

November 3, 2024 • All Saints Sunday
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.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come. (from *Sundays & Seasons*)

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

9:00

Bicinium on "For All the Saints"
by John Barr

11:30

We Gather Together
arranged by Jason Krug

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.



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 on facing page.
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through

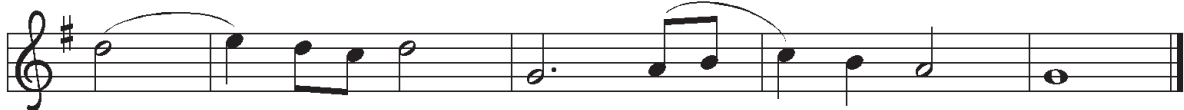


thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . . .
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . . .



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.

King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;

we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .

all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.
 sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897
 Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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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 God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

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

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor Dan Heim

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 25:6-9

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸ he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

PSALM 24

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

Refrain

Mark Mummert



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The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who dwell therein.
For the Lord has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. R̄

Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord, and who may stand in God's holy place?
Those of innocent hands and purity of heart, who do not swear on God's being,
Nor do they pledge by what is false.
They shall receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of their salvation.
Such is the generation of those who seek you, O Lord, of those who seek your face,
O God of Jacob. R̄

Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!
Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory? Truly, the Lord of hosts is the King of glory. R̄

SECOND READING: REVELATION 21:1-6A

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ^{6a} Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

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

Please rise, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL: JOHN 11:32-44

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

*Spark Children's Story Bible
Lazarus, Page 440*

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” ³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

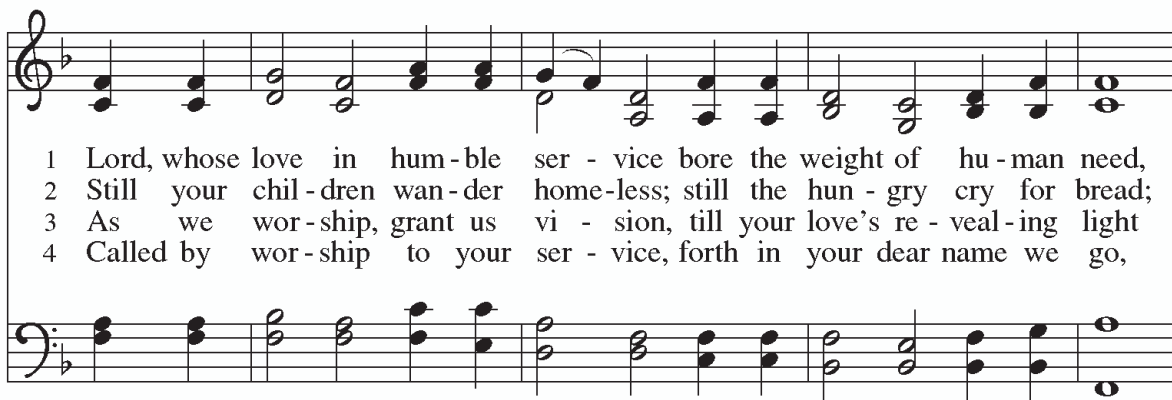
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

