

October 20, 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.

## Zion Lutheran Church

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# GATHERING

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

PRELUDE		
9:00	<i>For All the Saints</i> arranged by Bill Ingram	Handbells
11:30	<i>Meditation on the Hymn Tune "Hesperus"</i> by David Maxwell	

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.**

1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in  
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the  
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the  
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
 wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that  
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that  
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and

let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.  
 Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

## 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 turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*Section End*

# WORD

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

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor Dan Heim

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 53:4-12

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. <sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. <sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. <sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. <sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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

## PSALM 91

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

### Refrain

Michel Guimont



Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High and abide in the shade of the Almighty say to the LORD: "My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!" *R*.

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you God has commanded the angels, to keep you in all your ways. *R*.

They shall bear you upon their hands

lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. *R*.

You set your love on me so I will save you, protect you for you know my name. When you call I shall answer: "I am with you," I will save you in distress and give you glory. *R*.

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## SECOND READING: HEBREWS 5:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup>and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. <sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." <sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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: MARK 10:35-45

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

*Spark Children's Bible Story  
James and John, page 336*

<sup>35</sup>James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” <sup>39</sup>They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” <sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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

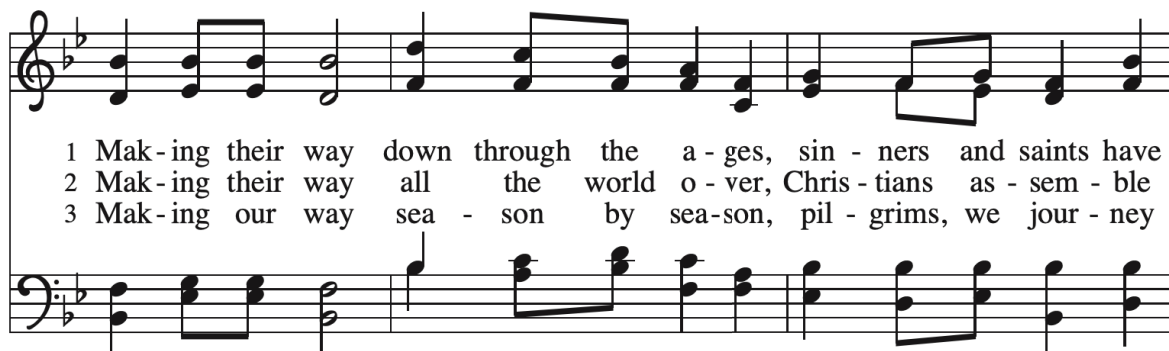
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## SERMON

