

August 18, 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. The break room, on the left side of the hallway, provides a quiet space for nursing.

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?

HOLY BAPTISM TODAY

At the 9:00 service today we receive Eliza Jane Pineda, child of Jeanette & Thomas Pineda. Her sponsors are Jocelyn & Cameron Johnson and Jerritt Nunneley.

Please note on your connection card if you are visiting for the baptism.

Zion Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele
(Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness)
setting by Johannes Brahms

WELCOME

Pastor Bill Swantner

9:00am

HOLY BAPTISM

Statement of Faith

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks..... in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever,

Amen.

Welcome

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:

join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's

creative and redeeming word to all the world.

11:30am

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 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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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.

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Session One

WORD

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

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

FIRST READING: PROVERBS 9:1-6

Story Time

¹Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.

²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.

³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,

⁴“You that are simple, turn in here!”
To those without sense she says,

⁵“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.

⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”

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

PSALM 34

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

Refrain

Hal H. Hopson



Unto the Lord my praise I sing, God's goodness ever bless;
The proud convictions of my soul speak out God's righteousness. R̄

Come magnify the Lord with me! Together sing God's praise,
Whose presence overcomes all fear, whose glory lights our days. R̄

O taste and see, the Lord is Good! How blest are they who trust,
For those who know God's steadfast love, they walk among the just. R̄

How great the trials the faithful bear, yet greater is God's will,
That from the threatening chill of death God's truth redeems us still. R̄

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SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 5:15-20

[Paul writes] ¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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: JOHN 6:51-58

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

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” ⁵²The religious leaders then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

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

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom



1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when
2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the
3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who



earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,
mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,
seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,



for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the
full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes
bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -



path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.
root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.
come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

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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

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness
setting by Paul Manz

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

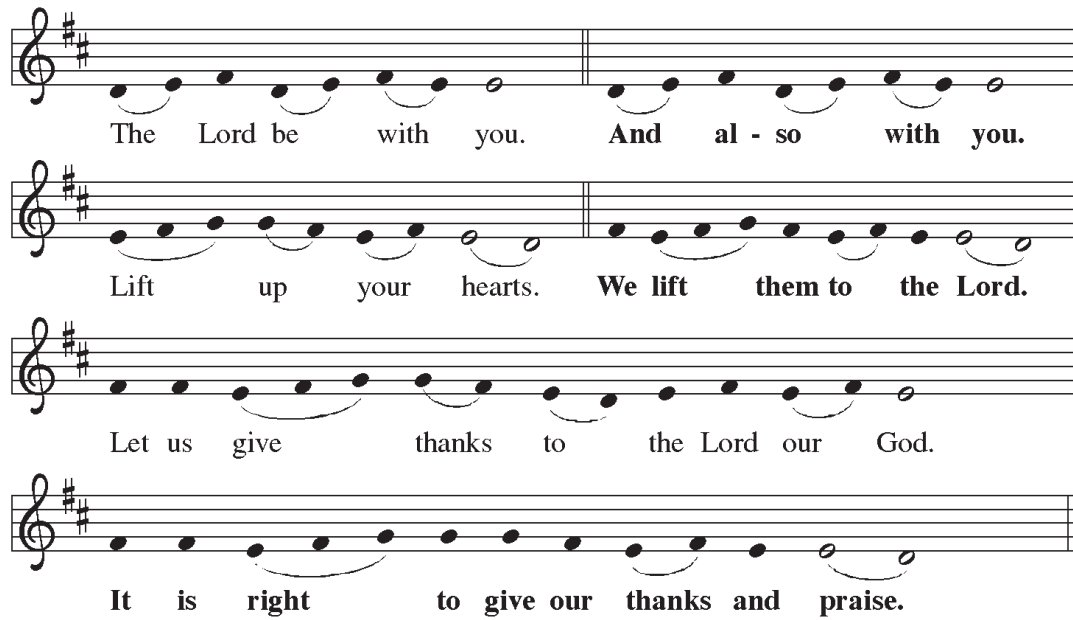
OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of mercy and grace,

