

August 25, 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. 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?

Zion Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Assurance by Kendall Lord

WELCOME

Pastor Dan Heim

Please rise, as you are able.

Prayer and Invocation

INVOCATION

We worship today in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

During the hymn, the congregation is sprinkled with water as a reminder of baptism.

GATHERING HYMN

Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God!

1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing be to God our
2 Not our own ho - li - ness, nor that we have
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come in vis - i -
4 Praise to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

mak - er, source of all bless - ing, prod - i - gal cre -
striv - en brings us the peace which you, O Christ, have
ta - tion; you are the truth, our hope, and our sal -
Spir - it: one Lord, one faith, one source of ev - 'ry

a - tor. Bap - tized and made your own, now we come be -
giv - en. Bap - tized and set a - part, strength - en us, O
va - tion. Bap - tize with joy and pow'r, give, O Dove de -
mer - it. Here now re - new your church through this sym - bol

fore you, and we a - dore you.
Sav - ior, with grace and fa - vor.
scend - ing, life nev - er end - ing.
giv - en; grant peace from heav - en.

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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Scripture

WORD

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

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor Dan Heim

FIRST READING: JOSHUA 24:1-2A, 14-18

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ²aAnd Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” ¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

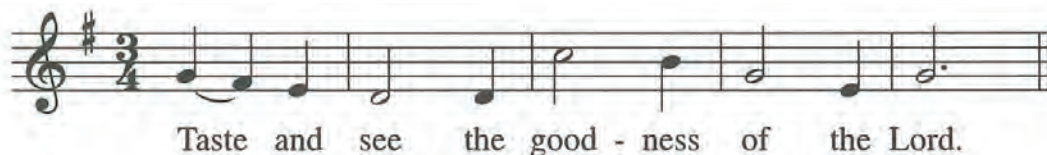
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

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

Michel Guimont



I will bless the LORD at all times,
God's praise always on my lips;
in the LORD my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. R̄.

The eyes of the LORD are toward the just
and his ears toward their appeal.
The face of the LORD rebuffs the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth. R̄.

They call and the LORD hears
and rescues them in all their distress.

The LORD is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed God will save. R̄.

Many are the trials of the upright
but the LORD will come to rescue them,
keeping guard over all their bones,
not one of their bones shall be broken. R̄.

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The LORD ransoms the souls of the faithful.
None who trust in God shall be condemned. R̄.

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SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 6:10-20

[Paul writes]¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

Please rise, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: JOHN 6:56-69

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

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶“Those 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.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. ⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” ⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

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

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,

you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

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APOSTLES' CREED — IMPROVE WITH KAREN —

Let us now confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**catholic: universal*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION — IMPROVE WITH KAREN —

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

Each petition ends: God of grace,

Response: **Hear our prayer.**

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

Amen.

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

Give Me Jesus
arranged by Robert Lau

Celeste Mussey
Soloist

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

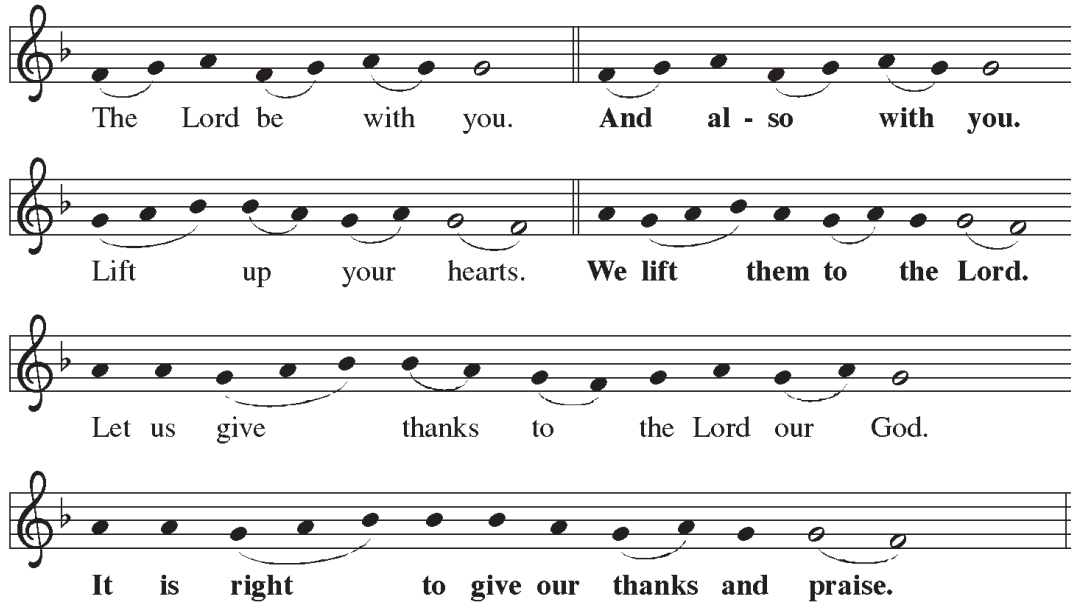
OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