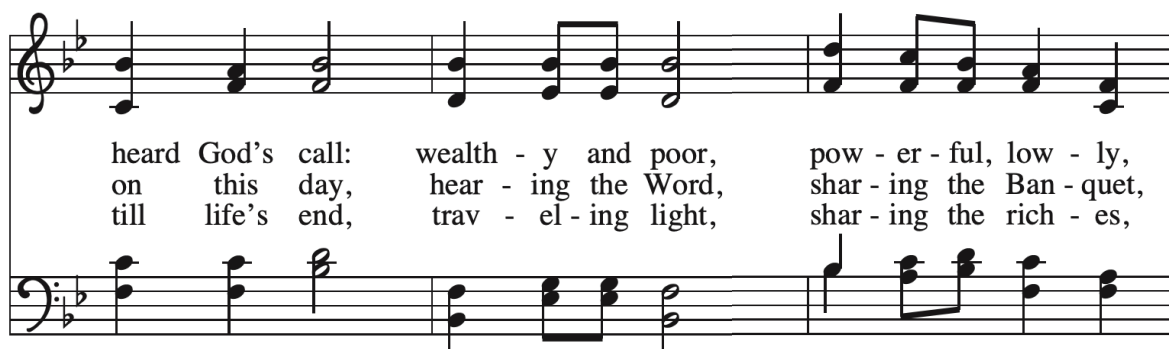
Pastor Bill Swantner

*Please rise, as you are able.*

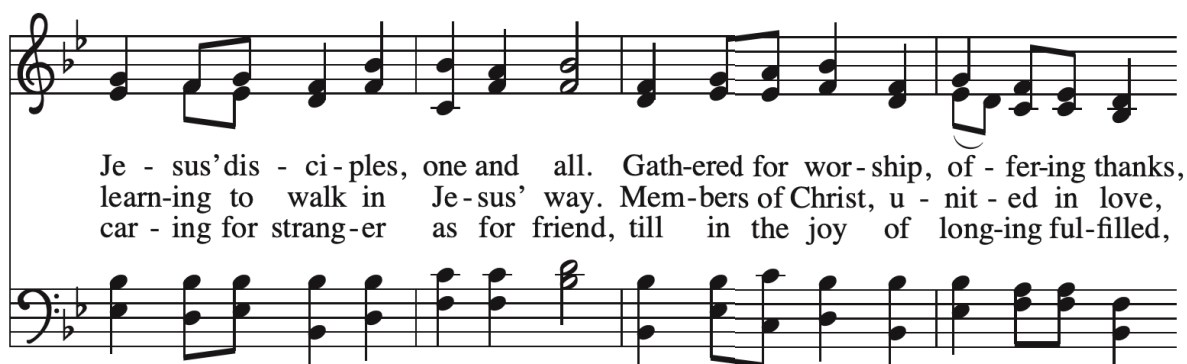




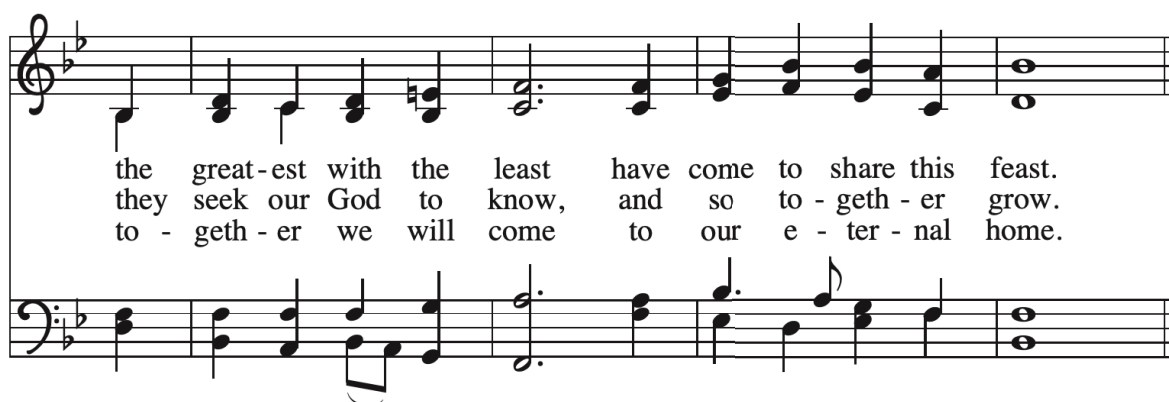
1 Mak - ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have  
 2 Mak - ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble  
 3 Mak - ing our way sea - son by sea - son, pil - grims, we jour - ney



heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,  
 on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,  
 till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,



Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath - ered for wor - ship, of - fer - ing thanks,  
 learn - ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem - bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,  
 car - ing for strang - er as for friend, till in the joy of long - ing ful - filled,



the great - est with the least have come to share this feast.  
 they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.  
 to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939  
 Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenccklank*, 1626; arr. Adrian Engels, 1906-2003  
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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

9:00	<i>Beautiful Savior</i> arranged by Linda Scholes	Handbells
11:30	<i>Set Me as a Seal</i> by Rene Clausen	Chancel 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

