

July 28, 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 has been 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 hosted the greater San Antonio community at two different summer camps and a summer theatre production. Many of our groups continue meeting in the summer months, too. The Green Season helps us find ways that God is helping us to grow in and through it all. How do we grow as people of welcome? How do we grow as people of care? How do we grow as people of love?

Zion Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Blessed Redeemer arranged by Gary Lanier

Elyse Hearn, Flute
Dean Hearn, Clarinet

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 85)*

Restore us again, O God.

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord.

Let us hear what God the Lord will speak,

For God will speak peace to his people.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,

And righteousness will look down from the sky.

1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer for all things
 2 God, bless the labor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Father, providing food for your children, by Wisdom's
 4 Then will your blessing reach every people, freely con-

liv - ing, you have made good: harvest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
 guid - ing teach us to share one with another, so that, re -
 fess - ing your gracious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will

or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.
 with you, harvest - ing, mill - ing for daily bread.
 joic - ing with us, all others may know your care.
 hun - ger; your love sustain - ing show - ers the land.

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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 high - 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 high - 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 high - 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



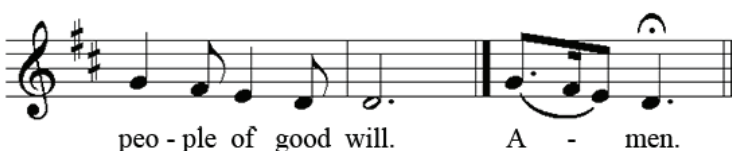
Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



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. Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, 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: 2 KINGS 4:42-44

⁴² A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³ But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴ He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

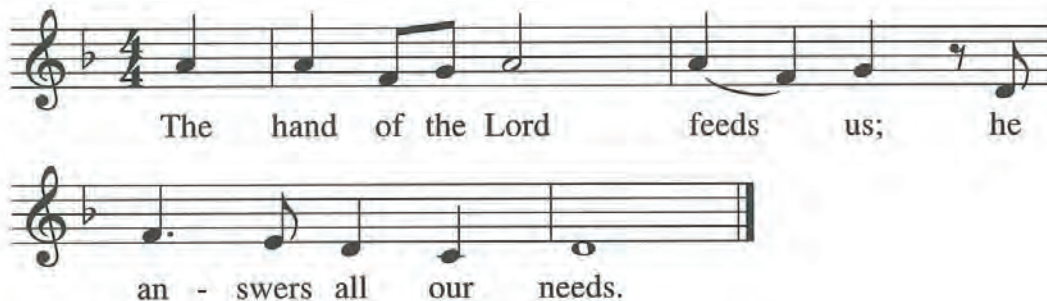
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 145

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

Refrain

Michel Guimont



All your creatures shall thank you, O LORD,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. R.

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due season.

You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. R.

You are just in all your ways
and loving in all your deeds.
You are close to all who call you,
who call on you from their hearts. R.

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SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 3:14-21

[Paul writes] ¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

Please rise, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Sing twice



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GOSPEL: JOHN 6:1-21

Jesus Feeds 5,000
Spark Children's Bible Page 426

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

¹ Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." ¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. ¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

Please be seated.

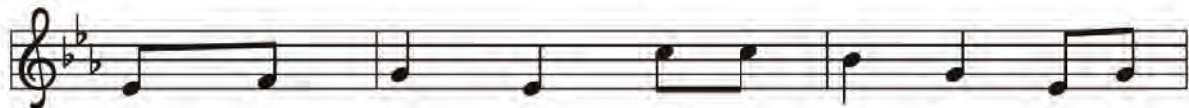
SERMON

Pastor Bill Swantner

Please rise, as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



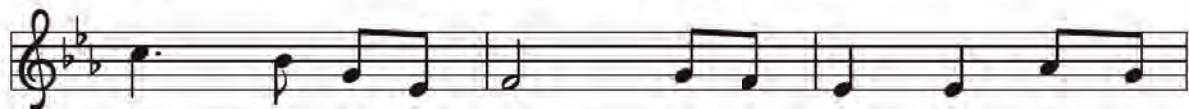
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that God is with us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Each petition ends: God of grace,

Response: **Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected Lord.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please check the back pages of this bulletin for additional announcements.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus.

