

October 13, 2024 • Sundays after Pentecost  
10:00 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

For He Had Great Possessions by George Frederick Watss (1817-1904)

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## Zion Lutheran Church

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# GATHERING

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

## PRELUDE

*Let Streams of Living Justice*  
arranged by Marianne Kim

## WELCOME

Pastor Dan Heim

*Please rise, as you are able.*

## INVOCATION

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

**Amen.**

## 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.**



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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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. Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# WORD

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

## CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor Dan Heim

## FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. <sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

<sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. <sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. <sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. <sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

<sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. <sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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

## PSALM 90



Lord, in you do I trust. You are the strength of my life.

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Lord, you have been our dwelling place, From past to coming age the same;  
The mountains rise to greet your face, The earth proclaims the Maker's name. *Refrain*

Each generation fades as grass, And flesh as dust returns to sod;  
A thousand years spent here below, Are but as yesterday to you. *Refrain*

Teach us to measure all our days, That wisdom may our purpose be;  
Each moment guide with righteousness, And fill with fervent praise to you. *Refrain*

Our mornings may you fill with love, And show your grace when day is past;  
That all our life may favor find, Till we shall be with you at last. *Refrain*

## SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

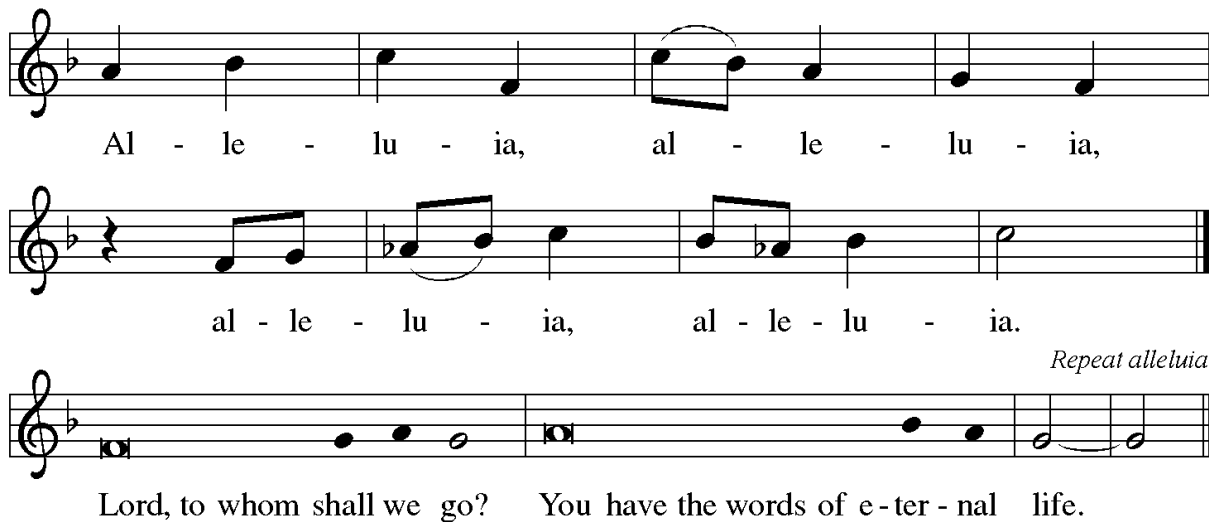
<sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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.**

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’ ” <sup>20</sup>He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

Lead Me, Guide Me

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way; for <sup>3</sup> if you  
lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, <sup>3</sup> let me walk each  
day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r  
2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,  
3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,

to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.  
be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.  
I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.

Help me through the dark-ness thy face to see.  
I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.  
Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

*Refrain*  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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LEAD ME, GUIDE ME  
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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](http://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

