

July 7, 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 have hosted the greater San Antonio community at two different summer camps, and will again do so at 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	<i>Praeludium in G (BWV 568)</i> by J. S. Bach	
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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.

Ok

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



1 O Christ, our light, O Ra - diance true, shine forth on
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace the wan - d'ers
 3 Lord, o - pen all re - luc - tant ears and take a -
 4 Lord, let your mer - cy's gen - tle ray shine down on
 5 Make theirs with ours a sin - gle voice up - lift - ed,



those es - tranged from you, and bring them to your home a -
 lost in er - ror's maze. Set free all those whose hearts and
 way the need - less fears of those who trem - ble to ex -
 oth - ers strayed a - way. To those in con - science wound - ed
 ev - er to re - joice with wond - 'ring grat - i - tude and



gain, where their de - light shall nev - er end.
 minds some deep de - lu - sion haunts and binds.
 press the faith their in - most hearts con - fess.
 sore show heav - en's wait - ing, o - pen door.
 praise to you, O Lord, for bound - less grace.

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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.

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Session Ends

WORD

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

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor Kathi Johnson

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 2:1-5

¹ [A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. ² And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³ He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴ The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." ⁵ Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

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

PSALM 123

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

Refrain

Michel Guimont

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,
plead - ing for his mer - cy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens;
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords. R̄.

Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes are on the LORD our God

till we are shown mercy. R̄.

Have mercy on us, LORD, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,
(the disdain of the proud). R̄.

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SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 12:2-10

[Paul writes] ² I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³ And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴ was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵ On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶ But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷ even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸ Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹ but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰ Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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 6:1-13

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

¹ [Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ² On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴ Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰ He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³ They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Kathi Johnson

Please rise, as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

When Pain of the World Surrounds Us



1 When pain of the world sur - rounds us with dark - ness and de -
2 We see with . . fear and trem - bling our ach - ing world in
3 The church is a ho - ly ves - sel the liv - ing wa - ters
4 We praise you . . for our jour - ney and your a - bun - dant



spair, when search - ing just con - founds us with
need, con - fess - ing to each oth - er our
fill to nour - ish all the peo - ple, God's
grace, your sav - ing word that guid - ed a



false hopes ev - 'ry - where, when lives are starved for mean - ing and
waste - ful - ness and greed. May we with stead - fast car - ing the
pur - pose to ful - fill. May we with hum - ble cour - age be
strug - gling hu - man race. O God, with all cre - a - tion, your



des - ti - ny is bare, we are called to fol - low Je - sus and
hun - gry chil - dren feed. We are called to fol - low Je - sus and
o - pen to God's will. We are called to fol - low Je - sus and
fu - ture we em - brace. We are called to fol - low Je - sus and



let God's heal - ing flow through us.
let God's jus - tice flow through us.
let God's Spir - it flow through us.
let God's chang - es flow through us.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — FIRST PART WITH PAREN —