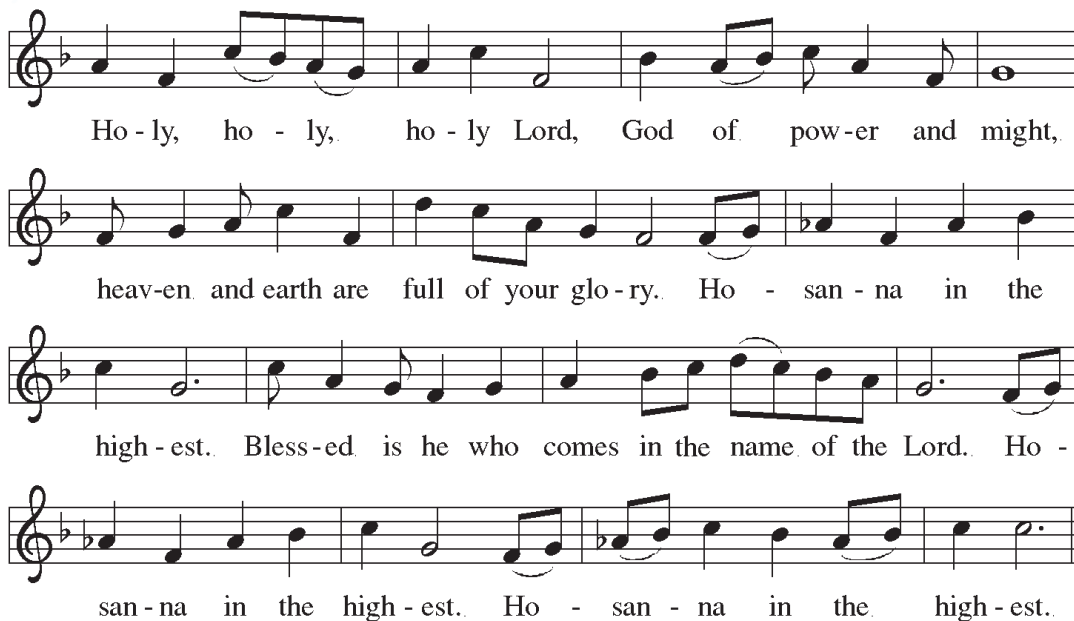
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GREAT THANKSGIVING



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 pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. 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.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, + your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church,
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