*Take My Life, That I May Be*  
by William Dexheimer Pharris

Children's Choir

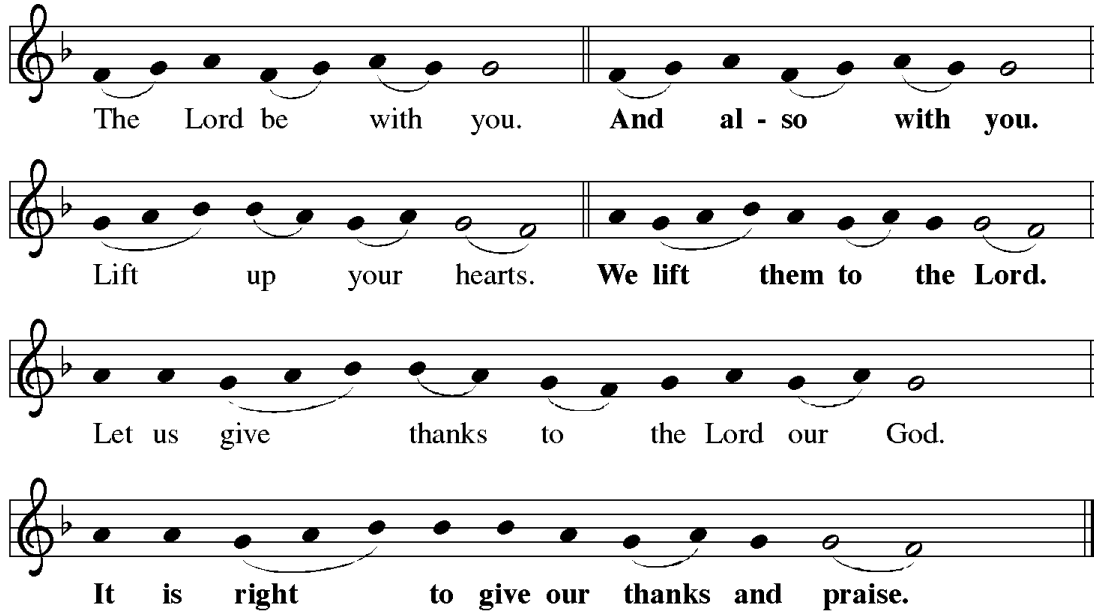
*Please rise, as you are able. The ushers bring the offering forward for the Offering Prayer.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

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

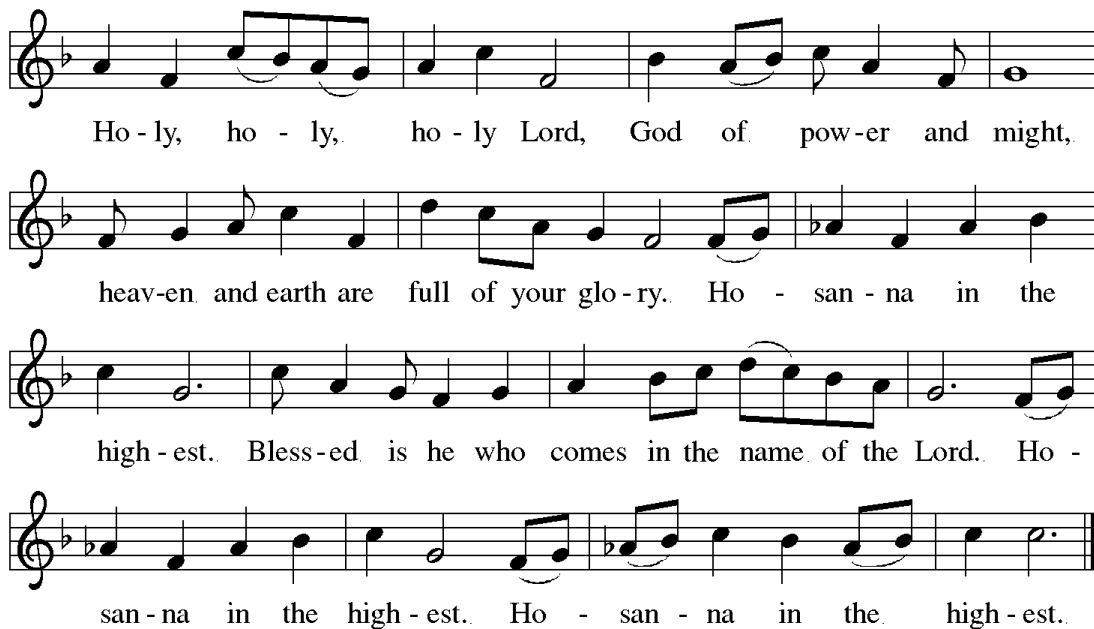
**Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## 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

*Here I Am, Lord*  
by Daniel Schutte

Children's Choir

COMMUNION HYMN

One Bread, One Body

*Refrain*

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of

bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y

through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

1	Gen - tile	or	Jew,	ser - vant	or	free,
2	Man - y	the	gifts,	man - y	the	works,
3	Grain for	the	fields,	scat - tered	and	grown,

*Refrain*

wom - an	or	man,	no	more.	
one	in	the	Lord	of	all.
gath - ered	to	one	for	all.	