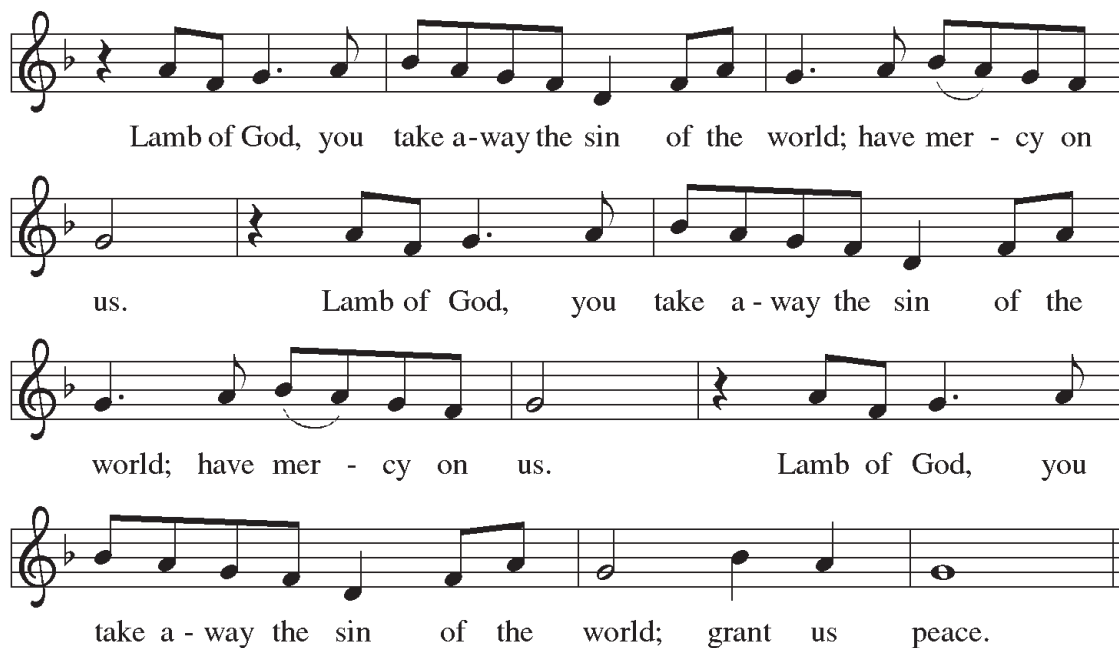
These are the gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God.

*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

9:00

*There is a Fountain*  
arranged by Linda Lamb

Handbells

11:30

*Concertato on The Gift of Finest Wheat*  
by John Ferguson

Chancel Choir

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as  
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers  
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time  
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll  
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er  
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.  
 walk the mile and bear the load.  
 speak the peace you long to hear.  
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

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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

*On What Has Now Been Sown*  
setting by Barbara Harbach

## AVAILABLE FOR PRAYER

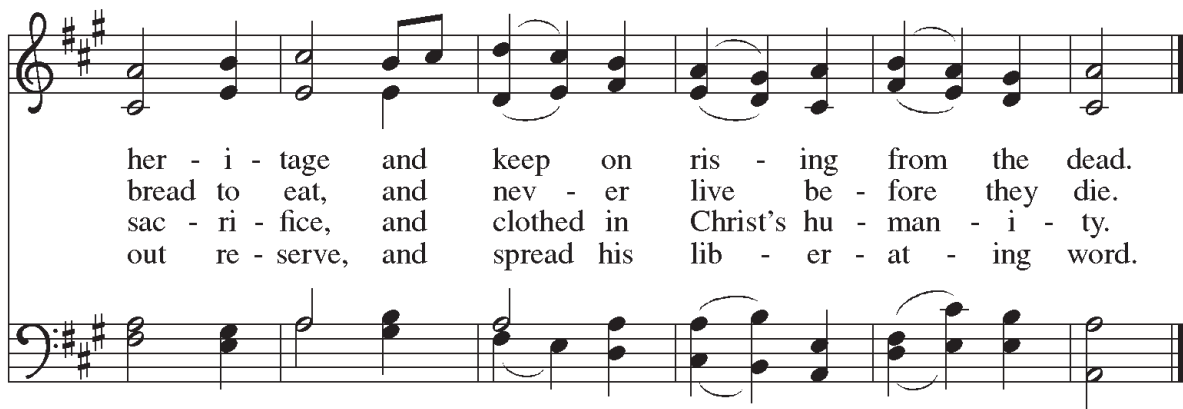
*Immediately following each service, Stephen Ministers are often available to pray with you at the altar rail. All prayers and conversations are confidential.*



