

February 9, 2025 • Season of Epiphany  
9:00 and 11:30 am



**Zion** lutheran  
church

## WELCOME TO ZION

When we gather for worship, we're receptive to God's word and we rejoice in God's grace through song, prayer, and Holy Communion. The history of Christian worship is rich with rituals formed by generations. These traditions, prayers, and pastoral teachings help connect our lives with Christ. In our daily lives, we show God's love by serving our community, both locally and globally.

We are a group of believers seeking to respond to Christ's call to worship and serve, even as we wrestle with the big questions of life. We want you to know that you and your questions, faith, and doubts are welcome here!

## HOW WE WORSHIP

The Holy Spirit gathers people around the means of grace: the Word of God and the Sacraments. From the table of Holy Communion where Christ comes with forgiveness, life, and salvation, God sends us out to share the good news and care for those in need. Our worship follows this pattern in four parts: Gathering, Word, Meal, and Sending. By its very nature, Lutheran worship is participatory and the service is contained within this bulletin. Worship leaders guide us through the service and our responses are printed in **bold type**.

We welcome children in our worship services! If needed, a nursery is available down the hall past the restrooms. The restrooms contain changing tables, as needed.

Throughout the service, members of Zion's music ministry offer their talents as an offering to God. Please receive their musical gifts as a time for prayer, contemplation, or praise of God rather than a performance to be applauded, so that we may worship God throughout our time here together.

Most Sundays, our 11:30 service is live-streamed at [YouTube.com/ZionSanAntonio](https://www.youtube.com/ZionSanAntonio). Our practice is to maintain a wide angle view of the sanctuary, occasionally focusing on worship leaders, not individual worshipers. If you have questions or concerns about appearing on camera, please speak with an usher or pastor.

## HOLY BAPTISM TODAY

At the 11:30 service today we receive Jimena Claire Barton Santos, child of Jeannette Santos and Keith Barton, Jr. Her sponsors are Gabriela Nunez, Ricardo A. Santos, Amanda Stoddard, and Jose R. Santos. Please note on your connection card if you are visiting for the baptism.

## ON THE COVER

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## Zion Lutheran Church

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# GATHERING

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

## PRELUDE

9:00

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*  
arranged by J. Wayne Kerr

Handbells

11:30

*Light of the Nations*  
by Andrew Moore

## WELCOME

Pastor Al Jensen

TEMPLE TALK—*Capital Campaign: Welcoming God's Community*

LaShea Clabough

*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.**

## 9:00am THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

11:30am HOLY BAPTISM

**Statement of Faith**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks..... in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever,

**Amen.**

**Welcome**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

During the hymn, the congregation is sprinkled with water as a reminder of baptism.

## GATHERING HYMN

## Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters



- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow.
- 2 We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed.
- 3 Oh, how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!



Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago.  
Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.  
To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!



Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.  
God, renew us, guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares,  
We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.



Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.  
One with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.  
By your grace, our lives we offer. Re-create us; God, transform!

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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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. Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORD

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

### CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor Dan Heim

*Children may come forward for the Children's Chat and the rest of the congregation is seated.*

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 1-13

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

<sup>9</sup>And he said, “Go and say to this people: ‘Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.’ <sup>10</sup>Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed.”

<sup>11</sup>Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said: “Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; <sup>12</sup>until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. <sup>13</sup>Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled.”  
The holy seed is its stump.

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

## PSALM 138

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

**Refrain**



Let ev - 'ry voice give praise; to God our songs we raise, for  
God a-lone is King; to God a-lone we sing.

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O Lord, my heart will sing, I give you thanks and praise,  
And in your temple bow, Through all my length of days. *Refrain*

You answered when I called, Responding to my need;  
The rulers of the earth Shall name you Lord indeed! *Refrain*

When dangers gather round, O Lord, you save my life;  
And with your out-stretched hand, I conquer every strife. *Refrain*

### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

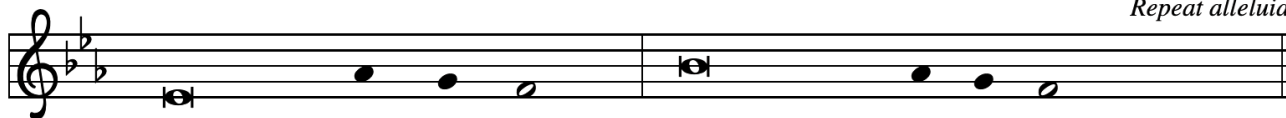
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise, as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



*Repeat alleluia*

Our hearts burn with - in us as you open to us the scriptures.

## GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11

*The Disciples  
Spark Children's Bible Page 258*

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

<sup>1</sup>Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup>he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup>When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup>Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup>When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup>So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup>But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup>For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup>and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." <sup>11</sup>When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

## Will You Come and Follow Me

Verses 1 & 2 - ALL, Verse 3 - Low Voices, Verse 4 - High Voices, Verse 5 - ALL



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
your name? Will you care for cruel and  
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
kind and nev - er be the same?  
free and nev - er be the same?  
side and nev - er be the same?  
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
pray'r in you and you in me?"  
mean in you and you in me?"  
sound in you and you in me?"  
grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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## 9:00am 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

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*Each petition ends:* God of grace,

*Response:* **hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

**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>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i> arranged by Bill Ingram	Handbells
11:30	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i> arranged by Ovid Young	Youth Choir

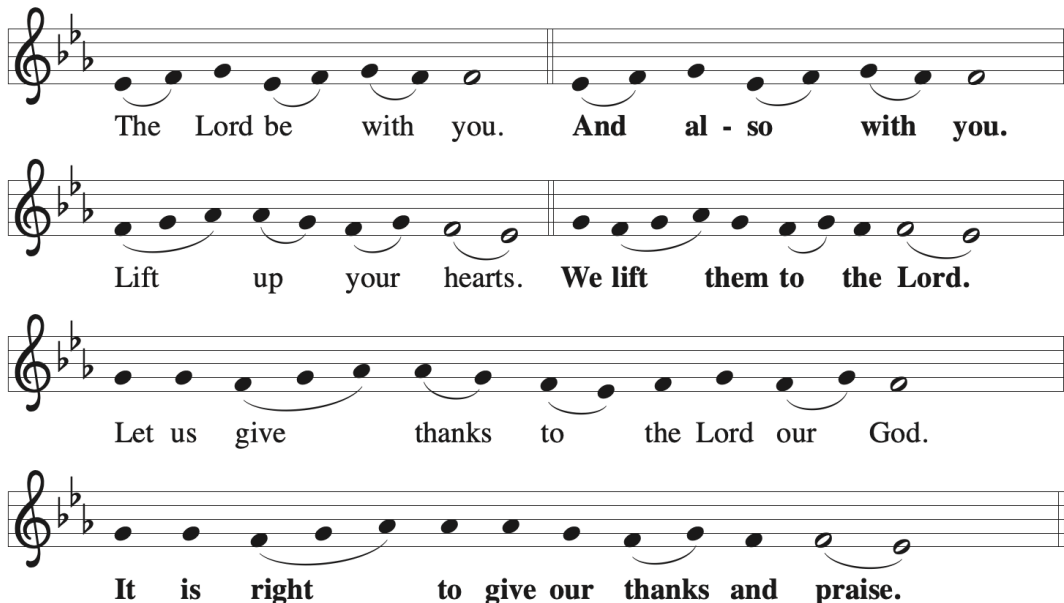
*Please rise, as you are able. The ushers bring the offering forward for the Offering Prayer.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Gracious God,

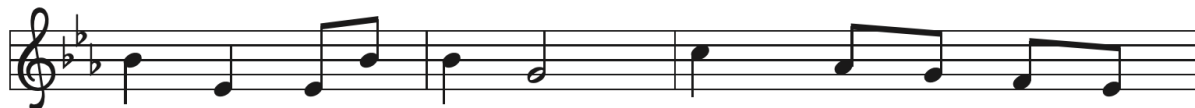
**your Son shows us your great love. As we offer ourselves and these gifts, prepare us to receive the grace you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## 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 leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come ✠ among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, 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



