June 30, 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?

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

O For a Thousand Tongues arranged by Bob Walters

Sarah Juhasz Saxophone

WELCOME Pastor Dan Heim

Please rise, as you are able.

INVOCATION

We worship today in the name of the Father, and of the № Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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.





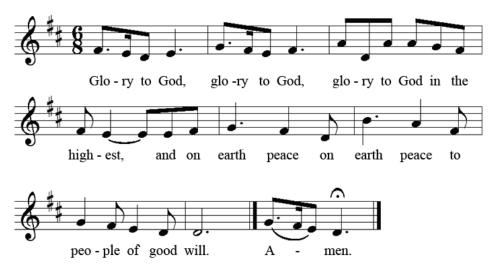
GREETING

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







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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through 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: LAMENTATIONS 3:22-33

²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; ²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." ²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. ²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. ²⁷It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, ²⁸to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, ²⁹to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), ³⁰to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults. ³¹For the Lord will not reject forever. ³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; ³³for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

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

PSALM 30

The cantor sings the refrain once to begin, followed by the assembly. The assembly then sings the refrain when indicated by \mathbb{R}

Refrain Michel Guimont



I will praise you, LORD, you have rescued me

and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.

O LORD, you have raised my soul from the dead,

restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. \mathbb{R} .

Sing psalms to the LORD, you faithful ones, give thanks to his holy name.

God's anger lasts a moment; God's favor all through life.

At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. R.

The LORD listened and had pity.
The LORD came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing.

O LORD my God, I will thank you for ever. R.

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SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 8:7-15

[Paul writes] ⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

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

lease rise, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Sing twice



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GOSPEL: MARK 5:21-43

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

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet 23 and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." ²⁴So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. 30 Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?' " 32He looked all around to see who had done it. 33But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease." 35While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Kathi Johnson

Please rise, as you are able.



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9:00 RECEIVE NEW MEMBERS

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

RITE OF HEALING

On several Sundays this summer, our readings include stories of the healing ministry of Jesus. On these Sundays, we will include a Rite of Healing. If you want a prayer for healing for yourself or on behalf of someone else, please make your way to stand or kneel at the altar rail during the music. If you would like a prayer but cannot come forward, please notify an usher and we will pray for you at your seat.

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 \(\mathbb{H}\) 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

 ${\it Please check the back pages of this bulletin for additional announcements.}$

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

My Story, My Song arranged by Christine Anderson

Sarah Juhasz Handbells

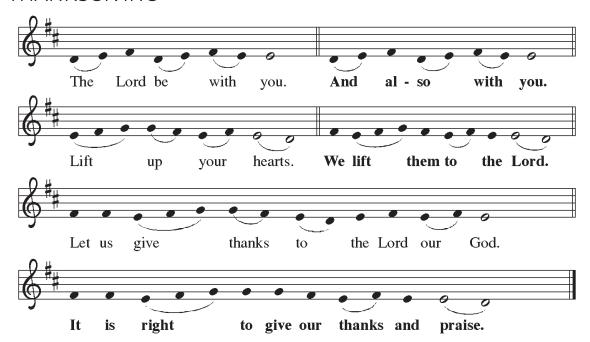
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OFFERING PRAYER

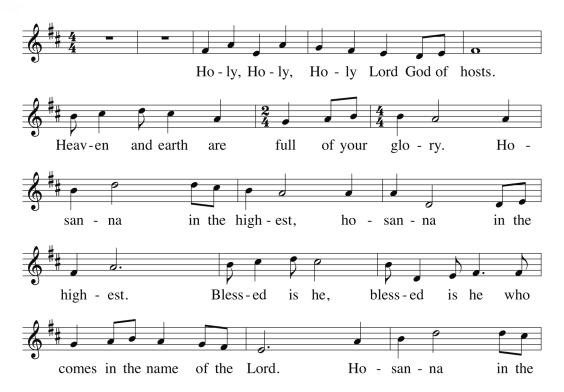
Let us pray. God of mercy and grace,

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 \(\mathbb{P} \) 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.