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

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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

*Rondeau*  
by Jean Joseph Mouret

## 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.*

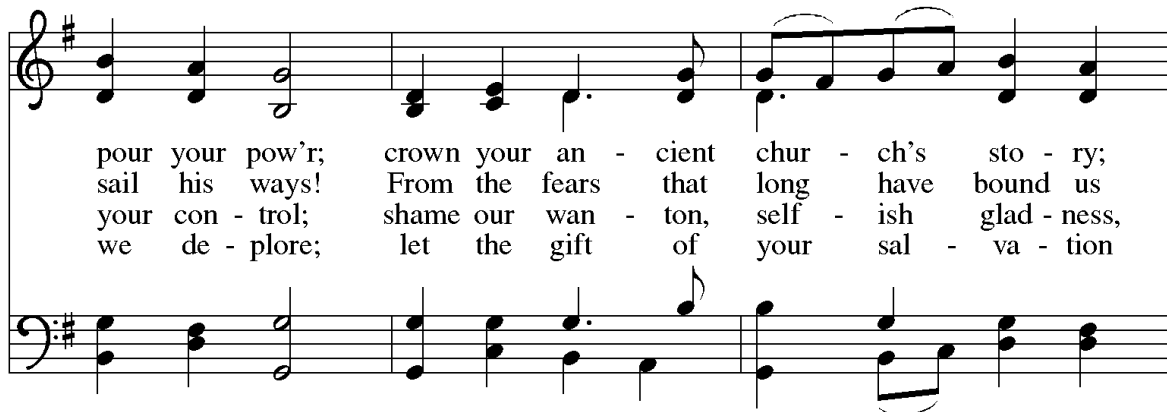


## SENDING HYMN

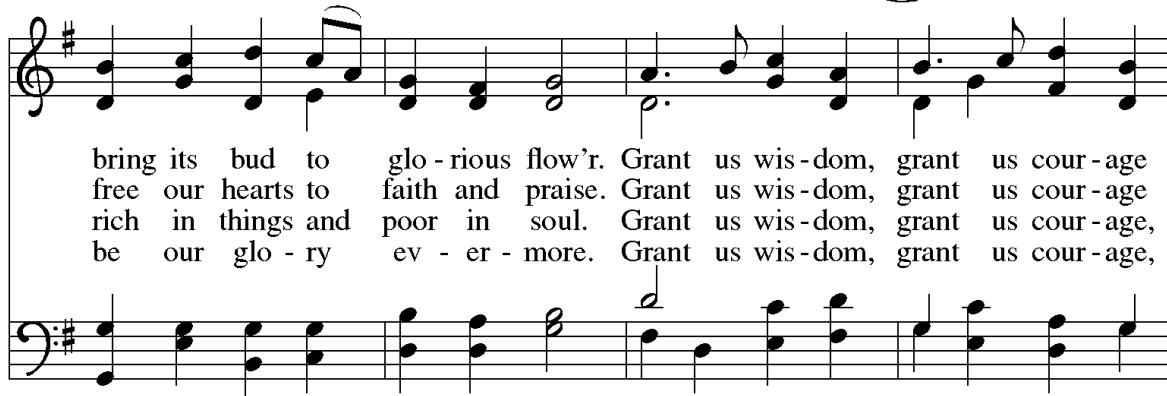
## God of Grace and God of Glory



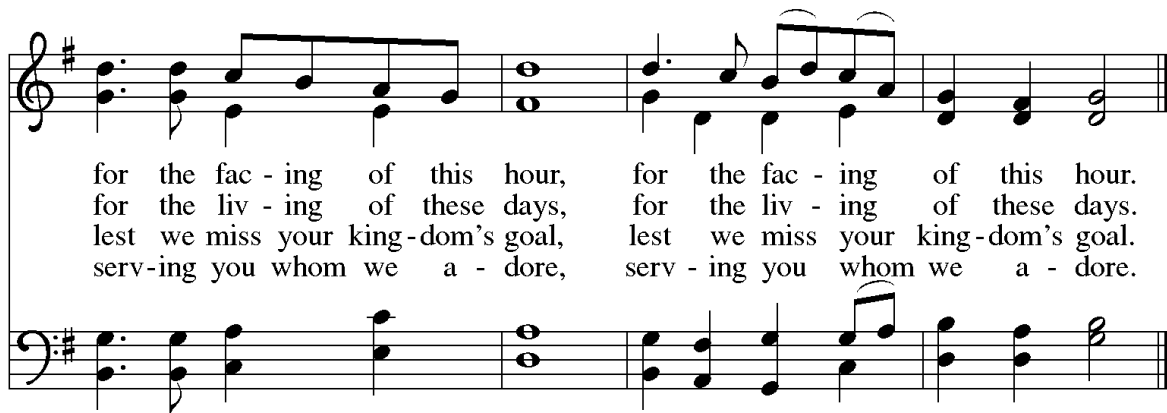
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969  
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932

