

November 10, 2024 • 8,457th Sunday 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

Morning Has Broken
arranged by Amy Rice-Young

The Fiesta Flutes
Robert Rubio – Conductor

WELCOME

Pastor Dan Heim

TEMPLE TALK

Endowment Committee Introduction

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 of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,
 3 Won-drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest
 4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood

as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -
 of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our
 char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, "You have
 as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -

men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en
 thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,
 done it all to me." Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—
 men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,

bles - sings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful
 warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py
 in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your
 hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of



and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you."
 all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–1889, alt.
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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.

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, 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: 1 KINGS 17:8-16

⁸ The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹ “Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹² But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³ Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

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

PSALM 146

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

Refrain

Michel Guimont



Praise the Lord, my soul! Praise the Lord!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is God who gives bread to the hungry,
the LORD, who sets prisoners free, R̄.

the LORD who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,

the LORD, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. R̄.

It is the LORD who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The LORD will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. R̄.

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 9:24-28

²⁴ Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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 12:38-44

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

*Spark Children's Bible Story
The Widow's Offering, page 342*

³⁸ As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." ⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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

Day by Day

1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens

to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me

draw me near - er to my heav' n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
o' er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter

mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
 what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,
 lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
 with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936–2005
 Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882
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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 THE PART WITH PARTS

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

Each petition ends: Merciful God,

Response: **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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus.

OFFERING

We give our offerings with thanksgiving to God. These offerings support the mission and ministry of Zion, including the care of those in need. To give online, please visit ZionSA.org. Children may place their offerings in the jar to the left of the Chancel (near the sacristy door). During the offering music, the pastor sets the table for Holy Communion.

OFFERING MUSIC

Rhosymedre
by Ralph Vaughan Williams,
arranged by Nancy Nourse

The Fiesta Flutes
Robert Rubio – Conductor

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

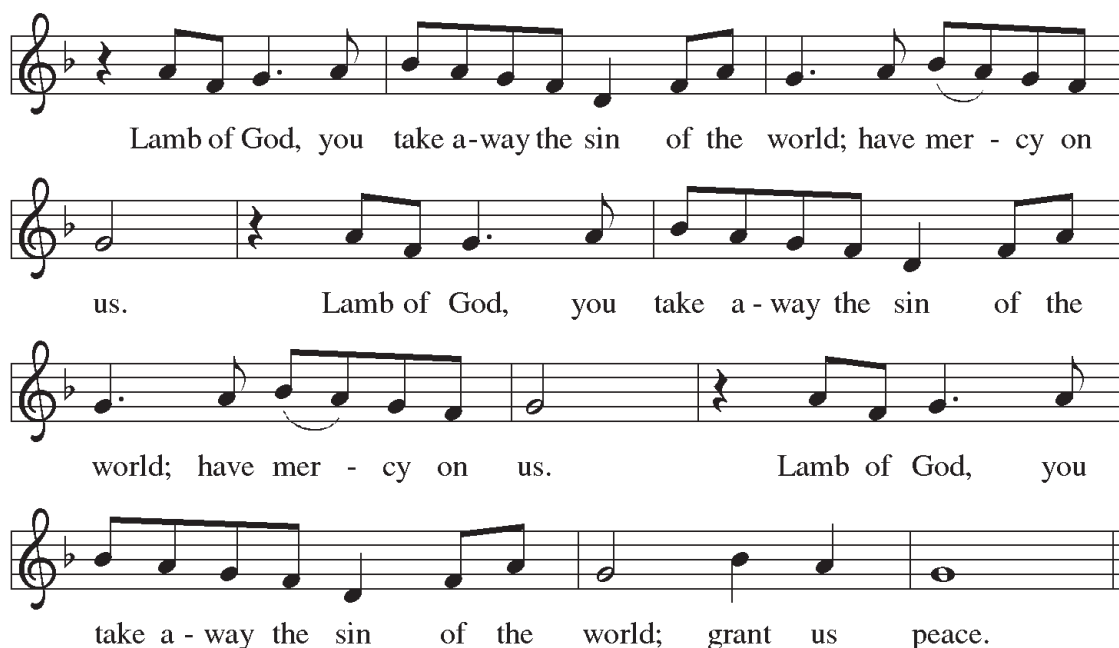
These are the gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God.

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

Salvation is Created
by Pavel Tschesnokoff
arranged by Lana Behrens

The Fiesta Flutes
Robert Rubio – Conductor

COMMUNION HYMN

Take My Life, That I May Be

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed between the staves. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next four lines.

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself, and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
 Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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.

