

October 6, 2024 • Sundays after Pentecost
9:00 and 11:30 am



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 hall 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.

ON THE COVER

Jai Christ by Frank Wesley (1923-2002)

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

9:00

Now Thank We All Our God
setting by Michael Larkin

11:30

For All the Saints
setting by Bill Ingraham

Handbells

WELCOME

Pastor Kathi Johnson

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.**

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.

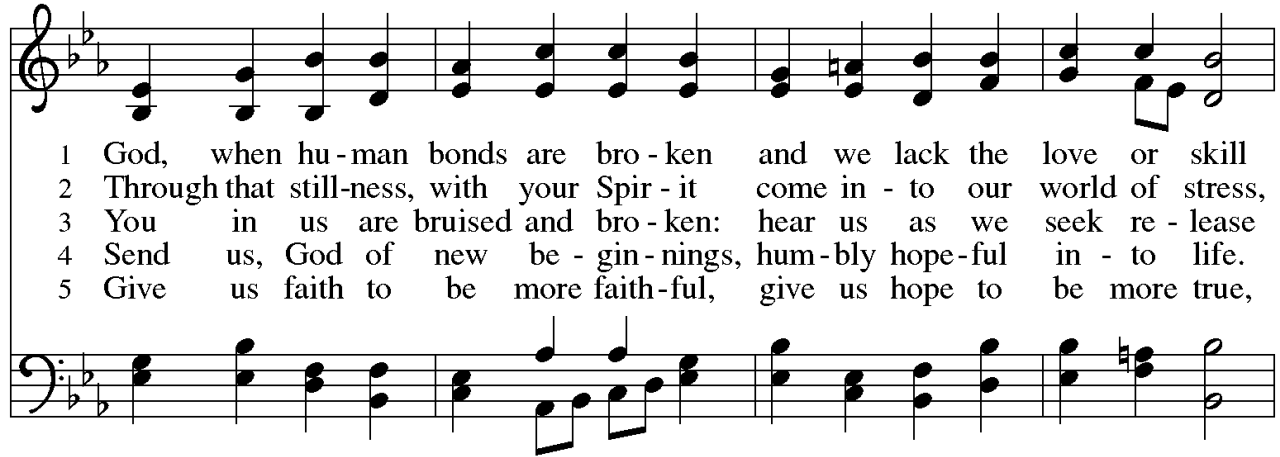
Most merciful God,

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.

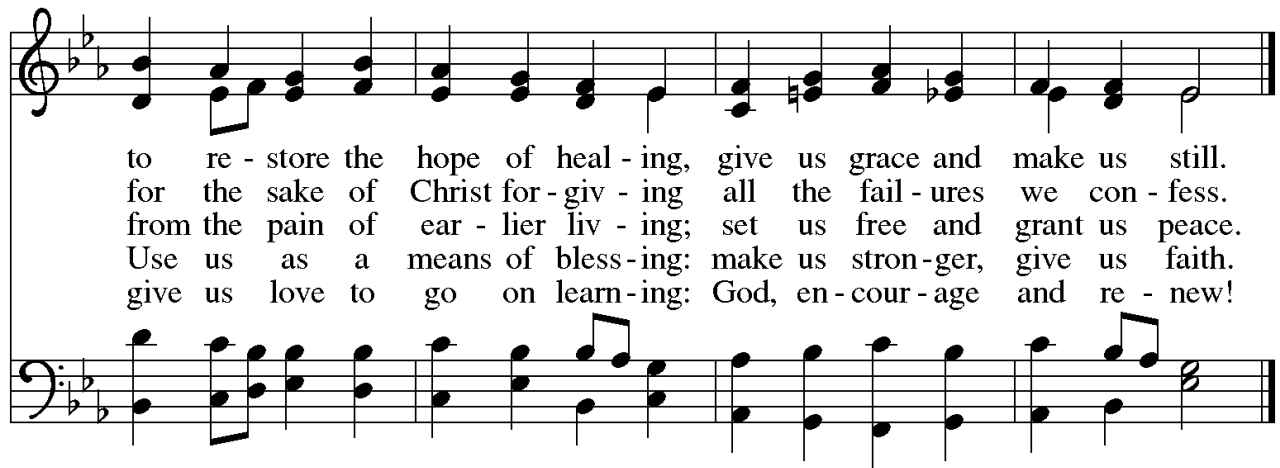
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of word and sacrament in the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken