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

How Firm a Foundation
setting by John Turner

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

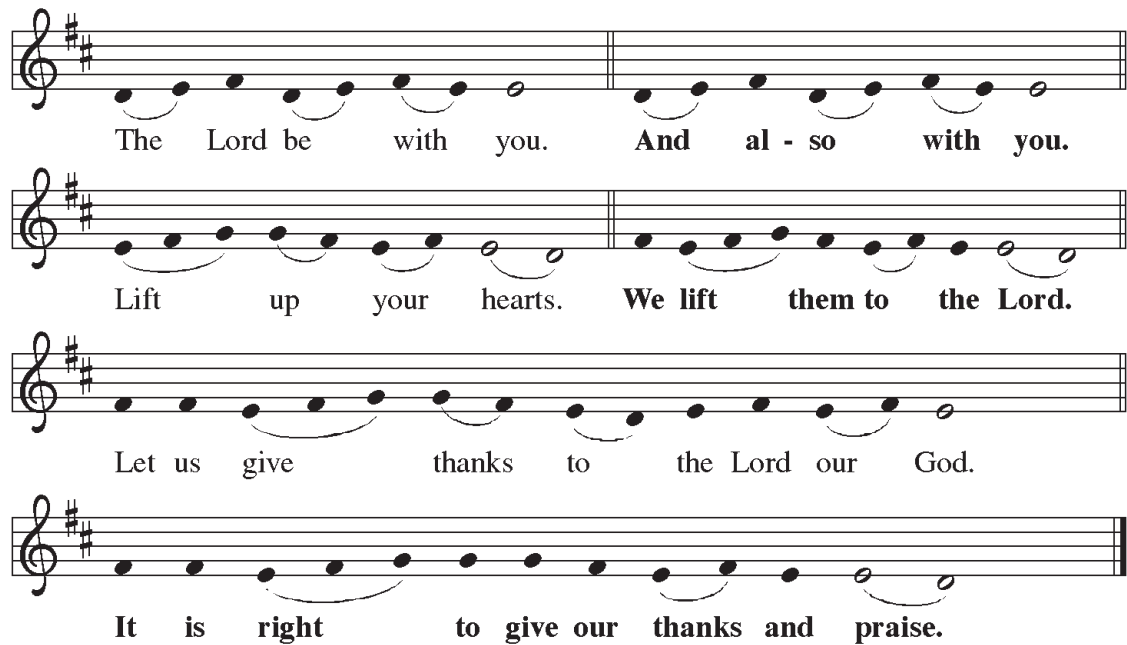
OFFERING PRAYER

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.

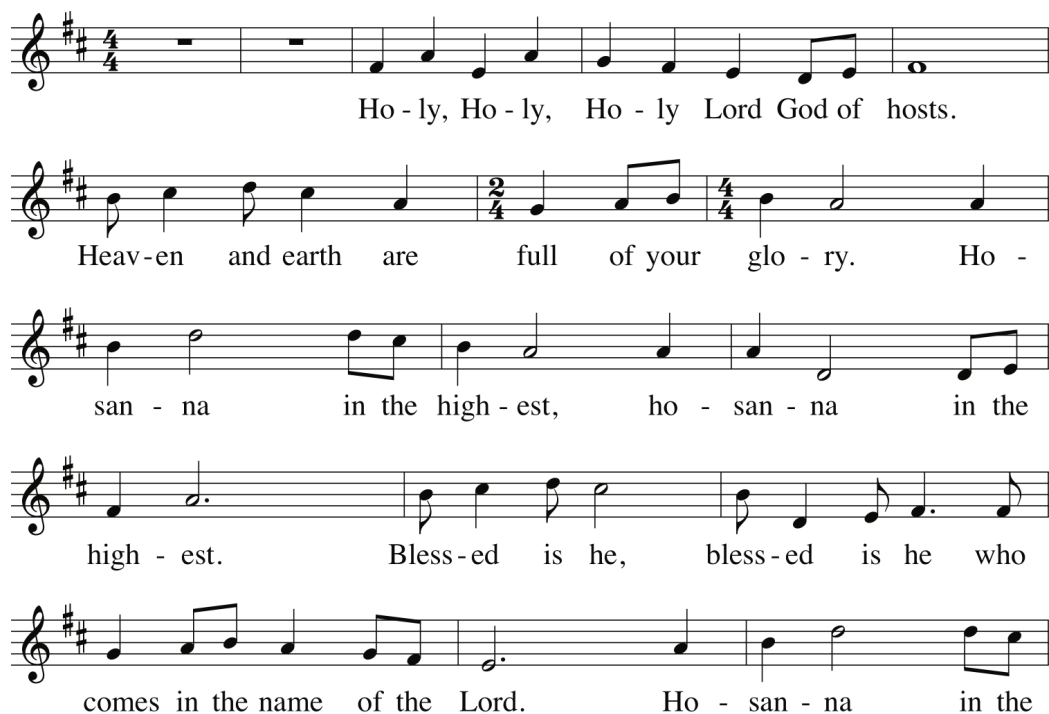
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GREAT THANKSGIVING