OFFERING

We give our offerings with thanksgiving to God. These offerings support the mission and ministry of Zion, including the care of those in need. To give online, please visit ZionSA.org. Children may place their offerings in the jar to the left of the Chancel (near the sacristy door). During the offering music, the pastor sets the table for Holy Communion.

OFFERING MUSIC

Great is the Lord
arranged by Stan Pethel

Elyse Hearn, Flute
Dean Hearn, Clarinet

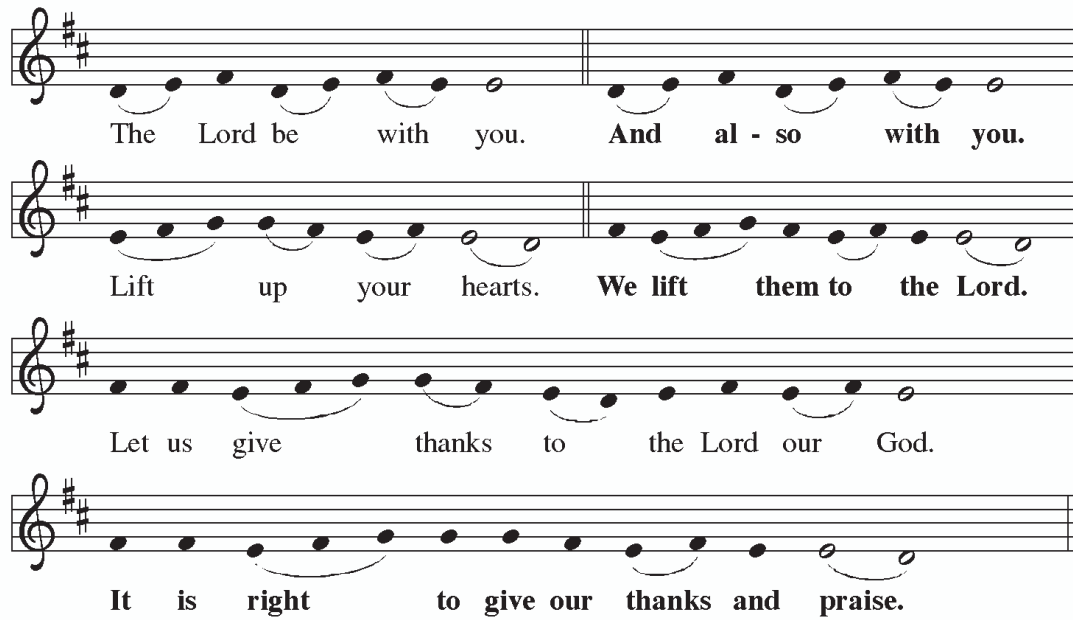
Please rise, as you are able. The ushers bring the offering forward for the Offering Prayer.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of mercy and grace,

the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

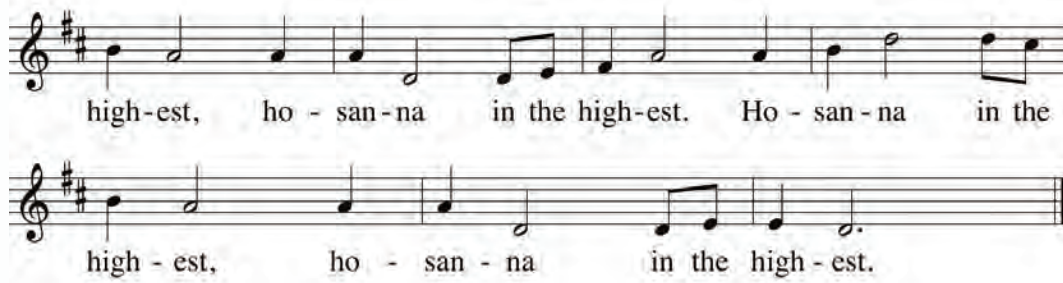


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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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OFFERING MUSIC

Andante con Espressione
(from *Piano Sonata in D major K 311*)
arranged by Brett Thompson

Elyse Hearn, Flute
Dean Hearn, Clarinet



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - jice.
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

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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

Praise Him! by Mark Hayes

AVAILABLE FOR PRAYER

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

SENDING HYMN

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain

Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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THIS WEEK AT ZION