1 God, when hu-man bonds are bro-ken and we lack the love or skill
2 Through that still-ness, with your Spir-it come in-to our world of stress,
3 You in us are bruised and bro-ken: hear us as we seek re-lease
4 Send us, God of new be-gin-nings, hum-bly hope-ful in-to life.
5 Give us faith to be more faith-ful, give us hope to be more true,



to re-store the hope of heal-ing, give us grace and make us still.
for the sake of Christ for-giv-ing all the fail-ures we con-fess.
from the pain of ear-lier liv-ing; set us free and grant us peace.
Use us as a means of bless-ing: make us stron-ger, give us faith.
give us love to go on learn-ing: God, en-cour-age and re-new!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

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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. Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, 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: Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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

PSALM 8

Michel Guimont



When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what are we that you should keep us in mind,
mere mortals that you care for us? R.

Yet you have made us little less than gods;
and crowned us with glory and honor,

you gave us power over the work of your hands,
put all things under our feet. R.

All of them, sheep and cattle,
yes, even the savage beasts,
birds of the air, and fish
that make their way through the waters. R.

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SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,

⁸subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

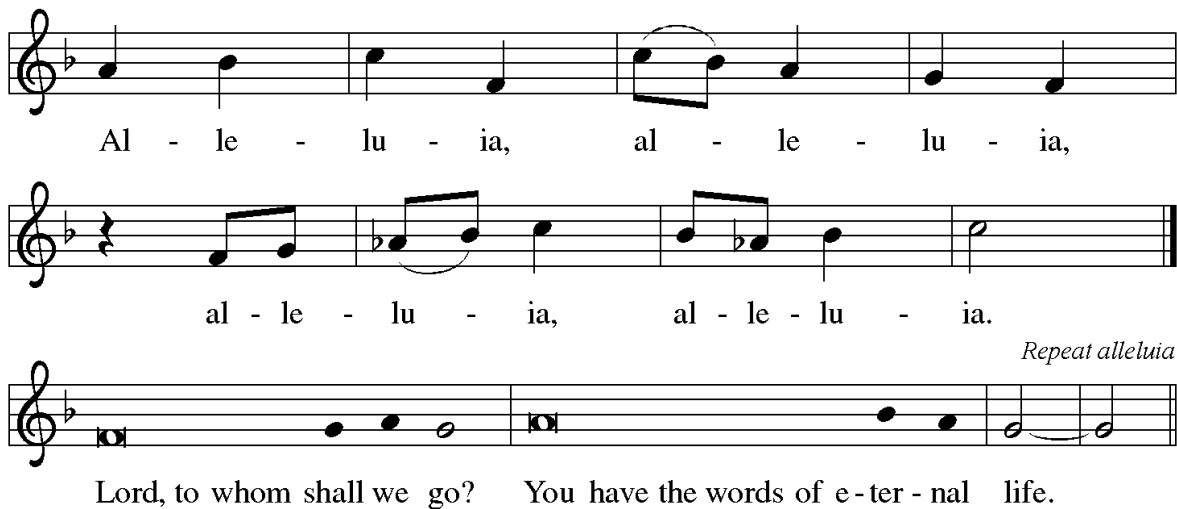
¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

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.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?”

³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” ⁵But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Dan Heim

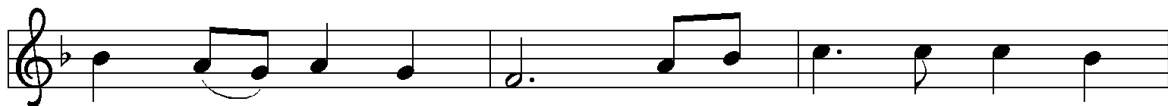
Please rise as you are able.



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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 Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen
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APOSTLES' CREED

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

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

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

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

**catholic: universal*

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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Additional announcements and a schedule for the week are on the back pages of this bulletin.

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

9:00

Come by Here
by Kyle Pederson

Youth Choir

11:30

Beautiful Savior
setting by Linda Scholes

Handbells

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. 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 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