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

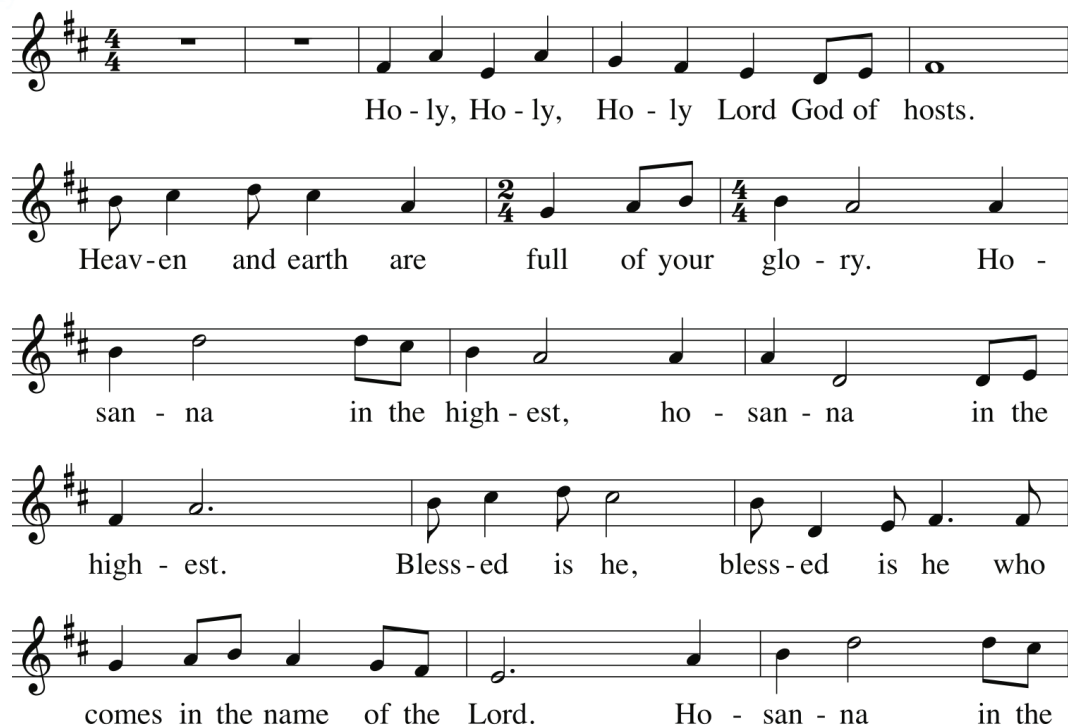
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GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

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

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Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing your people safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading them through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your ✠ Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus has taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION

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

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

Because this is the Lord's table, we welcome all to receive Holy Communion. If you'd like to receive a blessing instead, simply come forward and cross your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will bring the sacrament to you. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask the person serving bread. White grape juice is available in the center of the tray for those unable to drink wine. After receiving Communion, please return to your seat for singing and prayer.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
world, have mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace.

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1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still
 2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
 3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath

to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.
 your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.
 we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—

You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my
 It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your
 de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple

bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"
 bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.
 dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

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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

Trumpet Air and Interlude
by Stanley Vann

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 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -
 2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -
 3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most
 5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise; let all re -



ra - tion leaves no room for pride, it is as
 men - tion in the world of sound, as wor - ship
 love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness
 e - vil strove a - gainst the light? Then let us
 rejoice who have a voice to raise; and may God



though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
 moved us to a more pro - found
 to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!
 sing, for whom he won the fight:
 give us faith to sing al - ways:

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THIS WEEK AT ZION

Scan QR code for this month's calendar



Sunday, August 18

School Supply Collection thru Aug 25		Details page 22
Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Zion Youth Report on Nat'l Gathering	10:15	Fellowship Hall
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanctuary & YouTube

Monday, August 19

Game Group	12:30	Fellowship Hall
LMM Fellowship & Dinner	6:30	Golden Corral Rest.

Tuesday, August 20

Exercise Group	9am	Church 2
Dan Meade Funeral and Reception	10am	Sanctuary and FH
Staff Meeting	2pm	Break Room
Council Mtg	6:30	Fellowship Hall
Warriors Anonymous	7pm	Church 2

Wednesday, August 21

MomCo Community for All Mothers	9:30	Ministry Center 1
Weight Watchers Mtg	9:30	Church 2
Crafty Bunch	9:30	Ed Bldg Craft Rm
Midweek Worship	1:00 and 6:30pm	Church 1
Al-Anon Meeting	7pm	FLC 101
AA - Alcoholics Anonymous	7pm	FLC 202
Chancel Choir	7:15	Sanctuary

Thursday, August 22

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

Saturday, August 24

Weight Watchers Meetings	7:30 & 9:30am	Church 2
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Sunday, August 25

Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
School Supply Collection last day		Details page 22
Faith Formation Hour for all ages	10:15	Details next page
Worship Matters through Sept 15	10:15	Fellowship Hall
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanctuary & YouTube

Worship Support

Altar Guild

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

Lay Reader

9:00 Karen Umlang

11:30 Rachel Cannady

Cantor

Sammy Mikulski

Communion Servers

9:00 Randa Bruce Gonzales
Carolyn Pfeiffer

11:30 Rachel Cannady
Suzi Lockamy

Livestream

Steve Johnson
Kevin McGee

Sound

Scott VanDoren

Ushers

9:00 Jake Apodaca
Mary Ann & Bill Schmitt
Matt Murray, Irvin Moss
Stuart Williams

11:30 Pam Gammage
LeShea Clabough

**NEXT SUNDAY August 25
Faith Formation
for Children and Youth**

10:15 in Ministry Center Rooms

<i>Age or Grade</i>	<i>Room</i>
Two Years–Kinder	MC-3
Grades 1–4	MC-4
Grades 5–7	FH
Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) Grades 8–9	FH
High School Grades 10–12	FH

Register children and youth (ages two through high school) with this QR code. Volunteers can also register with this link.



FF Registration

**Worship Matters: New Series
Next Sunday, August 25**

Join Pastor Kathi and Director of Music Ministries Rob Mikulski for four weeks of *Worship Matters*. This is an interactive class all about the four parts of our worship services: Gathering, Word, Meal, Sending. Come with your own questions, but we'll also discuss why our service is arranged the way it is, and why we repeat some parts over and over but not others. Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:15 beginning August 25. Youth in grade 5 through high school will participate in this series.

Back-to-School Events TODAY, August 18

Both worship services include a back-to-school blessing for students, teachers, administrators and parents with a faith memento handout for the school year!

In between services, Zion youth report on the ELCA's National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July. Come at 10:15 to the Fellowship Hall. The nursery will be open.

Music Rehearsals Begin for Fall

Chancel (Adult) August 21
Wednesday 7:15 Sanctuary

Handbells August 27
Tuesday 6:30 Balcony

Youth (Gr 6-12) August 27
Tuesday 7-8pm Apse

Children's (Gr 2-5) September 3
Tuesday 7-7:45 MC Rm 1

Game Group

Monday, August 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.

Two Midweek Services

Wednesdays at 1pm and 6:30pm in Church 1

Simple communion worship services, afternoon and evening, in Zion's historic chapel.



School Kit Collection through August 25

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

If you wish to donate financially, indicate on your check or on-line gift that it is for LWR School Supplies. Use this QR or go to ZionSA.org for donation link.



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MomCo, a Community for All Moms

Wednesday, August 21 in MC Room 1

Zion MomCo* supports moms by building community for growth in faith and as parents. Meetings are on the third Wednesday

of the month in Zion's Ministry Center from 9:30-noon. They also are in need of adult volunteers to provide child care those Wednesdays.

Scan the QR to register or volunteer, or contact Nicole Stender (mops@zionsa.org) to get more info!



MomCo Registration

* Formerly MOPS Mothers of Preschoolers

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Men's Fellowship Dinner

Third Monday, August 19 at 6:30pm

All men are invited to meet at Golden Corral, 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.

Habitat for Humanity

Sign up for Zion's September Build Days

As part of the Lutheran Cluster for Habitat, Zion is

fortunate to be the first group to start the construction for a well deserving family. We have done a great job so far in fund raising. Now we need physical work donations!

This QR is the link to sign up to work for Habitat For Humanity at the Von Ormy site. Everything you need to know is in the link. Watch this space here and in the Z-Mail for carpool information as we get closer to the work date.



H for H

Weekday Bible Study Series: The Psalms

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. *Future Bible study topics to be announced.*

Zion Bunco Group

4th Monday, August 26 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-Mc-Brayer through the church office.

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief

First and Third Thursdays, September 5 and 19

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.

Women of Zion

General Meeting and Lunch

Thursday, September 5, at noon in Fellowship Hall

All women are invited to the WELCA and WOZ (Women of the ELCA and Women of Zion) meeting and lunch. The event begins at noon in the Fellowship Hall, but come a little early to see what the Quilters are doing!



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WOZ Bible Study & More

Second Tuesday September 10 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.