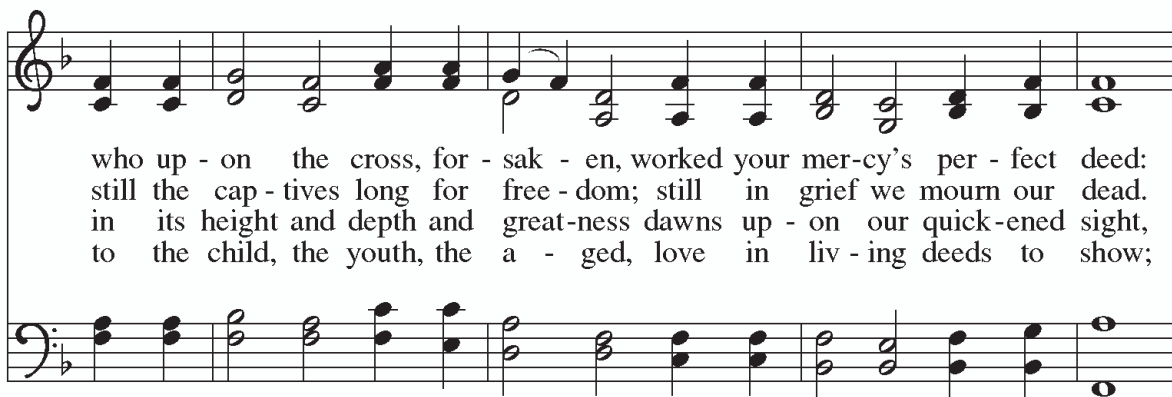
SERMON

Pastor Kathi Johnson

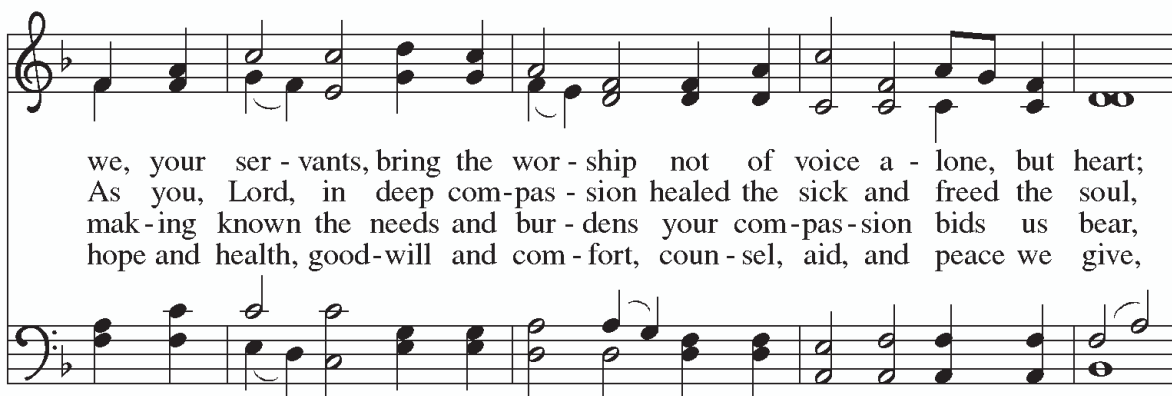
Please rise, as you are able.



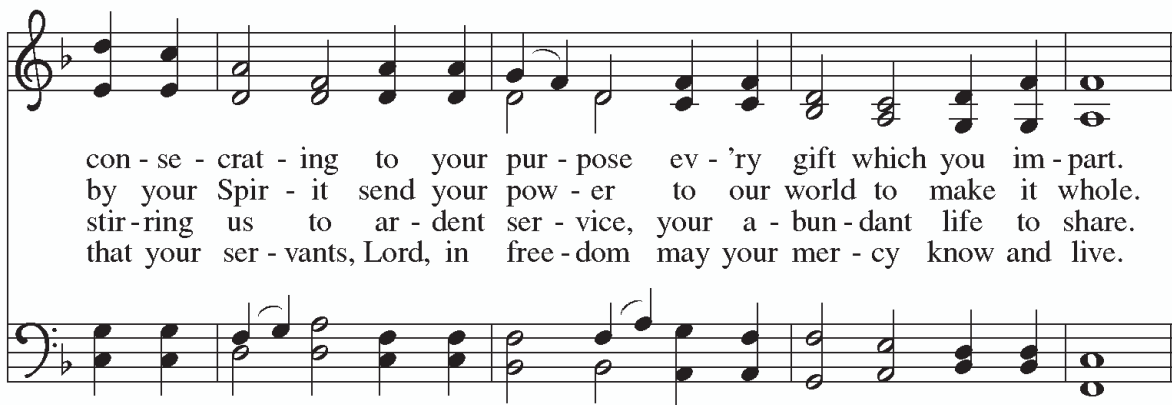
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
 still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
 by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
 stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
 that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