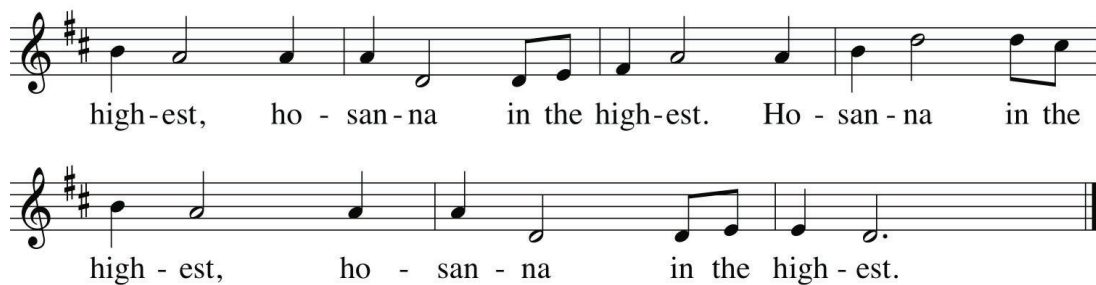


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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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1 For by grace you have been saved and e - ven faith is not your
 2 "So my grace is all - suf - fi - cient for each child who is my
 3 So this weak - ness with con - tent - ment I'll ac - cept now in my -



own, it's the gift of God for you and not the works that you have
 own, for my strength is now made per - fect for each child who is my
 self, all my hard - ships, pains, and griefs that still lie deep with - in my -



done. Don't let an - y - bod - y boast, for this is
 own. When you're weak, then you are strong, for this is
 self. When I'm weak, then I am strong, for this is



God's great gift. A - men.
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 God's great gift. A - men. A - men.

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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.

SENDING HYMN *on next page*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Gigue
by G.F. Telemann

AVAILABLE FOR PRAYER

Immediately following each service, Stephen Ministers are often available to pray with you at the altar rail. All prayers and conversations are confidential.



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Scan QR code for this month's calendar



Sunday, July 7

Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Coffee Talk Ministry Update	10:15	Ministry Center 1
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanctuary & YouTube

Monday, July 8

Zion Zippers Potluck Fellowship	6pm	Fellowship Hall
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Tuesday, July 9

Exercise Group	9am	Church 2
Women of Zion Bible Study & More	10am	Fellowship Hall
Staff Meeting	11am	Break Room
Executive Committee	6pm	Fellowship Hall
Council Meeting	6:30	Fellowship Hall
Warriors Anonymous	7pm	Church 2

Wednesday, July 10

Weight Watchers Mtg	9:30	Church 2
Crafty Bunch	9:30	Ed Bldg Craft Rm
AA - Alcoholics Anonymous (alt room)	7pm	Church 2
Al-Anon Meeting (alternate room)	7pm	Fellowship Hall

Thursday, July 11

The Psalms Bible Study	9:30	Fellowship Hall
Weight Watchers Mtg	9:30	Church 2
Stephen Ministry Supervision	7pm	MC-5 and 6

Saturday, July 13

Weight Watchers Meetings	7:30 & 9:30am	Church 2
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Sunday, July 14

Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Youth Meeting - Nat'l Gathering	10:15	MC-1
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanctuary & YouTube

Worship Support

Altar Guild

Bonnie Bahr, Betsy Howard
Ruth Medbury, Karen Sturdivant
Laura Walsh

Lay Reader

9:00 Chris Jones
11:30 Karen Umlang

Assisting Minister

Gavin Magee

Cantor

Bud Halstead

Communion Servers

9:00 Lisa & Philip Beekley
11:30 Suzi Lockamy, Karen Umlang

Livestream

Steve Johnson, David Umlang

Sound

Scott VanDoren

Ushers

9:00 Dave & Doris Newman
Russell & Suzanne Warren
James & Karen Sturdivant
LeShea Clabough & Kevin M^cGee

11:30 Pam Gammage
Laura Walsh

☞ Coffee Talks ☜

- **Today, July 7 at 10:15** - Senior Pastor Kathi Johnson will give a mid-year ministry update. Meet in Ministry Center Room 1.
 - **August 11** - Habitat for Humanity representative will speak about the Lutheran Cluster House and the family that will live there. Meet 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!

Food Bank Drive Now through July 28

Zion is collecting food and pet food for the San Antonio Food Bank. Look for the red barrels in the narthex and gazebo.



Women of Zion

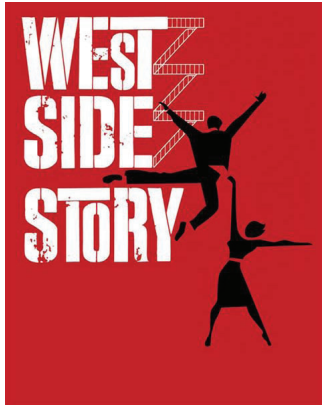
WOZ Bible Study & More
 Second Tuesday July 9 at 10:00am
 Join in activities and fellowship with other women in the congregation. Fellowship, service projects with a Bible study on the second Tuesday at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited! Scan the QR code to get on the mailing list, or send an e-mail to WOZ@zionsa.org.