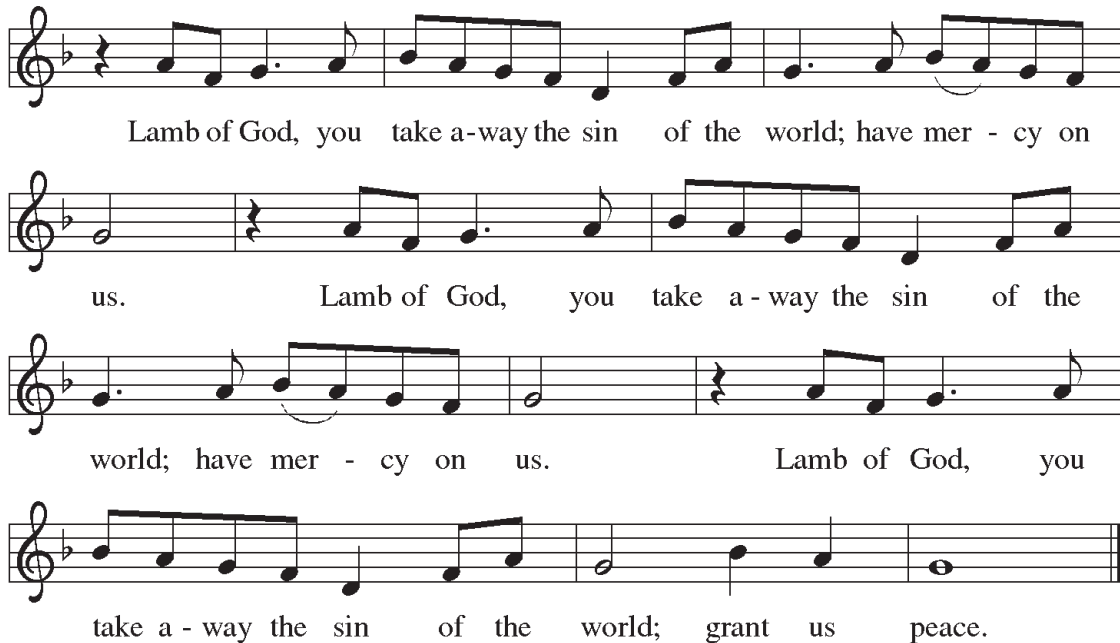
These are the gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God.

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

COMMUNION HYMN

Come, Let Us Eat



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



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 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.
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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. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us out in peace.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN *on next page*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
setting by Marianne Kim

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 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
 Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

Worship Support

Altar Guild

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

Lay Reader

9:00 Mary Mora
11:30 Rachel Cannady

Cantor

Celeste Mussey

Communion Servers

9:00 Alisa Campbell
Jennifer Kretzschmar
11:30 Rachel Cannady

Livestream

Steve Johnson, David Umlang

Sound

Scott VanDoren

Ushers

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

11:30 LeShea Clabough & Kevin M^cGee
Paul Spehr
Laura Walsh

Two Midweek Services

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

Simple communion worship services
in Zion's historic chapel.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Scan QR code for this month's calendar



Sunday, August 25

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

Monday, August 26

Bunco	1pm	Fellowship Hall
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Tuesday, August 27

Exercise Group	9am	Church 2
Staff Meeting	11am	Break Room
Handbell Choir	6:30	Sanctuary Balcony
Youth Choir	7pm	Music Apse
Warriors Anonymous	7pm	Church 2

Wednesday, August 28

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 29

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief	9:30	Fellowship Hall
Weight Watchers Mtg	9:30	Church 2

Saturday, August 31

Weight Watchers Meetings	7:30 & 9:30am	Church 2
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Sunday, September 1

Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Faith Formation Hour for all ages	10:15	Details next page
<i>Worship Matters</i> through Sept 15	10:15	Fellowship Hall
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanctuary & YouTube

Campus closed Monday, September 2 for Labor Day

Today: Blessed Change for Christo Rey of Hope

in the Narthex

Zion is collecting Blessed Change Collection for the Christo Rey of Hope ministry near downtown San Antonio. Christo Rey hosts a food bank, school supply and clothing closet, Christmas store and other community outreach projects. 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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Music Rehearsals this Fall

Questions? Contact Director of Music Rob Mikulski, 210-688-3090 or email rmikulski@ZionSA.org.

Handbells begins this Tuesday, August 27

Tuesday	6:30	Balcony
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Youth (Gr 6-12) begins this Tuesday, August 27

Tuesday	7-8pm	Apse
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Chancel (Adult)

Wednesday	7:15	Sanctuary
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Children's (Gr 2-5) next Tuesday, September 3

Tuesday	7-7:45	MC Rm 1
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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.

TODAY August 25 Faith Formation for Children and Youth

10:15 in Ministry Center Rooms

Age or Grade	Room
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

Please register for Faith Formation classes (ages two through high school) with this QR

code, including returning children and youth.

Volunteers can also register with this link.



FF Registration

Worship Matters: New Series Begins Today, 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.

*MC 1 on September 8

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

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Pr. Dan Heim	Pastor



**Sign up TODAY
for the
September 14
Build Day**

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 on Saturday, September 14 at the Von Ormy building 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

Lunch Food for Habitat Build Day

Are you better with a spatula than a hammer? Do you just enjoy feeding people? You can help with the Habitat for Humanity event on September 14.