APOSTLES' CREED AND BAPTISM

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

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

After each petition: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

O God, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come, we give you thanks for all your faithful people who have followed the light of your word especially those who have died in the past year:

George Wallis

Bob Spiser

Janet Hoover

Vic Schlefsky

Charles Beckmann

Dorothy Rode

Vernon Enderlin

Bob Usher

Geri Dalum

Evan Bowman

Keith Jedele

David Thamm

Ed Kimball

Dan Meade

Joanne Melgosa

Jerry Dalum

...and others we name in our hearts

God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he has opened the kingdom of heaven. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our 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

The Promised Land
by Natalie Sleeth

Children's Choir

Assembly sings
"Oh When the Saints"
when cued:

O when the saints go marching in,
O when the saints go marching in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.

11:30

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
arranged by Linda Scholes

Handbells

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

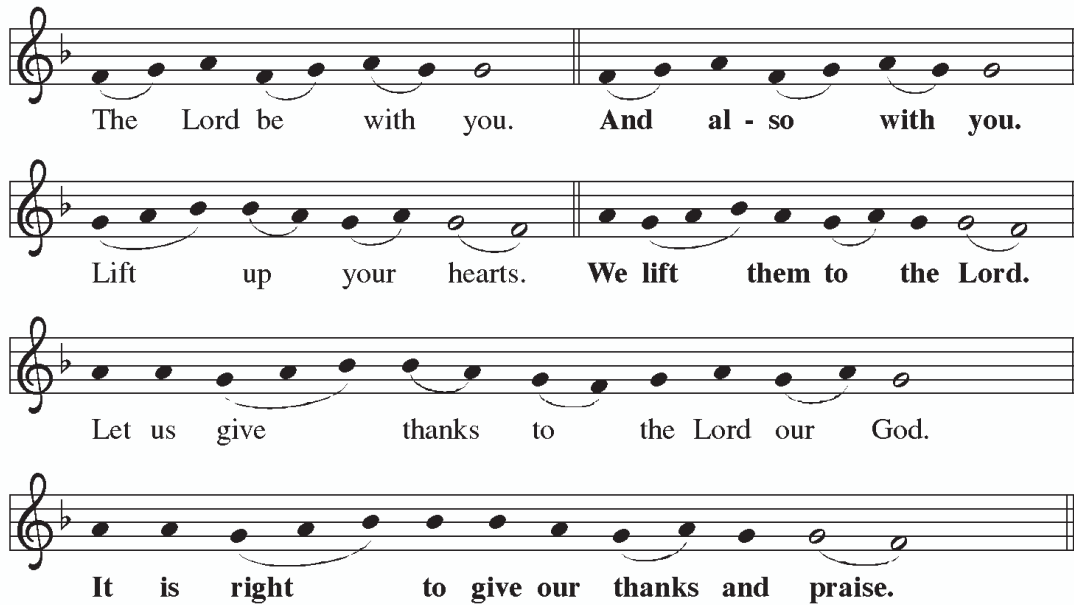
OFFERING PRAYER

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.