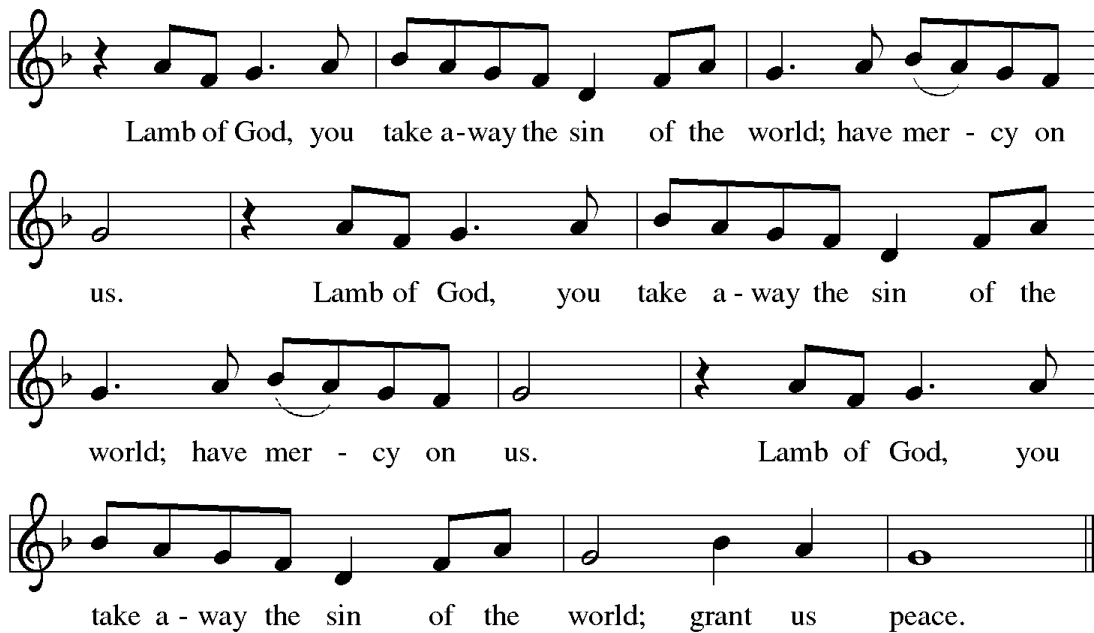
These are the gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God.

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 MUSIC

9:00

Holy Banquet, Feast of Love
by Normand Guoin

Youth Choir

11:30

There Is a Fountain
setting by Linda Lamb

Handbells

COMMUNION HYMN

Although I Speak With Angel's Tongue



1 Al - though I speak with an - gel's tongue, my faith, my
 2 For love is pa - tient, love is kind, and nev - er
 3 For now we peer at dark - ened glass; our vi - sions
 4 The gifts are man - y, the Bod - y one, and in - to



knowl - edge all sur - pass, but have no love, my gifts are
 vain with boast - ing pride; love bears all things, all things en -
 end; our tongues all cease. In part we know, in part now
 one are all bap - tized. Be - lov - ed, share one heart, one



vain as clang - ing gong or blar - ing brass.
 dures. All things must end; love will a - bide.
 see: then we will see love face to face.
 mind, one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.

Text: Andrew Donaldson, b. 1951
 Music: O WALY WALY, English traditional
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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 make his face to shine upon 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 share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Nun danket alle Gott
setting by Franz Liszt

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

Now We Thank All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,

who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
 Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Scan QR code for this month's calendar



Sunday, October 6

Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Series: <i>Toward Better Christian Politics</i>	10:15	Fellowship Hall
Series: <i>Heaven & Earth</i>	10:15	Ministry Center 1
Faith Formation Hour for all ages	10:15	Details next page
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanctuary & YouTube

Monday, October 7

Game Group	12:30	Fellowship Hall
Lutheran Men in Mission Planning Mtg	6:30	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 8

Exercise Group	9am	Church 2
Women of Zion Bible Study	10am	Fellowship Hall
Staff Meeting	11am	Breakroom
Executive Committee Meeting	6pm	Zoom
Handbell Choir	6:30	Sanctuary Balcony
Children's Choir	7pm	Ministry Center 1
Youth Choir	7pm	Music Apse
Warriors Anonymous	7pm	Church 2

Wednesday, October 9

Crafty Bunch NEW TIME	9:00	Ed Bldg Craft Room
Weight Watchers Mtg	9:30	Church 2
Midweek Worship	1:00 & 6:30pm	Church 1
AA - Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting	7pm	Family Life Center 202
Al-Anon Meeting	7pm	Family Life Center 101
Chancel Choir	7:15	Sanctuary

Thursday, October 10

Bible Study: Book of Mark	9:30	Ministry Center 1
Weight Watchers	9:30	Church 2
Youth Night	6:30	Ministry Center 1,7,8
Stephen Ministry	7pm	Ministry Center 5,6
Fiesta Flutes Rehearsal	7pm	Church 2