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.

Tickets on Sale On Line Only



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 (or us this QR). All seats are reserved. Doors open at 7:15 for theatre seating. \$16.50, including handling charge. *Dinner seating tickets are sold out.*



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.

Interested in Serving in Worship?

Worship Camp is for you!

Join us in between services on July 14, 21, or 28 and learn how to serve on Sunday mornings! We're always in need of people to be readers, communion assistants, and ushers, and to serve on the tech team (for our livestream).

These roles play such an important part of our welcome!

We're offering the training over three Sundays, so if you're gone one weekend, just pick another one. No sign-up is necessary - come to the Sanctuary around 10:20 on those three Sundays. Questions? Reach out to Pastor Kathi, kjohnson@zionsa.org.

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Game Group

Monday, July 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.



Men's Fellowship Dinner

Third Monday, July 15 at 6:30pm

All men are invited to meet at Sea Island (11715 Bandera) (Golden Corral, Loop 1604 at Bandera this month) 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

Register Now for Discount Price

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



Prayer Chain

Prayer Chain requests are sent out as needed, no more than once a day. To request prayers, or to join the Prayer Chain, send an e-mail to Karen at Zion@ZionSA.org. When requesting prayers for others by name, please confirm with that person first.

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.

Food Bank Invitation to Help

Daily Bread Food Pantry, 6011 Grissom Road in Leon Valley, 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 15 and 16

Aug 5 and 6

Aug 19 and 20

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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.

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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: Thursday 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.

For more information on the LWR quilting project, go to lwr.org and click on "quilts." Find out how a quilt can make a difference in someone's life.

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/ways-to-give/fall-festival/>



Fall Festival



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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.



**JULY 7, 2024
SEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**



God's power is made perfect in weakness.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 6:1-13	Jesus sends the twelve
Monday	Ezekiel 2:1-5	The Lord chooses Ezekiel
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Paul's vision
Wednesday	1 Peter 5:6-11	Tending the flock
Thursday	Isaiah 43:1-3	Restoration promised
Friday	Romans 8:26-27	Spirit intercedes for us
Saturday	Psalm 123	A prayer for mercy
Sunday	Mark 6:14-29	The death of John the Baptist

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Therefore I [Paul] am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 12:10 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Gracious God, you who conquer all powers from the cross, guide us to a life of faith, hope, and love for the sake of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this gift of food, and that you show us mercy and kindness each day. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with a humble heart and faith in Christ.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Just a Closer Walk with
Thee*



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 have you experienced rejection from friends or family?
- How can God use your weaknesses to bring healing and hope to others?

DEVOTIONS



Read: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10.

Christian spirituality is a way of life that is shaped by the gospel. Paul says he could boast about a mystical spirituality, but he refuses (vv. 2-5). Instead, he lifts up his weakness “for the sake of Christ” (v. 10). In a world that seeks wisdom, power, and mystical experiences, Paul’s message to the Corinthians and to us is a cautionary note. Christian spirituality for Paul is a life lived for the sake of Christ that is grounded in “weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities” (v. 10). Humble experiences open us to a strength, a wisdom, and a transformed life. This is a life very different from one that some in the Corinthian church promoted to show their godliness. In Mark 6 Jesus experiences rejection yet sends his disciples out with power and authority. Today, God’s mercy, grace and healing power may look fragile, yet it is clothed in a gospel strength that changes lives.

Discuss: When have you experienced a difficult moment that was transformed by God’s grace and power?

Pray: **Almighty God, help us to trust in your power that humbles the mighty and lifts up those experiencing insults, hardships, and persecutions for the sake of 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 experiencing a hardship?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



In Mark 6, Jesus sends out his disciples with very little to sustain their trip. They are to rely on the hospitality of others. The church was built on the humble act of being dependent on the generosity of others. Set out a cup in your home to remind you that God fills your cup (the “daily bread” you need), often through others. Let the cup remind you to be ready to receive the kindness of others as well as to be kind to others. When you set out the cup, pray the Lord’s Prayer.



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