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Sunday, July 28

Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
“Worship Camp” for Worship Support	10:15	Sanctuary
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanctuary & YouTube
Pre-Show Meal for Dinner Ticket-holders	6:30	Family Life Center
<i>West Side Story - Closing Performance</i>	7:30	Family Life Center

Tuesday, July 30

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

Wednesday, July 31

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	Fellowship Hall

Midweek Worship Services resume August 7

Thursday, August 1

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief	9:30	Fellowship Hall
Weight Watchers Mtg	9:30	Church 2
Dinner Out: Paesano's	6:30	Details Page 22

Saturday, August 3

Weight Watchers Meetings	7:30 & 9:30am	Church 2
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Sunday, August 4

School Supply Collection for Lutheran World Relief by Women of Zion		
Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
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 Meagan Lenz
11:30 Gail Clayworth

Cantor

Jeff Williams

Communion Servers

9:00 Linnell & Dave Brewton
11:30 Alyssa Brodbeck
Suzi Lockamy

Livestream

Steve Johnson

Sound

Scott VanDoren

Ushers

9:00 Suzanne & Russell Warren
James Sturdivant
LeShea Clabough & Kevin M^cGee
11:30 Pam Gammage
LeShea Clabough & Kevin M^cGee

Interested in Serving in Worship?

Worship Camp Today is for you!

Join us in between services TODAY 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!

If you cannot participate today, indicate your interest on your connection card or reach out to Pastor Kathi, kjohnson@zionsa.org.

Food Bank Drive Ends This Week

Zion is collecting food and pet food for the San Antonio Food Bank. Look for the red and green barrels in the narthex and gazebo. You can still bring donations to the office through Tuesday. Barrels will be picked up by the Food Bank on Wednesday, July 31.



Blessed Change Today for San Antonio Food Bank

in the Narthex

Zion is collecting your Blessed Change for the San Antonio Food Bank

today. 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.



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Crafty Bunch

Every Wednesday 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 NEW craft room is the first room on the LEFT. Bring your own project to work on.

OFFICE CONTACT



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



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Dinner Out at Paesano's

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.

Game Group

Monday, August 5 and 19 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.



School Kit Collection

Women of Zion and Lutheran World Relief

At the beginning of each school year, Lutheran women collect supplies for school kits to be sent around the world. Please add a few of these to your shopping list and drop them in the red tubs in the narthex or gazebo. Please bring these specific items only.

- 70-sheet spiral notebooks (wide ruled or college ruled)
- Ruler (inches and centimeters included)
- Pencil sharpener
- Pair of blunt scissors
- Unsharpened pencils
- Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 16 or 24 box of Crayola® brand crayons
- 2 1/2-inch eraser



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If you wish to donate financially, indicate on your check or on-line gift that it is for LWR School Supplies.

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief

First and Third Thursdays, August 1 and 15

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.

The LWR Quilters are always in need of new and gently used twin size and larger flat sheets for quilt backing. Sheets can be dropped off at the Fellowship Hall during any quilting time.

Weekday Bible Study Series: The Psalms

Thursday, August 8 - Psalms for the Journey

Thursday, August 22 - Royal Psalms

Led by Pastor Eileen Spehr. Meets at 9:30am on the second and fourth Thursdays. Come to the Fellowship Hall.

Zion Zippers 50+ Fellowship

Monday, August 12 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 August 12, Jan Horn will lead the Zion Zippers in an entertaining game of Trivia. Come join the fun!

Contact Kathy Newman through the church office if you have a question or suggestion for a guest speaker or activity.

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Women of Zion

WOZ Bible Study & More

Second Tuesday, August 13 at 10:00am

Join in activities and fellowship with other women in the congregation. Fellowship, service projects with a

Bible study on the second Tuesday at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited!

Scan the QR code to get on the mailing list, or send an e-mail to WOZ@zionsa.org.



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☞ Coffee Talk ☞

August 11 at 10:15 - 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!

Where We Park Affects Our Welcome

We have an extensive campus here at Zion, and yet the parking nearest the Sanctuary is fairly limited. When you arrive on Sundays, if you're able to, please consider parking in the lower lot (next to the cemetery), on the 1604 side, or across Leslie Road. This will leave the spots closest to the Sanctuary doors for those who have limited mobility. Taking this simple step helps us welcome all to our worship space!