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## THIS WEEK AT ZION

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### 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

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### Monday, October 14

Zion Zippers Potluck and Fellowship	6pm	Fellowship Hall
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### Tuesday, October 15

Exercise Group	9am	Church 2
Staff Meeting	11am	Breakroom
Council Meeting	6:30	Fellowship Hall
Handbell Choir	6:30	Sanctuary Balcony
Children's Choir	7pm	Ministry Center 1
Youth Choir	7pm	Music Apse
Warriors Anonymous	7pm	Church 2

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### Wednesday, October 16

High School/Elementary Mentoring	7:15am	Nichols Elementary
Crafty Bunch	9:00	Ed Bldg Craft Room
Zion MomCo	9:30	Ministry Center 1
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

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### Thursday, October 17

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief	9:30	Fellowship Hall
Weight Watchers	9:30	Church 2
Fiesta Flutes Rehearsal	7pm	Church 2

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### Saturday, October 19

Weight Watchers	7:30am	Church 2
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### Sunday, October 20

Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Series: <i>Toward Better Christian Politics</i>	10:15	Fellowship Hall
Series: <i>Heaven &amp; 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
New Member Lunch and Orientation	12:30	Fellowship Hall
Prayers for Our Public Life Service	5pm	Sanctuary

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## Worship Support

### Altar Guild

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

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### Lay Reader

Mary Mora

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### Cantor

Fiona O'Donnell

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### Communion Servers

Randa Bruce Gonzales  
Jennifer Kretzschar

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### Livestream

Debbie Hearn  
Steve Johnson

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### Sound

Scott Van Doren

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### Ushers

Allen Cockrell, LeShea Clabough  
& Kevin McGee, Pam Gammage,  
John Macha, Travis Nickel,  
Brandon & Meredith Price

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## Two Midweek Services

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

Simple communion worship  
services in Zion's historic chapel.

No Faith Formation Oct. 13

## 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

## Prayers for Our Public Life Sunday, October 20, 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.

## Study Series: Heaven and Earth

Sunday, 10:15am

October 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 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.

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

**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.**



The After Party:  
Toward Better  
Christian  
Politics

## Weekday Bible Study Series: Book of Mark

First and Fourth Thursdays, 9:30am

Ministry Center 1

Led by Pastor Eileen Spehr.

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## Help Support Hurricane Relief

The devastation from this hurricane season will leave a lasting impact on the people and places hit by these storms. Communities will rely on assistance from others for basics now, and to rebuild their lives later. Following a disaster, money is the best way to support those in need.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to help others, and so Zion is putting together a financial offering through the end of October specifically for hurricane relief.

Whatever we collect, we will send to Lutheran Disaster Response to support their boots-on-the-ground relief efforts. In addition to the contributions below, a variety of Zion's ministries will be adding to the collections from their funds. There are several ways for you to contribute to this collection:

- Our Blessed Change wishing well is out in the Narthex and will remain there through the end of October to collect cash and checks. A QR code next to the well can be used for online giving.
- If you visit ZionSA.org and click on the Donate button, click on the "Special Offerings, Events, Fundraisers" button and designate your online gift for hurricane relief.
- A portion of today's BBQ proceeds will be included in this collection. Your freewill offering down at the BBQ can be made via cash, check, credit card, or online.
- The offering gathered at our Prayers for Our Public Life service on October 20 will be added to this collection.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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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.*

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## Trunk or Treat

**Saturday, October 26, 5-7:30pm**  
**Northwest Church of Christ**

Free and fun event! Contact Pastor Dan or use the QR code to host a trunk. Candy donations are appreciated, and will be accepted in the Gazebo.



## 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.



## 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

MomCo Registration

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



## Crafty Bunch

**Wednesdays at 9:00am**

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, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall**

Even if you don't sew, consider learning some basics with LWR Quilters! Contact Diane Stewart through the church office if you need more details.

