is about the presence of the kingdom of God in Jesus silencing and rebuking the powers of evil, death, and destruction. First century Jews and Christians experienced a traumatic time in history. Roman rulers dictated their lives, destroyed the temple in Jerusalem, and slaughtered countless lives. It is reminiscent of the shock and sorrow that many have experienced throughout time. At such times one wonders what will happen and if there is hope for the future. The disciples in the boat with Jesus are filled with fear and wonder who this Jesus is. We, as the readers of Mark, have a better view of what is happening. An image for the church is the boat at sea with Jesus. A word we use for the worshiping space inside a church building is nave from the Latin word (*navis*), which means “ship.” There can be times in our lives when we, ourselves, are tossed by the wind and waves yet sheltered by Jesus, the Son of God who silences and rebukes all that frightens us.

Discuss: How does faith in Jesus calm you and others who follow Christ?

Pray: **Almighty and living God, in the midst of our uncertainties and fears we thank you for your saving presence that silences the storms of our lives and world 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 show God’s love and care for someone who is going through a difficult time?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



In the Bible the sea is often seen as a place that lacks order and safety. The sea represents that which seeks to undermine God’s design for life. Because of this, the church has been portrayed as a ship at sea with Jesus at the helm. Some congregations actually have a ship hanging down from the ceiling in the sanctuary or nave (word for ship). Draw a picture of a boat or take a model of a ship and place it in a visible place to remind you that your life in Christ is protected by Jesus just as he protected his disciples during the storm on the Sea of Galilee. Place next to the ship these words: Thank you, Jesus, for protecting us in the storms of life.



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