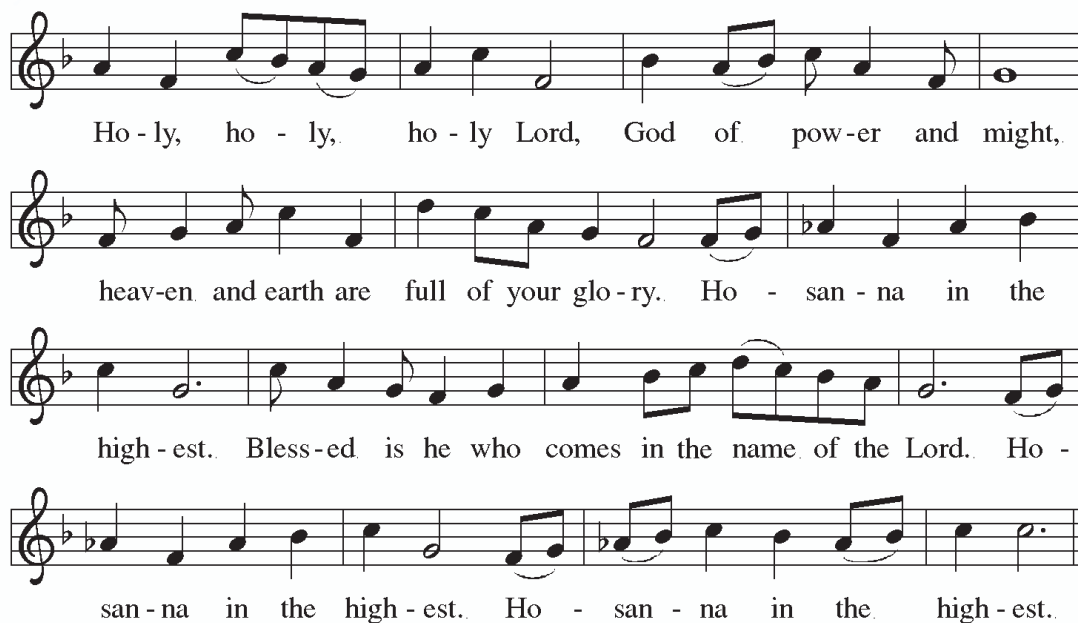
Amen.

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. By the witness of the saints you show us the hope of our calling, and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy, and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels 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

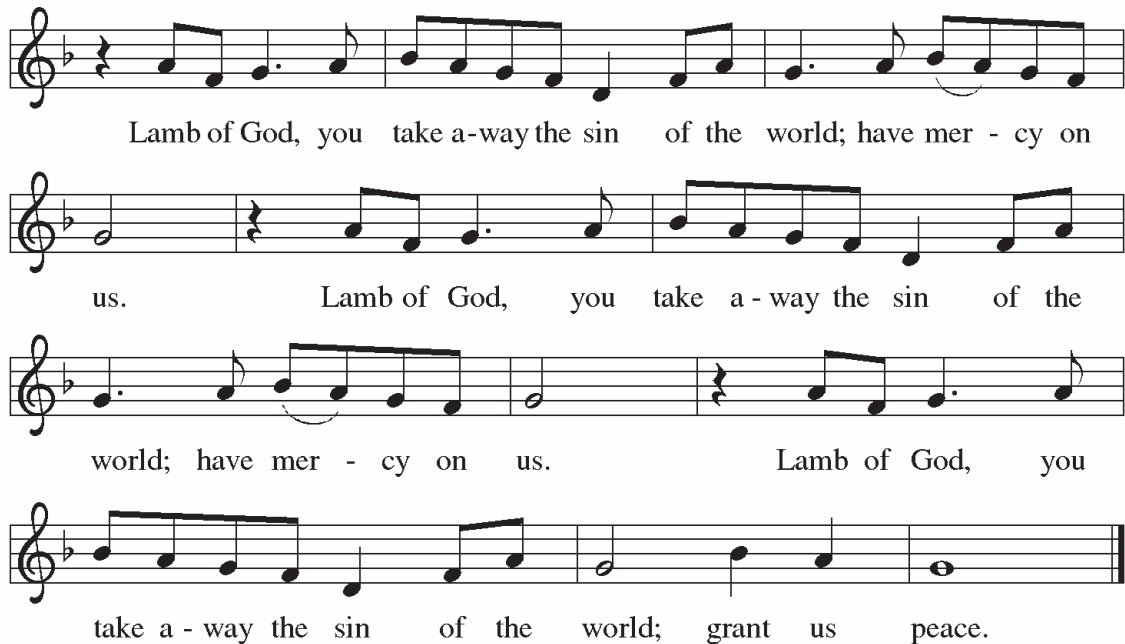
These are the gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God.

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

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God
by Lesbia Scott

Children's Choir

11:30

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
arranged by Judy Endean

Handbells

COMMUNION HYMN

Shall We Gather at the River

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899
 Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

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.