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

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## Worship Support

### Altar Guild

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

### Lay Reader

9:00 Kevin Kretzschmar  
11:30 Kim Linsenbardt

### Cantor

Bud Halstead

### Communion Servers

9:00 Lisa & Philip Beekley  
11:30 Rachel Cannady  
Max Knoll

### Livestream

Steve Johnson, David Umlang

### Sound

Scott Van Doren

### Ushers

9:00 Allen Cockrell  
LeShea Clabough & Kevin M<sup>c</sup>Gee  
Meredith & Brandon Price  
John Macha, Travis Nickel  
  
11:30 Pam Gammage

## THIS WEEK AT ZION

Scan QR code for this month's calendar



### Today, October 20

Blessed Change for Hurricane Relief Well in Narthex  
Worship in person 9am Sanctuary  
Series: *Toward Better Christian Politics* 10:15 Fellowship Hall  
Series: *Heaven & Earth* 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 & Orientation 12:30 Fellowship Hall  
Prayers for Our Public Life service 5pm Sanctuary

### Monday, October 21

Game Group 12:30 Fellowship Hall  
LMM Men's Fellowship & Dinner 6:30 Details Page 19

### Tuesday, October 22

Exercise Group 9am Church 2  
Staff Meeting 11am Break Room  
Handbells 6:30 Sanctuary Balcony  
Children's Choir 7-7:45 Ministry Center 1  
Youth Choir 7pm Music Apse  
Warriors Anonymous 7pm Church 2

### Wednesday, October 23

High School/Elementary Mentoring 7:15am Nichols Elementary  
Crafty Bunch 9:00 Ed Bldg Craft Rm  
Weight Watchers Mtg 9:30 Church 2  
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, October 24

Bible Study: *Mark*, with Pr Eileen 9:30 Ministry Center 1  
Weight Watchers Mtg 9:30 Church 2  
Youth Night 6:30 MC 1, 7 and 8  
Fiesta Flutes Rehearsal 7pm Church 2  
Stephen Ministry Supervision 7pm MC 5 and 6  
Music Rehearsals 7pm Sanctuary & FH

### Friday, October 25

Sonido Barroco Rehearsal 7pm Sanctuary

*Calendar continued next page*

**Saturday, October 26**

Weight Watchers Meetings	7:30am	Church 2
Trunk or Treat	5:30	NW Church of Christ
Sonido Barroco Concert	7pm	Sanctuary

**Reformation Sunday, October 27**

Blessed Change for Hurricane Relief		Well in Narthex
Worship in person, Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation	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
New Member Class #2	10:15	FLC Room 101
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanctuary & YouTube

*Annual Meeting November 17 at 11am in the Sanctuary*

**Adult Bible Class:  
*Heaven and Earth***

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. Ministry Center Room 1 at 10:15am. Continues through October 27.

**TOWARD BETTER CHRISTIAN POLITICS**

**Forum Series at 10:15, today and October 27**

For the exhausted, the hurting, and the faithful, this 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?). Meet in the Fellowship Hall.

**Faith Formation  
for Children and Youth**

10:15 in Ministry Center Rooms

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

**Prayers for Our Public Life  
THIS EVENING, October 20 at 5pm**

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. The service will be held at Zion on Sunday, October 20, at 5pm.