Contact Bonnie Harrell to get the details on donating sandwiches, chips and fruit for worker lunches. Call the church office if you need her contact info.

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-McBrayer through the church office.

Game Group

Tuesday*, September 3 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.

**Labor Day holiday reschedule*

Pancake Breakfast September 8

8:00am - 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall

Enjoy pancakes, French toast, sausage and breakfast beverages, hosted by the Women of Zion. A free-will offering ben-



efits the LWR (Lutheran World Relief) Shipping Fund, helping get quilts, school supplies, sewing kits, etc. to the people around the world who need them.



Volunteers for this event may contact Linnell Brew-ton through the church office.

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!



WOZ@zionsa.org

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.

Dinner Out at Wah-Kee on Blanco Road

Thursday, September 5 at 6:30pm

Dinner Out invites all adults to meet at Wah-Kee Chinese Cuisine north central location, 18260 Blanco Road, outside Loop 1604. 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.

OFFICE CONTACT



Mon-Thur 8:30am-5:00pm
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Zion Zippers 50+ Fellowship

Monday, September 9 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. Bring your own plate and utensils if you can, and invite a friend, too!

After dinner on September 9, photographer and Zion member Kevin Hoag presents a program on whooping cranes and other wildlife, with photos and talk on their habits, migration patterns, etc. Join the Zippers for an informative and entertaining evening.

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

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.

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.

The durable quilts we make are sent all over the world to be used as bedding, room dividers, and shelter. If you can't make it to the quilting meetings, quilt tops can be sewn at home at your convenience. Fabric is provided.



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.

Trash to Treasures October 13

Your discards might delight someone else! While you're cleaning out your closets and sheds this fall, save usable items for the Trash to Treasures sale at the Church BBQ. Donations will be collected in the Fellowship Hall on Friday and Saturday, October 11 and 12, right before the BBQ. *Please, no TVs.*



August - September 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.



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!



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Stephen Ministers Are Care-Givers,
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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.



**AUGUST 25, 2024
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**



The gospel message gives us a courageous heart.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 6:56-69	Many disciples desert Jesus
Monday	Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18	Many tribes renew the covenant
Tuesday	Ephesians 6:10-20	The whole armor of God
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 2:1-13	The true wisdom of God
Thursday	1 Chronicles 28:20-21	Solomon and the temple plans
Friday	2 Timothy 1:3-7	Rekindle the gift of God
Saturday	Psalm 34:15-22	The Lord is with you
Sunday	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Authentic faith

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Ephesians 6:19-20a (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, give us courage to speak and live the faith with boldness and to encourage others with your love and mercy through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this meal that strengthens our body and encourages us in a life of faith through Jesus Christ, the bread of life. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you be made strong and courageous through Jesus Christ.



AUGUST 25, 2024

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Lord of All Hopefulness



**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 something bad happens, where do you turn for comfort?
- Do you feel comforted by God's power when you have experienced difficult times? Explain.

DEVOTIONS



Read: Ephesians 6:10-20.

The language that fills this passage can be uncomfortable. It may seem to convey acts of violence against those who oppose God. However, the focus is on a defensive posture for Christians. These are not tools to attack people but to protect people from evil that assaults the community that follows Jesus. This passage acknowledges that evil power is real, and we do need protection, including the sword of the Spirit. Ephesians 1 begins by announcing God's victory in Christ. The battle is won, but the powers dedicated to oppose God have not gone away. In verses 19 and 20 the author describes being imprisoned in chains but not defeated. The boldness of the author is grounded not in arrogance or one's own power, but in the "mystery of the gospel" (v. 19) that continues to do battle with the present evil age. When it reads "be strong" (v. 10), the Greek means to be made strong through the power of God, not one's own strength to defeat others.

Discuss: How does the Christian faith give you strength during difficult times?

Pray: **God of power and might, help us to face the hurts and pains of this life with hope and faith that reaches out to others with your love 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 help someone who is going through a tough time?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



In Joshua 24:15b, Joshua speaks for his entire household and says to the people, "[A]s for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Many Christians display this verse somewhere in their homes. It is a testimony to faith in God. Think or talk about what it means for your household to "serve the LORD." Write and complete this sentence, "In my household, I will serve the Lord by...."

Pray: **Lord God, help us to be reminded daily of your unending faithfulness to us and serve you always. Amen.**



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