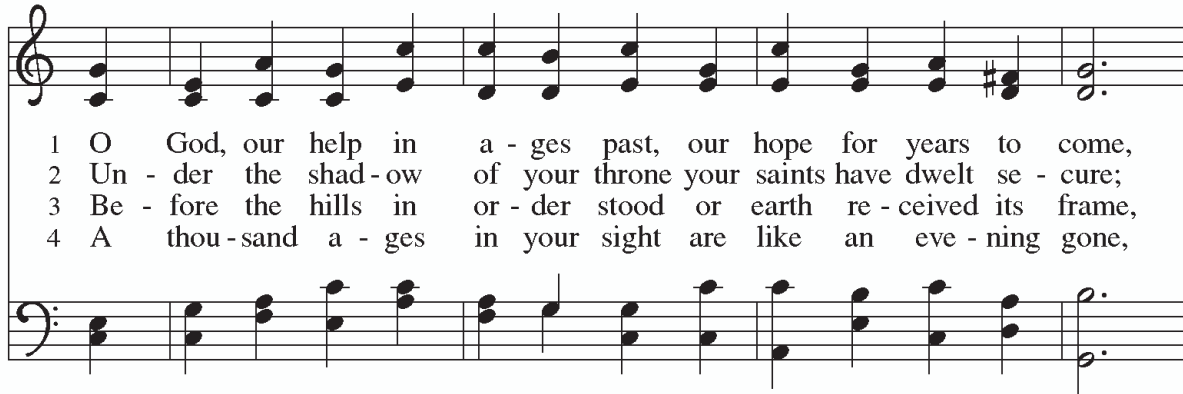
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

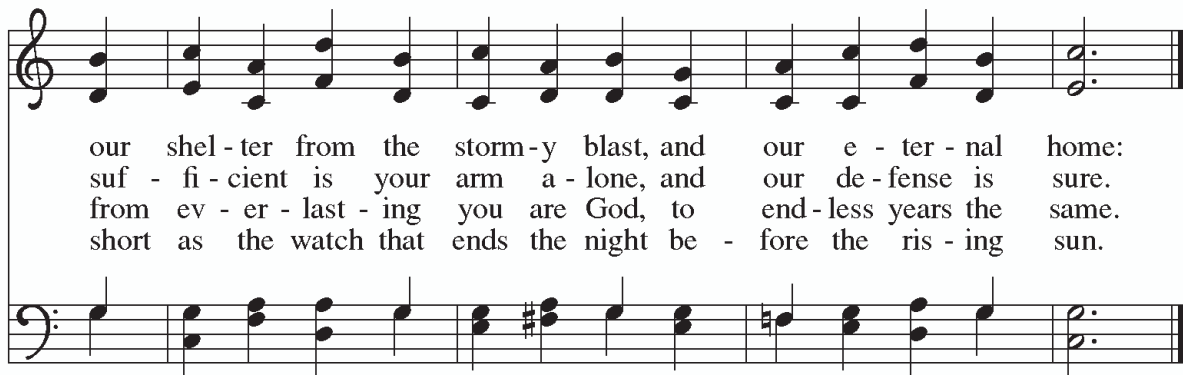
Who Are These Like Stars Appearing?
setting by Paul Fejko

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 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 we fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 still be our guard while troubles last
 and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
 Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

Worship Support

Altar Guild

Bonnie Bahr, Betsy Howard
Ruth Medbury, Karen Sturdivant
Laura Walsh

Book Bearer

9:00 Jennifer Kretzschmar

11:30 Jeff Williams

Crucifer

9:00 Kevin Kretzschmar

11:30 Celeste Mussey

Lay Reader

9:00 Carolyn Pfeiffer

11:30 Gail Clayworth

Cantor

Celeste Mussey

Communion Servers

9:00 Beverly Rosel, Amy Swanson

11:30 Max Knoll, Suzi Lockamy

Livestream

Steve Johnson, Deb Hearn

Sound

Scott Van Doren

Ushers

9:00 Rachel Williams
Carmen Nickel
Jan & Bill Pinkerton
Karen Stoldt
Lynniece Swanston

11:30 Pam Gammage

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Scan QR code for this month's calendar