**New Member Series  
Begins Today**

- Oct 20 12:30 Lunch and orientation in Fellowship Hall today.
- Oct 27 *Three weeks at 10:15 in FLC Room 101. Campus tour, 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 on November 17. Annual Meeting 11:15.*

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**2024 CONGREGATION  
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Rachel Williams	At Large
Shiloh Love	At Large
Pr. Kathi Johnson	Senior Pastor
Pr. Dan Heim	Pastor

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**Blessed Change for Hurricane Relief  
through October 27**

Every Sunday in October, Zion is collecting your Blessed Change for the work of Lutheran Disaster Response in the wake of back-to-back hurricanes. Look for the water well in the narthex and drop in your loose change, folding money and checks. For digital donations, you may use this QR code here or at the well to get to Zion's donations web page.



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**LUTHERAN  
MEN IN MISSION®**  
AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH • SAN ANTONIO**Men's Fellowship Dinner****Third Monday, October 21 at 6:30pm**

All men are invited to meet at El Chaparral Restaurant, 15103 Bandera Rd in 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.

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**Game Group****Monday, October 24 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.

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**Weekday Bible Study Series: Book of Mark**  
**Thursday, October 24 in MC Room 1**

Led by Pastor Eileen Spehr. Come to Ministry Center Room 1 at 9:30am. Dates are:

October 24      November 7 & 21      December 5

# Call Process Update

for our Associate Pastor

Dear friends in Christ,

We are excited to report that the candidate for our Associate Pastor for Congregational Care will be here to continue conversations the weekend of November 22-24. The candidate will have a full weekend, meeting with the call committee, staff, and Church Council for the first part of the weekend.

Then, the candidate will preach at both services on November 24 and we will hold an informal meet-and-greet in between services that day. Later that afternoon, at 4pm, we will hold a formal time together with the congregation and a Q and A time. Please mark your calendars now for this important day in the life and ministry of our congregation!

The final step after Council votes to recommend this candidate to the congregation for the call is for the congregation to meet to vote. We expect to set the date for this vote soon, and will keep you updated as soon as possible.

Thank you for your ongoing prayer support - please keep those prayers going!

In peace,

*Susan Johns, Call Committee Chair*

*Bud Halstead, Council President*

*Pastor Kathi Johnson, Senior Pastor*

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



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

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

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



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

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**Trunk or Treat at NW Church of Christ  
Saturday, October 15 from 5:30-7pm**

All are invited to this is a free community event with Zion and our neighbor church, NWCC. Creative trunks, food, games and family pictures. Contact Pastor Dan if you would like to host a trunk. Candy donations are much appreciated!

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**Zion Bunco Group  
4th Monday, October 28 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.

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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.

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**Crafty Bunch  
Every Wednesday 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.

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**Music Rehearsal Schedule**

Handbells	Tuesday	6:30	Sanctuary Balcony
Children's Choir (Gr 2-5)	Tuesday	7-7:45	MC 1
Youth Choir (Gr 6-12)	Tuesday	7-8pm	Music Apse
Chancel Choir (Adult)	Wednesday	7:15	Sanctuary