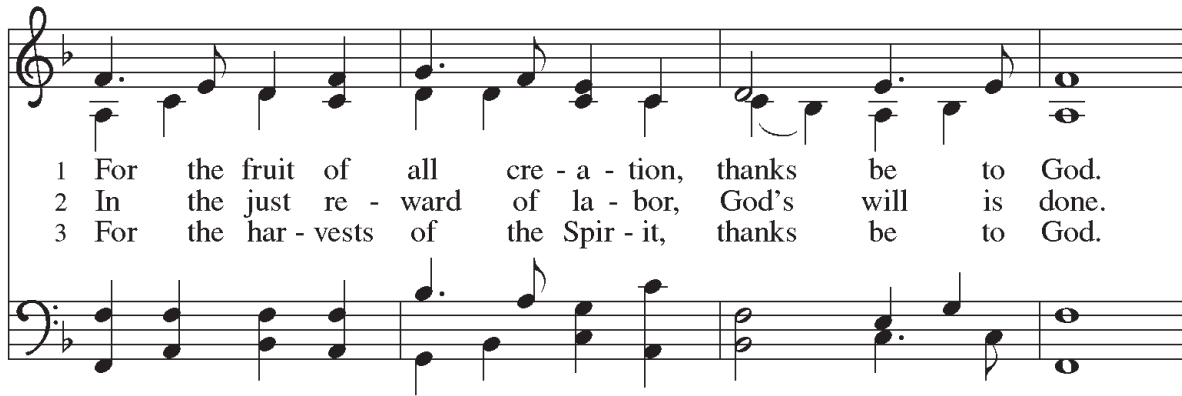
POSTLUDE

Sing to the Lord a New Song
by Michael C. Johnson

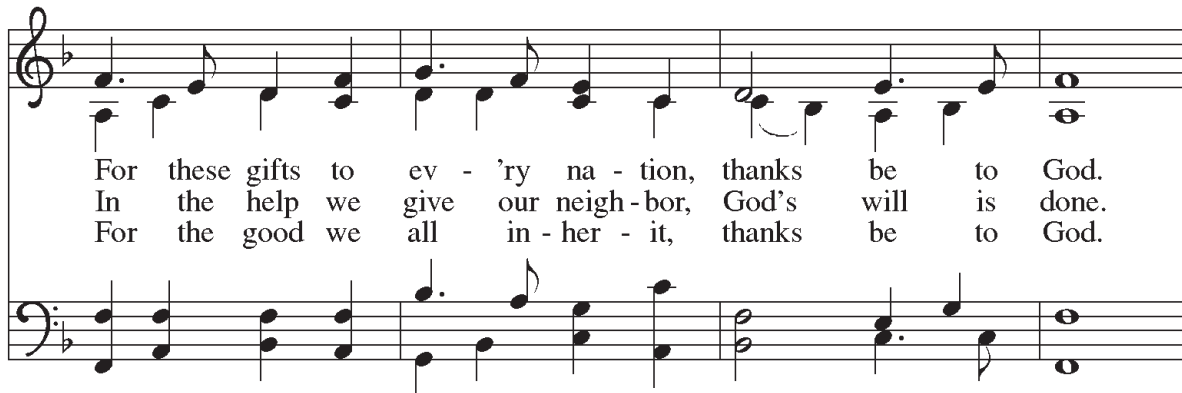
The Fiesta Flutes
Robert Rubio – Conductor

Available for Prayer

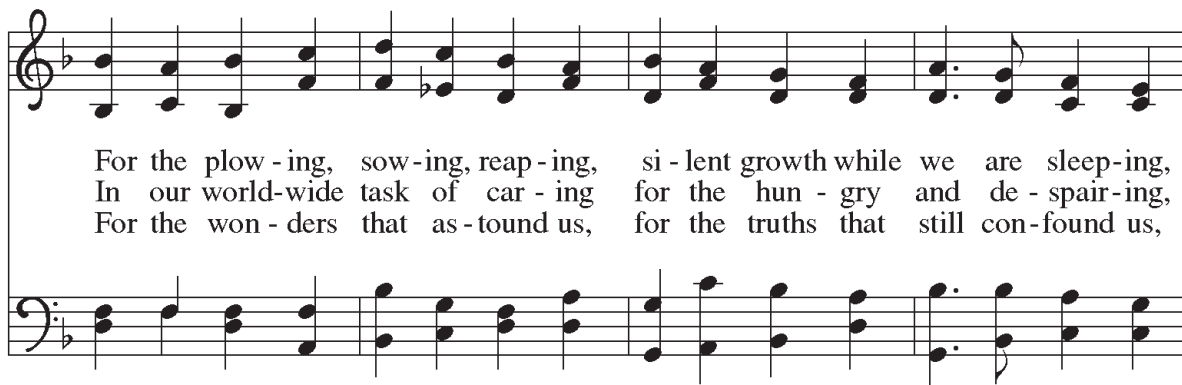
Immediately following each service, Stephen Ministers are often available to pray with you at the altar rail. All prayers and conversations are confidential.