Sunday, November 3

Bloodmobile	9-12:30	Parking Lot
Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Intergenerational Event	10:15	FH
New Member Class #3	10:15	FLC Room 101
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanctuary & YouTube
John Rutter's <i>Requiem</i>	4pm	Sanctuary

Monday, November 4

Game Group		Fellowship Hall
LMM Planning Mtg	6:30	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 5

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, November 6

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, November 7

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief	9:30	Fellowship Hall
Study of Mark with Pr Eileen	9:30	MC Room 1
Weight Watchers Mtg	9:30	Church 2
Dinner Out at Luxor	6:30	Details Page 22
Youth Night	6:30	Ministry Center
Fiesta Flutes Rehearsal	7pm	Church 2

Friday, November 8

Set-up for Fall Craft Fair	5pm	Family Life Center
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Saturday, November 9

Weight Watchers Meeting	7:30am Church 2
Fall Craft Fair Fundraiser	9am-3pm Family Life Center
Food Bank Event	SA Food Bank
Stephen Ministry Facilitator Training	9am-3pm MC Room 5

Sunday, November 10

Worship in person	9am Sanctuary
Faith Formation Hour for all ages	10:15 Details next page
Coffee Talk: Financial Update	10:15 Fellowship Hall
New Member Class #4	10:15 FLC Room 101
Worship in person and online	11:30 Sanctuary & YouTube

NOTE: Sunday, November 17

One Worship Service, No Classes	10:00 Sanctuary and YouTube
ANNUAL MEETING	11:15 Sanctuary

All Saints Remembrances This Week

Each year around All Saints, we have different ways of remembering those dear to us who have died. This year, we have brought photos and mementos of our loved ones to the altar rail in our All Saints display in the sanctuary.

On 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.

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.

You may remove your items after worship. It is suggested you put your name on them in case they are left.

Faith Formation for Children and Youth

10:15 in Ministry Center Rooms

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

Two Midweek Services

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

Simple communion worship services in Zion’s historic chapel.

☞ Coffee Talk ☞

Next Sunday, November 10

Financial update presented by Treasurer Allen Cockrell. 10:15 in Ministry Center Room 1.

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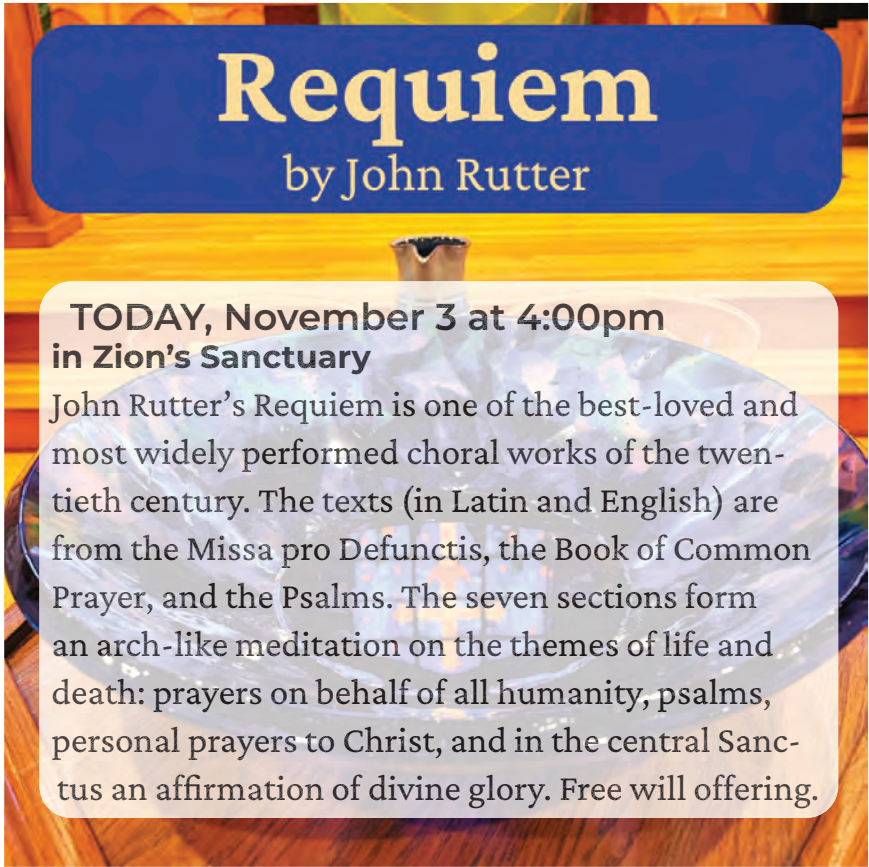
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COUNCIL**