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## Cemetery Work Day

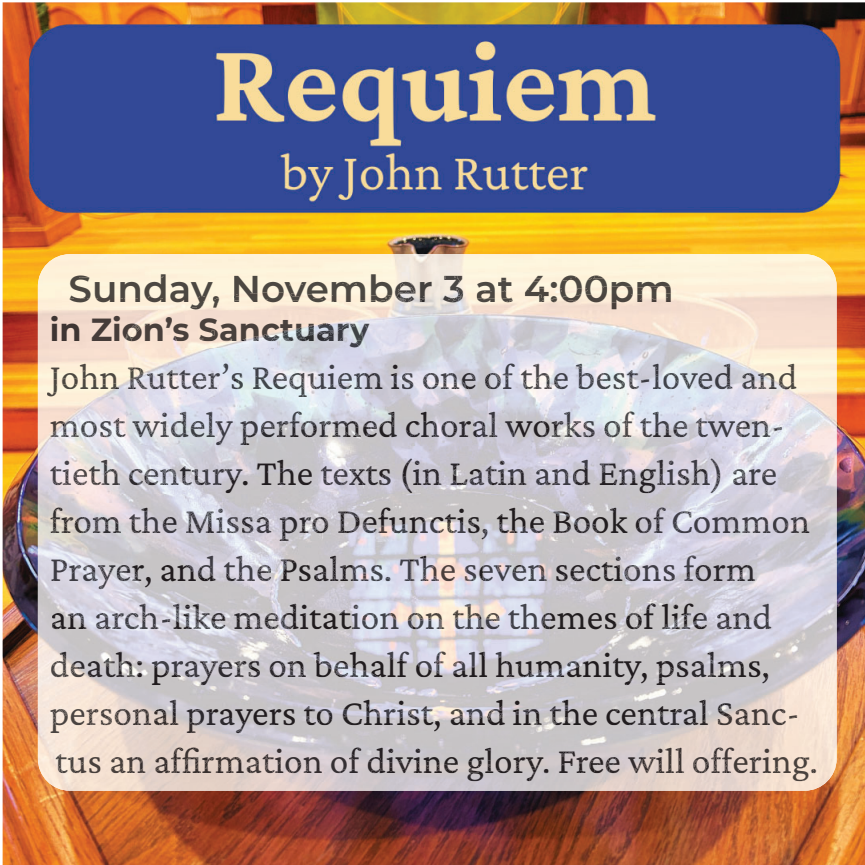
Saturday, November 2 at 9am

Our historic Lutheran cemeteries have been a local landmark since 1881, cared for through the years 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.

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## Blood Drive on Sunday, November 3

The Bloodmobile will be in Zion's parking lot on Sunday, November 3 from 9:00am until 12:30pm. Donors must be 17+ years old and weigh 110+ lbs (or 16 years old, 120+ lbs, with parental consent). Donors should be in good general health and present a photo ID. Your donation will help cancer and transplant patients, trauma victims, newborns and moms, and other patients in our community.



# Requiem

by John Rutter

**Sunday, November 3 at 4:00pm**  
**in Zion's 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. The seven sections form an arch-like meditation on the themes of life and death: prayers on behalf of all humanity, psalms, personal prayers to Christ, and in the central Sanctus an affirmation of divine glory. Free will offering.

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**Stephen Ministers**  
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God Is the Cure-Giver.



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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.





## Annual Congregational Meeting

**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.

## 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](mailto:Zion@ZionSA.org). When requesting prayers for others by name, please confirm with that person first.

## ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCES

Each year around All Saints, we have different ways of remembering those dear to us who have died. This year, we will do this on these days:

- Sunday, November 3 at both services - bring photos or mementos of your loved ones to be displayed at the altar rail in our All Saints display.
- Wednesday, November 6 at both services - bring photos or mementos of your loved ones for the All Saints display in our Historic Chapel. These services will be quieter and more contemplative times of remembering.

*Please note: if you bring items, please plan on removing them after worship. We suggest putting your name on them in case they are forgotten.*

These displays are a powerful way for us to remember the “great cloud of witnesses” that surrounds us (see Hebrews 12) as we are part of the Body of Christ of all times and all places.

# Zion Craft Fair

**November 9, 2024**

**9am - 3pm**

**9944 Leslie Rd  
At Braun and Loop 1604  
Zion Family Life Center**



- Fine Art - Home Décor - Toys - Jewelry - Clothing -

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## Quilting for Lutheran World Relief

Thursday, October 17 at 9:30am

Even if you don't sew, consider learning some basics with LWR Quilters! Come on out at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall, on the first and third Thursdays. Contact Diane Stewart through the church office if you need more details.