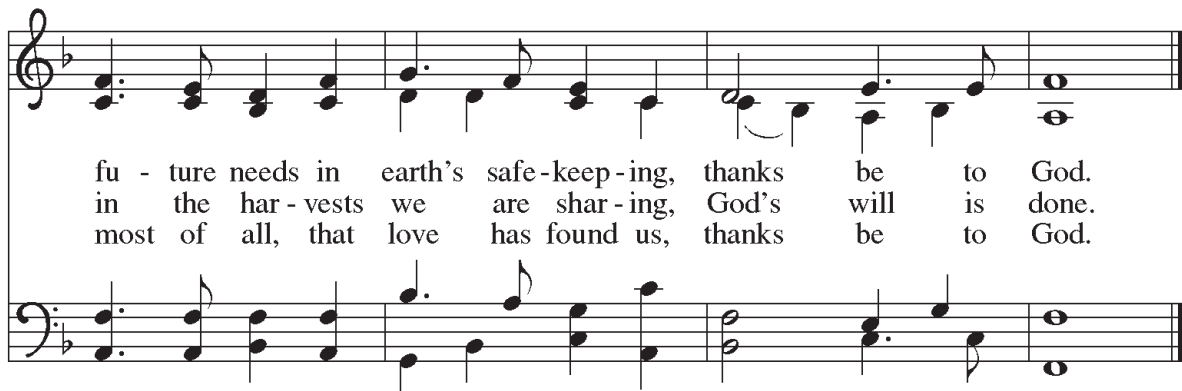
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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Worship Support

Altar Guild

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

Lay Reader

9:00 Karen Umlang
11:30 Rachel Cannady

Cantor

Jeff Williams

Communion Servers

9:00 Mary Jo Goldenbaum
Nicole Stender
11:30 Antje Logue
Kevin M^cGee

Livestream

Steve Johnson, Kevin M^cGee

Sound

Scott Van Doren

Ushers

9:00 Rachel Williams
Carmen Nickel
Jan & Bill Pinkerton
Karen Stoldt
Lynniece Swanston
11:30 Kim & Mike & DeHart
Joanna & Mel Arviso

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Scan QR code for this month's calendar



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	Ministry Center Rm 1
New Member Class #4	10:15	FLC Room 101
Holy Bible Event	10:15	Fellowship Hall
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanctuary & YouTube

Monday, November 11

Zion Zippers Potluck Fellowship	6pm	Fellowship Hall
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Tuesday, November 12

Exercise Group	9am	Church 2
Women of Zion Bible Study & More	10am	Fellowship Hall
Staff Meeting	11am	Break Room
Executive Committee	6pm	Zoom
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 13

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
MomCo Friendsgiving Event	6pm	Fellowship Hall
Al-Anon Meeting	7pm	FLC 101
AA - Alcoholics Anonymous	7pm	FLC 202
Chancel Choir	7:15	Sanctuary

Thursday, November 14

Weight Watchers Mtg	9:30	Church 2
Fiesta Flutes Rehearsal	7pm	Church 2
Stephen Ministry Supervision	7pm	MC-5 and 6

Saturday, November 16

Weight Watchers Meeting	7:30am	Church 2
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Sunday, November 17

Thanksgiving Sunday, New Members Received, no classes today

Worship in person and online	10am	Sanctuary & YouTube
ANNUAL MEETING	11:15	Sanctuary

≡ Coffee Talk ≡

TODAY, November 10

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

TODAY Intergenerational Bible Event for all ages, 10:15 in the Fellowship Hall

The early Church gave us the Bible so that we might find rest in God's love. But when it comes to knowing God through the Bible, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" (Acts 8:31). This event will provide tools and methods for people of all ages to grow as faithful community rooted in Scripture. Includes:

- Presentation of the Godly Play story "The Holy Bible."
- Two different ways of entering the Bible, one especially for families with young children, one especially for youth and adults.
- Developmentally appropriate Bibles and Bible aids will be handed out to children/youth.

NEXT SUNDAY Annual Congregational Meeting November 17 at 11:15am

The 2024 Annual Meeting follows immediately after worship today, in the sanctuary. 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*

Thanksgiving Food Basket Collection

Through Next 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.

Blessings Given Legacy Fund - Reinvigorate

Zion is reinvigorating the Blessings Given Legacy Fund, Zion's endowment fund. The endowment committee is represented by six people from the membership as well as one of the pastors. These committee members will be working over the coming months to share information about the Fund's purpose, donation opportunities, as well as gifts and outreach programs. Committee members will be introduced today in the Temple Talk.