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A poster for a Requiem performance. The title "Requiem" is in large, bold, yellow font on a dark blue background. Below it, "by John Rutter" is in a smaller white font. The background of the poster shows a choir performing in a sanctuary. A white text box in the center contains the event details: "TODAY, November 3 at 4:00pm in Zion's Sanctuary". Below this, a paragraph describes the piece: "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."

TODAY: Blood Drive

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.



**Thanksgiving Food Basket Collection
Through Sunday, November 17**

Choose a tag from the display board in the gazebo, and then fill the Thanksgiving need. Specific food items and grocery gift cards will be collected until November 17. Zion Theatre Group will sort and deliver to local families in need.

If you know of a family in need, contact Sammy Mikulski in the church office this week.

Game Group

Monday, November 4 and 18 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.

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.

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief

Thursday, November 7 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.

Weekday Bible Study Series: Book of Mark

Thursday, November 7 in MC Room 1

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

November 7 & 21 December 5

Dinner Out at Luxor Mediterranean

Thursday, November 7 at 6:30pm

The Dinner Out group will meet at Luxor Mediterranean Restaurant at the Rim (I-10 just north of Loop 1604). Come early for socializing; dinner seating is at 6:30pm.

RSVP by November 4 to Sandy or Jim Chillstrom. Call the church office if you need their contact information.

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Mon-Thur 8:30am-5:00pm
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**SA Food Bank
Volunteer Event
Saturday, November 9
8:30-11:30am**

Zion Lutheran Men in Mission invites everyone to participate in the curbside food distribution at the San Antonio Food Bank Warehouse at 5200 Historic Old Hwy 90.

Participants will be back from this event in time to shop and eat grilled burger or sausage wrap lunch at the Craft Fair in the Family Life Center that same day! See below.

Contact Mark Laneman through the church office if you'd like to carpool or have any questions. Use this QR with your phone to register.



SA Food Bank Vol

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 -

Annual Congregational Meeting November 17 at 11:15am

There will be one worship service on November 17, at 10:00am. There are no Faith Formation classes this date. Nursery care is available during worship and the meeting. The 2024 Annual Meeting begins at 11:15am in the sanctuary.

Agenda items include church council member elections, cemetery board member elections, and 2025 spending plan approval. *You are a voting member if you have:*

- *been confirmed.*
- *a record of attendance in the previous 12 months*
- *a record of giving in the previous 12 months*

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!

November 11th's social falls on Veterans Day, and the guest speaker, Monica Baietti, is from Women Veterans of San Antonio (womenveteransofsanantonio.org). Her presentation is titled *Veterans' Day - A Celebration of Freedom*. Everyone age 50+ is encouraged to attend for an interesting evening.

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

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

*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 is a
Stephen Ministry
Church!
Stephen Ministers Are
Care-Givers,
God Is the Cure-Giver.
The role of a Stephen**

Minister is to give care. They listen, empathize, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support on a weekly basis to hurting people for as long as the need persists. God works in and through them to bring hope and healing. If you are feeling lonely, experiencing a crisis, struggling through a difficult time, or simply find yourself stressed by everyday life, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders to learn more about Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, talk with LeShea Clabough, our Stephen Ministry Leader. Get her contact information from the church office, 210-688-3090, or email her directly using this QR.



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.



WOZ@zionsa.org

Thankoffering Sunday November 17

See Thankoffering History, at right.