Friday, October 11

Trash to Treasure Donation Collection	5pm	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, October 12

Weight Watchers	7:30am	Church 2
Trash to Treasure Donation Collection	9am	Fellowship Hall

Calendar continued next page

Worship Support

Altar Guild

Alyssa Brodbeck, Ruth Dunn,
Madison Harris, Suzi Lockamy,
Randalyn Nickel, Karen Umlang

Lay Readers

9:00	Scott McKenzie
11:30	Mike DeHart

Cantor

Sarah Williams

Communion Servers

9:00	Jennifer & Kevin Kretzschmar
11:30	LeShea Clabough, Max Knoll

Livestream

Steve Johnson
Kevin McGee

Sound

Scott Van Doren

Ushers

9:00	LeShea Clabough, Allen Cockrell, Kevin McGee, John Macha, Travis Nickel, Brandon & Meredith Price
11:30	Pam Gammage, Laura Walsh

Two Midweek Services Wednesdays at 1pm and 6:30pm in Church 1

Simple communion worship
services in Zion's historic chapel.

Faith Formation for Children and Youth

10:15 in Ministry Center Rooms

Age or Grade	Room
Two Years-Kinder	MC-3
Grades 1-5	MC-4
Grades 6-9	MC-7
High School Grades 10-12	FH

Music Rehearsals

Handbells

Tuesday 6:30pm Balcony

Children's (Gr 2-5)

Tuesday 7-7:45pm MC-1

Youth (Gr 6-12)

Tuesday 7-8pm Music Apse

Chancel (Adults)

Wednesday 7:15pm Sanctuary

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 17 at 11:15am

There will be one worship service on November 17, at 10:00am. The 2024 Annual Meeting follows immediately. Agenda items include church council member elections, cemetery board member elections, and 2025 spending plan approval.

Sunday, October 13

Puerto Rico Trip Meeting

9am Ministry Center 1

Worship in person and online

10am Sanctuary & YouTube

Zion BBQ

11am Family Life Center

Study Series: *Heaven and Earth*

Sunday, 10:15am

October 6, 20, 27

Ministry Center 1

Explore Genesis 1-11, the Psalms, and the biblical



wisdom literature to understand how the biblical authors understood Heaven and Earth. This context will give richer meaning to Jesus' words about the new creation. Led by Amy McFadden, using a curriculum from BibleProject.

TOWARD BETTER CHRISTIAN POLITICS

Sunday, 10:15am, October 6, 20, 27 - Fellowship Hall

For the exhausted, the hurting, and the faithful, this four-session series helps reframe our political identity away from the "what" of political positions (What policy, party, or candidate is most Christian?) and toward the "how" of being centered on Jesus (How do I relate to others — including those I might disagree with — so that I better reflect Jesus?).

Based on the book/video course *The After Party: Toward Better Christian Politics* (optional reading). Forum will consist of brief presentations by Pastor Dan, videos, and small group breakout discussions led by congregational leaders. **10th-12th graders are invited to join in this class, either alongside their parents or in a specially tailored youth small group with their volunteer leader Miss Kim DeHart.**

To purchase the book, scan this QR or search the book title on Amazon.



The After Party:
Toward Better
Christian
Politics



Church BBQ - Next Sunday, October 13

There will be one worship service at 10:00am, and no classes.

Serving begins at 11:00am in the Family Life Center. For a free-will donation, you're invited to come and enjoy brisket and beans from Zion's pit, plus potato salad and other trimmings. Coffee or tea is available, and desserts are à la carte.

Volunteers are needed to BBQ, serve, set up and take down tables and chairs, and supervise outdoor activities. Use this QR to sign up for a shift, or talk to David Umlang.

Donations are needed of baked goods for the dessert table: cookies, cakes, pies,



brownies or your special recipe treat. The Trash to Treasures sale (details below) will take unneeded housewares, toys, small furniture, tools, etc.

Outdoor activities include a "petting zoo" and pony rides, plus bounce houses. Stop by the Crafty Bunch table to get a jump on your Christmas shopping.



BBQ Volunteer
Signup

Trash to Treasures Needs Your Donations October 11 and 12 for the Church BBQ Sale

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 this Friday and Saturday, October 11 (5pm-8pm) and October 12 (9am-2pm), right before the BBQ. *Please, no TVs.*



Weekday Bible Study Series: Book of Mark Begins this Thursday, October 10 - Ministry Center 1

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

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Game Group

Monday, October 7 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.