## Game Group

**Monday, October 21 at 12:30pm, Fellowship Hall**

Come for table games and daytime fellowship for all ages. Contact Algine Perry through the church office if you have questions.

**Men's Fellowship Dinner**

**Third Monday, October 21 at 6:30pm**

All men are invited to meet at El Chapparral, 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.

**San Antonio Food Bank Curbside Distribution Volunteer Event**

**Saturday, November 9, 8:30-11:30am**

Zion Lutheran Men in Mission is organizing a volunteer event, participating in curbside food distribution at the San Antonio Food Bank Warehouse at 5200 Historic Old Hwy 90, San Antonio, Texas 78227.

Anyone also interested in partaking in the Fall Festival that day can also meet up at Zion to carpool to the Food Bank, then come back for lunch at church.

Contact Mark Laneman at (210) 264-6339 or mlaneman@yahoo.com if you have any questions, or use this QR code to register:



Nov. 9 LMM event

*Your generosity  
 empowers Zion's  
 ministry*

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

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

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



<https://secure.myvanco.com/YJYN/campaign/C-YTT8>



**Requiem**  
 by John Rutter

**John Rutter's Requiem**

**Sunday, November 3,**

**4:00pm**

**Zion Sanctuary**

John Rutter's Requiem is one of the best-loved and most widely performed choral works of the twentieth century. The texts (in Latin and English) are from the Missa pro Defunctis, the Book of Common Prayer, and the Psalms.

*Free will offering.*

**Cemetery Work Day**

**Saturday, November 2 at 9am**

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.

**OCTOBER 13, 2024  
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**



*Following Jesus trusts the goodness of God.*

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 10:17-31</b>	<b>A rich man goes away sad</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Amos 5:6-7, 10-15</b>	<b>Seek good and not evil</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Hebrews 4:12-16</b>	<b>Jesus is the great high priest</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Matthew 6:24-34</b>	<b>Do not worry</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Ecclesiastes 3:1-8</b>	<b>Everything has its time</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Proverbs 3:1-6</b>	<b>Trust and honor God</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 90:12-17</b>	<b>Teach us wisdom</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 10:35-45</b>	<b>The Son of Man came to save</b>

### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

*Jesus looked at them [his disciples] and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." **Mark 10:27 (NRSV)***

### **PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Wise and compassionate God, may we see in Jesus the way of life that trusts your goodness and serves others with compassion and generosity. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, may the gift of this food and the kingdom you bring us in Jesus, give us wise hearts and the strength to care for others. Amen. (Psalm 90:12, 17)

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the love of Christ free you to love others.



OCTOBER 13, 2024

## HYMN OF THE WEEK



*O Master, Let Me  
Walk with You*

## 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:

- Could you easily give away all your possessions? Why or why not?
- Does knowing that for God all things are possible make life easy or difficult? Explain.

## DEVOTIONS



*Read:* Mark 10:17-31.

This passage can make our heads spin with good news, then bad, and then good again. Jesus is addressed as a “good teacher” (v. 17) by a rich man. But that leads to Jesus telling him, “No one is good but God alone” (v. 18). Jesus then lists the commandments as how to live, and the rich man says he has kept them all. But then Jesus asks for more of the rich man: sell all his possessions and give the money to the poor, then follow Jesus. Jesus says that it is hard for the wealthy to enter the kingdom of God. In fact, it is hard for anyone! When all hope seems to be lost, Jesus says, “for God all things are possible” (v. 27). In frustration Peter points out how the disciples have already given up so much. Jesus counters that the losses will be made up with huge benefits of dwellings and families, yet persecutions will remain. Standards for achievement and the good life are all challenged because “many who are first will be last, and the last will be first” (v. 31). Following Jesus is a letting go of our own standards to trust in God.

*Discuss:* What have you had to let go of to follow Jesus?

*Pray:* **Almighty God, help us to let go of any contentment with ourselves to be open to the work of your kingdom for the sake of humility and love in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

## SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, what possessions can you donate for others to use?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Hebrews 4:12 says that the word of God is “living and active.” Gather various translations of the Bible or find them online. Biblegateway.com is a good online resource. During devotion time, choose one of the *Daily Bible Readings* and look them up in different Bible translations. Make notes of what is similar and what is different. (The CEV, ICB, and NIV are good translations when reading with children and youth.) Then think or talk about how the scripture is living and active in your life. Place a Bible in a visible place in your home as a reminder of the central place of God’s word in your life.



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