Leaders Being Sought

WOZ is seeking one or two women to take over the leadership of Zion's active group. The current co-presidents, Mary Jo Goldenbaum and Linnell Brewton, have served for five years, and are ready to step down at the end of this year. All other members of the board will remain, working together with the new leader(s). Please contact any current board member if you are interested in this position.

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

Men's Fellowship Dinner
Third Monday, November 18 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 Imm@zionsa.org if you need more details.

MomCo, a Community for All Moms
Wednesday, November 20 in MC Room 1
Zion MomCo* supports moms by building community for growth in faith and as parents. Meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month in Zion's Ministry Center from 9:30-noon. They also are in need of adult volunteers to provide child care those Wednesdays.

MomCo Registration



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

* Formerly MOPS Mothers of Preschoolers

Aluminum Beverage Can Collection

Zion is collecting aluminum drink cans in the swing-top collection barrel in the south (cemetery side) parking lot, next to the shed. Proceeds benefit Zion's Youth program.

For the health and safety of our volunteers that handle this collection:

- *Please separate and bag plastic-lined cans, pet food cans, steel cans or other metal in the collection barrel.*
- *Please empty, dry, and crush aluminum beverage cans, without any residue that will attract vermin.*
- *Do not put paper, plastic, food or any other trash in this swing-top aluminum can collection barrel. A trash can is provided nearby.*

Do you have other types of metal that may be recyclable for the Youth program? Contact Dave Brewton or the church office.

**NOVEMBER 3, 2024
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**



Our hope and strength is in God.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 11:32-44	Jesus raises Lazarus
Monday	Isaiah 25:6-9	The Lord has delivered
Tuesday	Revelation 21:1-6a	A new heaven and earth
Wednesday	Titus 2:11-15	Teach sound doctrine
Thursday	2 Corinthians 3:12-18	Ministers of the new covenant
Friday	Colossians 1:24-29	Paul's service to the church
Saturday	Psalms 24	Entrance into the temple
Sunday	Mark 12:38-44	The widow's generous offering

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

And he [God] will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all people, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Isaiah 25:7 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and everlasting God, as we grieve those whom we have lost, we thank you that through Christ Jesus we see your glory and have hope in the resurrection. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, the earth is yours and all that is in it; for this meal we give you thanks for your care that knows no end through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with hope in Christ.



NOVEMBER 3, 2024

HYMN OF THE WEEK

For All the Saints



**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:

- Who do you think about on All Saints Day? Think or tell a story about that person.
- What would you want to ask God about life after death?

DEVOTIONS



Read: John 11:32-44 and Psalm 24.

We do not know what death is like for ourselves. We do know that when we experience the death of a loved one, it leads us to grieve. Even Jesus grieved, was deeply moved, and “*greatly disturbed*” (John 11:33, 38) at the death of his friend Lazarus. As we face the death of loved ones on All Saints Sunday, we turn to and lean on the strength and promise of God. Amidst our deep sorrow, we look to our God in Jesus Christ, the one whom death could not conquer. During the remembrance of All Saints, Psalm 24 allows us to praise God for God’s victory. Our grief is comforted by God’s power over death and the painful separation from those deceased. Our hope and strength—and that of loved ones whose lives we remember—is in the King of glory, the Lord, “*strong and mighty*” (Psalm 24:8). Our faith in Christ comforts us to know that we have the God who grieves with us and who gives us victory over death.

Discuss: What gives you comfort and strength as you grieve the death of a loved one?

Pray: **God of glory and might, help us to remember loved ones who have died with hope and comfort through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord who reigns with you now and always. 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 reach out to someone who is grieving the loss of a loved one?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



All Saint’s Day is the day after All Hallows’ Eve (Halloween). It is when we remember our loved ones who have died and all the saints and martyrs throughout Christian history. One tradition on this day is to light a candle for those who have died. Consider placing a picture of those you remember on this day next to a candle. Think or tell stories about loved ones.

Light the candle and pray: **Lord God, thank you for the hope of eternal life and the life of (name/s). Help us to live for you each day. Amen.**



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