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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*Thursday
afternoon*

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Monday

Sammy Mikulski
Theatre Director
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Monday

**2024 CONGREGATION
COUNCIL**

Bud Halstead	President
Allen Cockrell	Treasurer
Chris Jones	Vice President
Erica Macha	Secretary
David Umlang	At Large
Rachel Williams	At Large
Shiloh Love	At Large
Pr. Kathi Johnson	Senior Pastor
Pr. Dan Heim	Pastor

Meet the Pastoral Candidate**Sunday, November 24**

The candidate will preach at both services November 24, with an informal meet-and-greet between services. At 4pm that day, we will hold a formal time together with the congregation and a Q and A time.

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.

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.

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

Thank You for Your Donations!

Through your generosity and donations, the Women of Zion are shipping the items below to Lutheran World Relief, to then be sent to different countries where needed:

76 Quilts	20 Baby Care Kits
145 School Kits	18 Fabric Kits
43 Personal Care Kits	and \$1,000 for Shipping Costs

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.



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

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



Game Group

Monday, November 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.



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.

A Conversation with the Author



**Rev. Terry Kylo, Tuesday, November 19
at 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall**

Christians are often held back by the idea that relating to people of other traditions is not faithful to Jesus. Through his work to counter the bias and bigotry of our time, Rev. Terry Kylo has been on a journey out of the culture of supremacy into the experience of our common humanity. He writes, "I was born into White Christian Supremacy. But I was not born for it. You weren't either. The Creator has more beautiful ways for us to live and is restoring what was taken from us. Jesus invites his followers to take the long, painful, joyous, and healing journey of daily baptism to find our identity among all the Creator's children, all made in God's image."

M 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

Weekday Bible Study Series: Book of Mark
Thursday, November 21 in MC Room 1

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

November 21 December 5

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief
Thursday, November 21 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, third and fifth Thursdays. Contact Diane Stewart through the church office if you need more details.

Zion Bunco Group
4th Monday, November 25 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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**NOVEMBER 10, 2024
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**



The mercy of God reaches out in unexpected ways.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 12:38-44	The widow's generous offering
Monday	1 Kings 17:8-16	Elijah helps a widow
Tuesday	Hebrews 9:24-28	Christ's great sacrifice
Wednesday	Luke 6:32-36	Love for enemies
Thursday	Deuteronomy 4:25-31	The Lord is merciful
Friday	Joel 2:12-14	Return to the Lord
Saturday	Psalms 146	Praise for God's help
Sunday	Mark 13:1-8	The signs of the end of the age

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Go [God says to Elijah] now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you."

1 Kings 17:9 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, your ways are not our ways; help us to be open to your surprising grace that reaches out to all through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, to you who made heaven and earth and give justice to those who are burdened, we give thanks for the gift of this food. In Jesus' name, amen. (Psalm 146:6-7)

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with mercy to share with others.



NOVEMBER 10, 2024

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



taking
faith
home

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What have you learned from someone who is from another country?
- Think or tell about someone you know from another faith tradition.

DEVOTIONS



Read: 1 Kings 17:8-16.

This story from the Old Testament is surprising. How can a man of God go to a poor, non-Hebrew widow, who is economically, religiously, and socially “marginalized”, and ask for help? To get to the heart of this message, understanding the background is helpful. King Ahab of Israel had married the foreign princess Jezebel from Sidon. She brought her Baal worship to Israel and tried to put an end to the worship of the God of Israel. As a result, there was fear of—and a distancing from—foreigners in portions of the Old Testament. The widow, like Jezebel, is from Sidon. Despite that, God directs Elijah to receive the aid of a woman, who is widowed, who is poor to the point of death, and who is a Baal worshiper. Elijah is fed and the widow receives miraculous assistance. This passage is a reminder that the grace and mercy of God is for all. We are to pray and look for that grace in unexpected places and for people who seem to be the furthest from God’s reign.

Discuss: How has someone from another faith tradition helped you understand your own faith better?

Pray: **Merciful God, just as you served Elijah through the work of a foreign widow, help us to be open to how you extend your grace and mercy through those unlike us. 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, how can you care for someone who seems ignored by others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Generosity is giving to others freely and abundantly. Mark 12:38-44 is the story of a widow who gave two small coins, all that she had to live on, as an offering. In the same way that the widow gave to the Lord, we also should give. Money isn’t all that we can give. Generosity is the giving of time, talent, and treasure. Write a list of ways you can show generosity to others. Take a moment to talk about or reflect on your list.

Pray: **Dear God, as you have been generous and kind to me, help me to be generous and kind to others through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



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