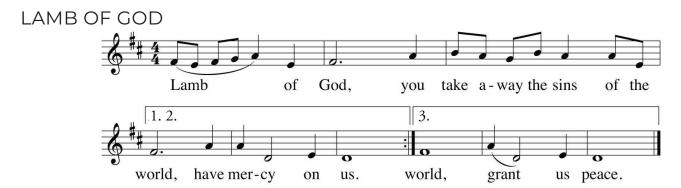
INVITATION

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

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

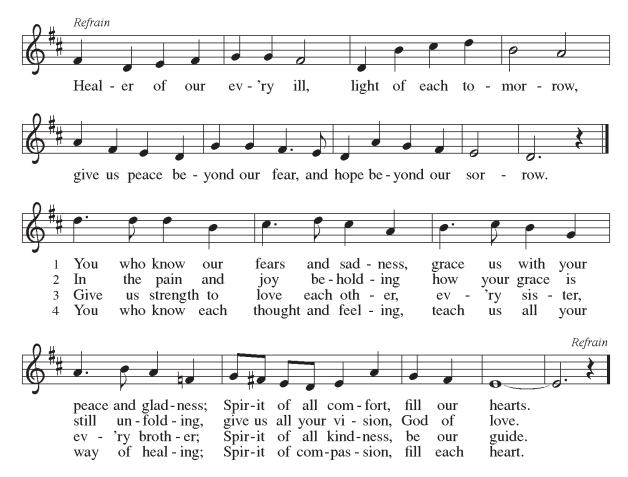
Because this is the Lord's table, we welcome all to receive Holy Communion. If you'd like to receive a blessing instead, simply come forward and cross your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will bring the sacrament to you. Gluten-free wafers are available; 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.



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COMMUNION HYMN

Healer of Our Every III



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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.

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

Carillon Fanfare 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.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Scan QR code for this month's calendar



Sunday, June 30

New Members received in worship Worship in person 9am Sanctuary

Dinner and Theatre Seating Tickets on Gazebo sale for West Side Story

Coffee Talk: Financial Update 10:15 Fellowship Hall

Worship in person and online 11:30 Sanctuary & YouTube

Monday, July 1

Theatre Camp June 24-July 5 11am Family Life Center Game Group 12:30 Fellowship Hall 6:30 Fellowship Hall LMM Planning Mtg

Tuesday, July 2

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

Wednesday, July 3

Weight Watchers Mtg 9:30 Church 2

Crafty Bunch 9:30 Ed Bldg Craft Rm

AA - Alcoholics Anonymous 7pm FLC 202 Al-Anon Meeting 7pm FLC 101

Midweek Worship Services resume August 7

Thursday, July 4 - Independence Day

Campus Closed

Friday, July 5

Footloose by Zion Theatre Camp 7:30 Family Life Center

Saturday, July 6

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

Footloose by Zion Theatre Camp 2pm Family Life Center

Sunday, July 7

Worship in person 9am Sanctuary

Coffee Talk Ministry Update 10:15 Ministry Center 1

Dinner and Theatre Seating Tickets on 10am-

Gazebo sale for West Side Story 12pm

Worship in person and online 11:30 Sanctuary & YouTube

Worship Support

Altar Guild

Randalyn Nickel, Madison Harris Karen Umlang

Lay Reader

9:00 John Macha

11:30 Rachel Cannady

Cantor

Jeff Williams

Communion Servers

9:00 Bonnie & Brinkley Harrell

11:30 Suzi Lockamy, Rachel Cannady

Livestream

Steve Johnson, David Umlang

Sound

Scott VanDoren

Ushers

9:00 David Umlang Brinkley & Bonnie Harrell Amy Swanson, Bev Rosel Liz McClain, Linda Hansen

LeShea Clabough & Kevin McGee

STAFF CONTACT	Day Off
Pastor Kathi Johnson Senior Pastor kjohnson@ZionSA.org	Monday
Pastor Dan Heim Pastor, Youth & Family dheim@ZionSA.org	Friday
Pastor Eileen Spehr Visitation Pastor visitation@ZionSA.org	
Suzie Wyatt, Administrator swyatt@ZionSA.org	Thursday afternoon
Rob Mikulski, Music Director rmikulski@ZionSA.org	Monday
Sammy Mikulski, Theatre Director theatre@ZionSA.org	Monday

2024 CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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Rachel Williams	At Large
Shiloh Love	At Large
Pr. Kathi Johnson	Senior Pastor
Pr. Dan Heim	Pastor

> Cottee Talks =

- Today, June 30 at 10:15 Treasurer Allen Cockrell will give a quarterly financial update today in the Fellowship Hall.
- July 7 Senior Pastor Kathi Johnson will give a midyear ministry update. Meets next Sunday at 10:15in Ministry Center Room 1.
- August 11 Habitat for Humanity representative will speak about the Lutheran Cluster House and the family that will live there. Meets in Ministry Center Room 1.

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

TODAY Blessed Change for Crosstrails Ministries

Zion is collecting Blessed Change for Crosstrails Ministries, encompassing Camp Chrysalis, Ebert Ranch Camp, and other camping experiences. Look for the water well in the narthex and drop in your



loose change, folding money and checks, or use this QR code to get to Zion's donations web page.