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## COMMUNION MUSIC

9:00

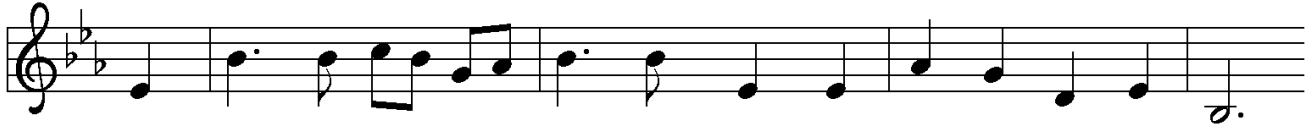
*Canon of Grace*  
by Linda Lamb

Handbells

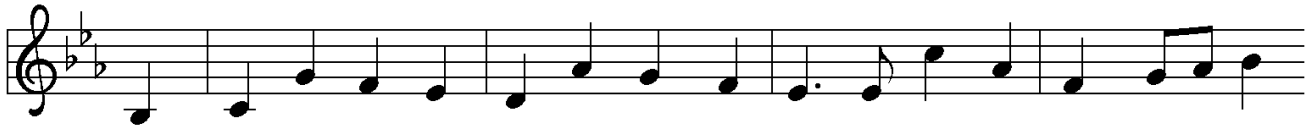
11:30

*Holy Banquet, Feast of Love*  
by Delores Dufner and Normand Gouin

Youth Choir



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call  
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;  
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;  
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,  
 if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind  
 whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,  
 in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.  
 its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.  
 and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.  
 the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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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. We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, present in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world.

In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**

# SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us out in peace.*

## BENEDICTION

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through ✠ Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.

**Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *on next page*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Toccata on "Nicaea"*  
by Page Long

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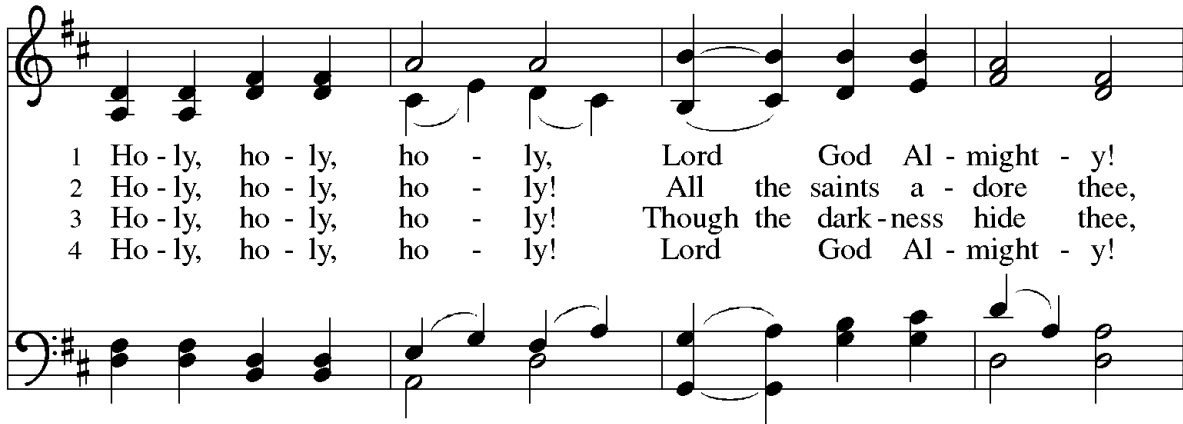
### AVAILABLE FOR PRAYER