Women of Zion Events

WOZ Bible Study & More

Second Tuesday October 8 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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New Member Series Begins October 20

- Oct 20 12:30 Lunch and orientation in Fellowship Hall, followed by campus tour.
- Oct 27 10:15 in FLC Room 101. Meet staff, how we worship, activities, Zion history, volunteer opportunities, the ELCA.
- Nov 3
- Nov 10
- Nov 17 New members join during worship at 10:00*

**One worship service at 10:00. Annual Meeting 11:15.*

Prayers for Our Public Life

Sunday, October 20 at 5pm @ Zion

As we approach another election season, we are holding a special service of *Prayers for Our Public Life*. All are welcome to come and pray, reflect, and receive Holy Communion as part of the Body of Christ - this is a non-partisan event.

Cemetery Work Day

Saturday, November 2 at 9am

Our historic Lutheran cemeteries have been a local landmark since 1881, cared for through the year by volunteers from Zion and families of loved ones. The Cemetery Board invites everyone for a few hours of fall spruce-up work. Trash bags will be provided, as well as recommended cleaning supplies for working on your family's headstones. Please bring your own bucket and gloves.

Crafty Bunch - New Time

Wednesdays at 9:00

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.

Zion Zippers 50+ Fellowship

Monday, October 14 at 6:00pm

Second Monday of each month for a potluck dinner. 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 October 14, we'll roll over into a lively game of BINGO. Contact Kathy Newman through the church office if you have a question or suggestion for a guest speaker or activity.

M MomCo, a Community for All Moms
Wednesday, October 16, Ministry Center 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!

* Formerly MOPS Mothers of Preschoolers

MomCo Registration



Men's Fellowship Dinner

Third Monday, October 21 at 6:30pm

All men are invited to meet at El Chapparal, 15103 Bandera Rd, Helotes, 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.

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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Zion Bunco Group

4th Monday, October 28, 1:00pm
- Fellowship Hall

Zion Bunco Group will meet on the fourth Monday for a rousing game of Bunco and fellowship. For info contact Shirley Homeier-McBrayer through the church office.

OCTOBER 6, 2024
TWENTIETH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



God created us to be in relationships.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 10:2-16	Jesus blesses the children
Monday	Genesis 2:18-24	God creates a human partner
Tuesday	Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12	God has spoken through Jesus
Wednesday	1 Peter 4:7-11	Good stewards of God's grace
Thursday	Proverbs 13:20	Be wise
Friday	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Be ready for the Lord's coming
Saturday	Psalm 8	God honors humanity
Sunday	Mark 10:17-31	A rich man goes away sad

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." Genesis 2:18 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Loving God, you created us to have a relationship to you, others, and the whole earth; help us to love all that you create through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you that you care for us and give us this food that we may have strength to serve the creation you give us to cherish. In Jesus' name, amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's care for you give you joy. (Psalm 8)



OCTOBER 6, 2024

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Golden Breaks the Dawn



**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:

- What is your favorite thing to do in God's creation?
- Where do you see the "good" in God's creation?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Genesis 2:18-24.

It is easy to miss the playfulness and depth of this creation story. First, in Genesis 2:18 we discover that, *"It is not good that the man should be alone."* The all-knowing God seems to have difficulty finding the right helper for the human (translated as "man" in the English text). All the possible helpers as partners for the human that God creates (animals of the field and birds of the air) don't work. God is playfully engaging the human to help find the right helpmate. Second, this story includes a relational depth that weaves the language of the human (*ha'adam* in the Hebrew) created out of the earth (*ha'adamah*). The female-male relationship is seen in the creation of the woman out of the rib of the human. The idea of woman as helper is not a submissive role because in the Old Testament, it is God who is seen as the helper. Genesis 2 describes humanity as intimately connected and created to form community and not to be alone. God helps us live lives deeply relational to God, one another, and the earth.

Discuss: Where do you see the importance of relationships in God's creation?

Pray: **Creator God, you intend for us to live in relationship to you, each other, and creation; heal our divisions and give a vision of the joy of life lived together in Jesus Christ. 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 enjoy creation and daily life relationships?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



In Mark 10:13-16 Jesus told the people to bring the children to him. He placed his hands on the little children and blessed them. One of the most significant spiritual acts a parent, grandparent, or other adult can do for and with a child is to regularly bless them. When we bless a child of God of any age we declare and convey God's favor to them and give them the hope and assurance of God's loving care. Bless a child of God using the words from *A Blessing to Give*: **May God's care for you give you joy.** (Psalm 8)



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