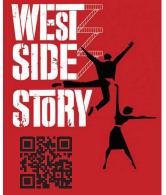
Zion Theatre Camp Presents

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

* Meals sold out

Theatre seating tickets are available for ALL dates, on-line at **ZTG.Booktix.net** (QR above). All seats are \$16.50, including handling charge.

A limited number of dinner seats are still available for the dates noted above. 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 meal is \$30, child's meal (11 & under) is \$20.

OFFICE CONTACT



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



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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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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.

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.



Men's Fellowship Dinner

Third Monday, July 15 at 6:30pm

All men are invited to meet at Golden Corral, on Loop 1604 at 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



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.



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.

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.

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.

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 Minis-

tries 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

Food Bank Invitation to Help

Daily Bread Food Pantry, 6011 Grissom Road, is a distribution site of the San Antonio Food Bank. On the first and third Mondays, a Food Bank truck delivers fresh produce, bakery and pantry goods, meat and frozen items. Groceries are distributed the next day to 30 to 40 qualifying families in San Antonio and surrounding areas.

- Volunteers are needed on the first and third Mondays. Setup begins about thirty minutes before the expected arrival of the Food Truck. Unloading of the truck, sorting food, and filling the pantry usually takes one to two hours. More people are needed on Mondays.
- On the first and third Tuesdays, delivery to clients is from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Setup on these Tuesdays begins at 9:30am.

Volunteers are welcome for any amount of time they have to give. There are no requirements for those helping on Mondays – just a willingness to serve, sorting and stocking the delivered food into the pantry. Tuesday distribution requires two on-line training sessions.

Daily Bread Pantry invites the curious to come on Mondays to see what goes on, 6011 Grissom Road. Contact Pastor Eileen Spehr with any questions, **Visitation@ ZionSA.org**.

Summer Pantry Dates

July 1 and 2 July 15 and 16 Aug 5 and 6 Aug 19 and 20

Food Bank Summer Drive through July

Zion is collecting food and pet food for the San Antonio Food Bank. Add one or two of the items below to your grocery list this month, and look for the red and green barrels in the narthex and gazebo beginning July 7.





Our faith remembers that joy will come.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 5:21-43	Jesus heals and raises to life

Monday Lamentations 3:22-33 There is still hope Tuesday 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Generous giving

Wednesday Nehemiah 8:9-12 Ezra reads God's law to the people

Thursday Galatians 5:1, 13-26 Fruit of the Spirit and freedom

Friday Proverbs 15:21-23 Helping others brings joy

Saturday Psalm 30 God turns mourning into dancing

Sunday Mark 6:1-13 Jesus sends the twelve

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

For his [the LORD's] anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Psalm 30:5 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of unending grace, we pray for your healing touch that brings peace and joy to our lives and a thankful heart that gives you praise through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, during the good times and the bad, may this gift of food remind us that you are here to give us faith, hope, and love through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the never-ending love of God give you faith and hope in Christ.



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JUNE 30, 2024 HYMN OF THE WEEK Earth and All Stars! WEEKLY MILESTONES taking faith home

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:

- Have you ever experienced a time of joy after an illness or death happened? Explain.
- How does faith help you in tough times as well as in times of joy?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Psalm 30 and Mark 5:21-43.

This psalm gives real understanding and emotional depth to the lives described in Mark 5. It tells of the agony of a woman's 12-year illness and a father's losing and regaining a beloved daughter. Faith experiences major ups and downs with a need for persistence and hope, even in the midst of desperation. The psalmist knows this well and can speak for the characters in Mark 5 and for us. When life is good there is a blind confidence that cannot fathom future pain, and we say, "I shall never be moved" (Psalm 30:6). But, then we experience unbelievable anguish and grief. It catches us unprepared and we say, "O Lord, be my helper!" (v. 10). Faith accepts that we go from unimaginable abandonment to joy, but not just once. In the midst of the good times and the hard times we are urged to sing and pray the words of Psalm 30:5b. This verse has been described as a summary of the entire Book of Psalms. Faith, even in desperate times, believes joy eventually comes to stay forever.

Discuss: When have you gone through a tough time and looked back with a glad heart for God's goodness to you?

Pray: God of steadfast love, help us to be humble of heart during times of joy and people of hope during times of pain and loss through Jesus Christ, our great Healer and Savior. 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 care for someone experiencing loss and grief?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



In 2 Corinthians 8, Paul wrote about financial giving. Christians are encouraged to give financially to the work of God's kingdom and for the wider needs of the world. Think or talk about giving to others through an offering collected in your home. Place a bowl or a basket in a visible place in your home to collect loose coins and dollars regularly.

Pray: Dear Lord Jesus, help us to remember that you treated us with undeserved kindness by giving up all your riches so that we could become rich through you. Amen.



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