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 Zion's 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.



*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.



<https://secure.myvanco.com/YJYN/campaign/C-YTT8>
General Fund, updated 6/18/24

Food Bank Invitation to Help

Daily Bread Food Pantry, 6011 Grissom Road, is a distribution site of the San Antonio Food Bank. Produce, bakery, pantry, meat and frozen goods sorted on Mondays for delivery to families on Tuesdays. Summer pantry work dates are August 5 and 6, and August 19 and 20.

- 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.

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

Aluminum Beverage Can Collection

Zion is collecting aluminum drink cans in the swing-top collection barrel in the south (cemetery side) parking lot, next to the shed. Proceeds benefit Zion's Youth program.

For the health and safety of our volunteers that handle this collection:

- *Do not include* plastic-lined cans, pet food cans, steel cans or other metal in this aluminum can collection barrel.
- Please empty, dry, and crush aluminum beverage cans, without any residue that will attract vermin.
- *Do not put* paper, plastic, food or any other trash in this swing-top aluminum can collection barrel. A trash can is provided nearby, plus a bin for non-aluminum recyclables.

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.

Call Process Update

for our Associate Pastor

Dear friends in Christ,

A quick summer update from the Call Committee: we are currently working on interviews with two candidates. Each candidate has strong pastoral gifts, so we are honored to be able to speak with them and consider them for our Associate Pastor position here at Zion.

After we finish another round of interviews with both candidates over Zoom, we will begin in-person interviewing. We continue to be excited and grateful for the Holy Spirit's leading.

Please continue to pray for us and our work, and please also hold the candidates in your prayers.

In peace,

Susan Johns, Call Committee Chair

Bud Halstead, Council President

Pastor Kathi Johnson, Senior Pastor

**JULY 28, 2024
TENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**



God shows us the abundant life through Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 6:1-21	Jesus feeds the five thousand
Monday	2 Kings 4:42-44	Elisha feeds one hundred
Tuesday	Ephesians 3:14-21	Christ's love for us
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Generous giving
Thursday	Deuteronomy 28:1-14	Blessings for obedience
Friday	Isaiah 30:18-22	God's promise to Zion
Saturday	Psalms 145:10-18	The Lord is kind and merciful
Sunday	John 6:24-35	Christ, the bread of life

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.

John 6:11 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Merciful God, give us generous hearts that reach out to others with compassion so that we may know and experience abundant life through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for providing us with this food and opening your hand to satisfy the desire of all living things. In Christ's name we pray, amen. (Psalm 145:15-16)

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with abundant life through Jesus Christ.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises



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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:

- What would you do if you had invited three guests for dinner and instead, six showed up?
- Describe what an abundant life looks like. How do you experience an abundant life?

DEVOTIONS



Read: John 6:1-21.

God's creation produces enough to feed the world. There are times when our own stewardship of God's bounty creates fear that we will not have enough to survive. Some go hungry and suffer poor health while others suffer poor health from consuming too much. In this reading, Jesus takes five loaves and two fish, gives thanks, and feeds five thousand people. He shows the power of giving thanks for God's abundance. This story is about more than gratitude and abundance. It is a sign—a divine example—of the unique character of Jesus that is also seen in Jesus walking on water and bringing the disciples to a safe shore (vv. 16-20). Jesus provides the abundant life and safe harbor because of who he is, the Word made flesh, the Son of God who came to save us. He is worthy of our trust and our praise.

Discuss: How does the story of the feeding of the five thousand help you understand God's abundance?

Pray: **Dear God, take away our fears and give us the joy of life in your presence that we may be filled with generous hearts through Christ Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you be generous to others by sharing your resources?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Having enough food to eat is a God-given blessing. Providing a meal and enjoying it with others is a way to celebrate the God of abundance. This week prepare and share a meal with others. Begin the meal by sharing highs and lows with one another. Then start the meal with prayer: **Dear God, we give you thanks for the fruit of the earth and for the delight of joining with others to eat and be satisfied. We thank you for the joy of living in your presence through Jesus Christ, the one who fed the five thousand and gives us the abundant life. Amen.**

After the meal pray the Lord's Prayer together.



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