*Your
generosity
empowers
Zion's ministry*

From Sunday morning worship to feeding families for the holidays, collecting clothing for local charity or relief supplies shipped hundreds of miles, to friendships fostered worldwide with simple hand stitches.

Because you kindly share your time, lend your skills, and support your ministry financially, Zion's impact reaches far beyond the four walls of our sanctuary. On behalf of everyone we're able to help, thank you for your contribution.

For more ways to support Zion's mission, scan this QR code.



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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.



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 craft room is the first room on the left. Bring your own project to work on.

Food Bank Invitation to Help - Final Week

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. The last two summer pantry work dates are August 19 and 20.

- On Monday, unloading and sorting food into the pantry usually takes one to two hours. More people are needed on Mondays.
- Tuesday is delivery to clients 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@Zion-SA.org.

Church BBQ October 13

Make a note now - the annual BBQ is fast approaching. There will be one worship service that day, at 10:00am.

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.

Fall Needs at CAM

Christian Assistance Ministry,
110 McCullough

- Men's and women's tennis shoes/athletic shoes, all sizes
 - Men's jeans and shirts
- Men's belts
- Travel size deodorant
- Bibles in English
- Financial support (use QR code for direct link to CAM)



Bring donations to the yellow bins behind the north stairs in the narthex, closest to the office. Get volunteer info at 210-223-4099, Mary Henderson.

Dinner Out at Wah-Kee

Thursday, September 5 at 6:30pm

Dinner Out invites all adults to meet at Wah-Kee Chinese Cuisine, 6802 Bandera Road in Leon Valley. Come early for socializing; dinner seating is at 6:30.

RSVP by Monday, September 2 to Jim or Sandy Chillstrom; call the church office if you need their contact info.

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.

**AUGUST 18, 2024
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**



taking
faith
home

Jesus came to give us eternal life.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 6:51-58	Christ, the true food and drink
Monday	Proverbs 9:1-6	Wisdom's feast
Tuesday	Ephesians 5:15-20	Be filled with the Holy Spirit
Wednesday	Matthew 26:26-30	The Lord's Supper
Thursday	Exodus 16:27-36	Bread from heaven
Friday	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	The Lord's Supper
Saturday	Psalms 34:9-14	God teaches the fear of the Lord
Sunday	John 6:56-69	Many disciples desert Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day." John 6:54 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Eternal God, give us wisdom to receive Jesus, the one who comes as the bread of life to fill us with life and love and hope. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this meal; let it remind us of Jesus, the bread of life, who has come into our lives to give us joy that knows no end. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you be filled with the joy of Jesus dwelling in you.



AUGUST 18, 2024

HYMN OF THE WEEK

*All Who Hunger,
Gather Gladly*



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WEEKLY MILESTONES

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

CARING CONVERSATIONS



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

- Tell about or reflect on a special meal you had with others. What made that meal special?
- If Jesus was your guest at a meal, what would you ask him?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Proverbs 9:1-6 and John 6:51-58.

In Proverbs 9, we are invited to enjoy a feast that offers not only food and drink but the pleasure of walking in the ways of God, *“the way of insight”* (v. 6). In John 6, Jesus invites people to feast on the wisdom of God embodied in him, *“the Word made flesh”* (John 1:14). Jesus’ words have an obvious connection to the Lord’s Supper, the last meal with his disciples before his death. Instead of retelling the story of the last supper as is done in Luke, Matthew, and 1 Corinthians, this reading in John 6 gives us the meaning of the Lord’s Supper. As we feast on Jesus, the bread of life, we live a life that dwells in his presence. We abide in him and he in us. The life God intends for us is eternal life. It is a life that knows no end. When we partake of the Lord’s Supper, we receive a way of life filled with divine wisdom, goodness, and mercy. It is what Jesus came to give us.

Discuss: What does the Lord’s Supper mean to you?

Pray: **Living God, we thank you for Jesus, the bread of life, who gives us the meal that grants us eternal life through your divine wisdom, goodness, and mercy. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, plan a meal for others to enjoy, especially those in need of encouragement.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



The texts this week focus on living wisely and enjoying life that is experienced in the presence of God. In Proverbs 9:6, wisdom is described as walking *“in the way of insight.”* Go for a walk and pay attention to what you can notice through your senses. What do you smell, see, hear, touch, and even taste that fill the space you are in? How does awareness of your senses and what you have experienced enrich your life today as a gift of our gracious God?

Pray: **Creator God, for all that you give to us, help us to be aware and thankful. In Jesus’ name, amen.**



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