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## Women of Zion Events

WOZ Bible Study & More

Second Tuesday November 12 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](mailto:WOZ@zionsa.org).



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## Thankoffering Sunday November 17

See Thankoffering History, at right.

## 2024 Women of Zion Board

Co-Presidents	Mary Jo Goldenbaum and Linnell Brewton
Vice President	Diane Stewart
Secretary	Carolyn Pfeiffer
Treasurer	Jill Nunneley
Member-at-Large	Rhonda Knisley

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## Zion Zippers 50+ Fellowship

Monday, November 11 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 entertainment has yet to be announced. Contact Kathy Newman through the church office if you have a question or suggestion for a guest speaker or activity.

## Thankoffering History

Beginning in the late 19th century, Lutheran women were given small Thankoffering boxes to place in a special location in their homes as a visible reminder of blessings received. Women would add coins to those boxes almost daily as particular blessings were noted. From their use came the idea of an annual church service to celebrate their collection, and so the women of the congregation would come together for a Thankoffering service. The concept of Thankoffering celebrations dates back more than 100 years and beyond Lutherans. The Episcopal Church Women held their first recorded Thankoffering service in 1889, and the World Thank Offering service of the United Methodist Women has been a tradition for over 100 years. In the Lutheran tradition, the General Synod's Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society created their first Thankoffering service in 1889 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the organization. At that first Thankoffering, \$6,100 was collected. Today, Women of the ELCA collects more than \$1 million in Thankofferings annually for the ministries and mission of our women's organization.

OCTOBER 20, 2024  
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST



*Greatness is about serving others.*

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 10:35-45</b>	<b>The Son of Man came to save</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Isaiah 53:4-12</b>	<b>Suffering servant song</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Hebrews 5:1-10</b>	<b>Jesus the great high priest</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Matthew 11:1-6</b>	<b>Jesus talks about himself</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Acts 9:10-19</b>	<b>Conversion of Saul</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Philippians 3:7-11</b>	<b>Being acceptable to God</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 91:9-16</b>	<b>God's protection</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 10:46-52</b>	<b>Jesus heals blind Bartimaeus</b>

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

*"[W]hoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave."*

**Mark 10:43b-44 (NRSV)**

### **PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

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

Almighty God, help us to serve the needs of others, for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died that we may live. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, we thank you for this food and for your sacrifice of love through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

May God bless you with a life of service.



**OCTOBER 20, 2024**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

*To Be Your Presence*



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:

- Think or talk about how you like to serve others.
- How did Jesus serve others?

**DEVOTIONS**



*Read:* Mark 10:33-45.

Jesus gives a clear prediction of his suffering, death, and resurrection. James and John totally miss the point of Jesus' description of humiliation, suffering, and death to ask for their own place of glory. The contrast could not be more glaring. The desire for power and recognition that the two disciples ask for is understandable. However, in contrast to a lust for power and personal glory, Jesus presents a view of glory that is all about serving others in love, even to the point of death. Jesus' spirituality, that is, his way of life with God in prayer and action is all about service. His spirituality centers on caring for others. Praying for greatness—as James and John asked of Jesus—is a misguided spirituality that needs to put the cross of Christ at the center. When that happens, greatness no longer looks like power and prestige but loving acts that serve others in the name of God.

*Discuss:* When you think of a life lived close to the heart of Jesus, do you consider suffering and service to others?

*Pray:* **God of power and might, help us to see as Jesus sees that we may live lives filled with acts of loving service for the sake of our crucified 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 sacrifice your comfort for the needs of others?

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**



There are many in our congregations and communities who serve humbly and faithfully without much recognition. Think or talk about people you know who serve Christ through their words and actions. Choose one or two of those people identified who you would like to honor. Send them a thank you card or give a small gift to them in recognition of their servant work.

*Pray:* **Dear God, give me a humble heart that I may gladly be a servant of others through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



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)