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



## SENDING HYMN

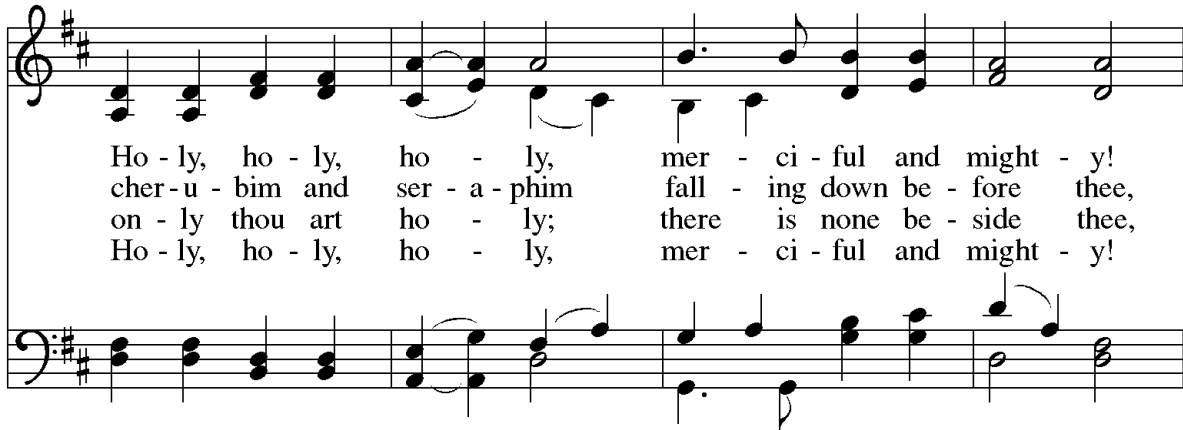
## Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



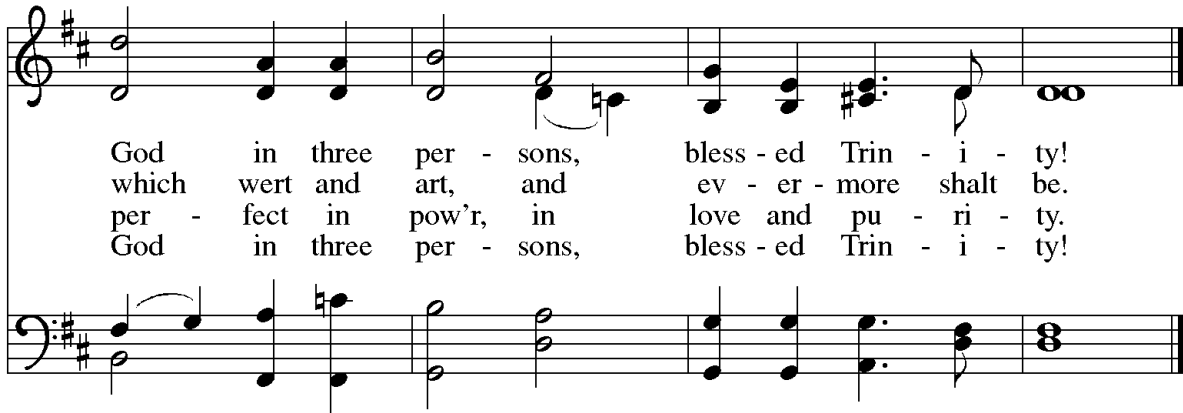
1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.  
 Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

## THIS WEEK AT ZION

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### Sunday, February 9

Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Faith Formation Hour for all ages	10:15	Details next page
Worship in person and YouTube@ZionSanAntonio	11:30	Sanctuary & online
Installation of Pastor Al Jensen	3pm	Sanctuary
Reception for Pastor Al	4pm	Fellowship Hall

### Monday, February 10

Zion Zippers Potluck	6pm	Fellowship Hall
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### Tuesday, February 11

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

### Wednesday, February 12

High School/Elementary Mentoring	7:15am	Nichols Elementary
Crafty Bunch	9:00	Ed Bldg Craft Room
Midweek Worship	1:00 & 6:30pm	Church 1
AA - Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting	7pm	Family Life Center 202
Al-Anon Meeting	7pm	Family Life Center 101
Chancel Choir	7:15	Sanctuary

### Thursday, February 13

Life Line Screening	8am	FLC Great Room
Bible Study with Pr. Eileen	9:30	Ministry Center 1
Weight Watchers	9:30	Church 2
Youth Night	6:30	Ministry Center 1,7,8
Stephen Ministry	7pm	Ministry Center 5,6
Fiesta Flutes Rehearsal	7pm	Church 2

### Friday, February 14

Diamond Plus Valentine Luncheon	11am	Fellowship Hall
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### Saturday, February 15

LMM Volunteer Event at Food Bank	8:30	SA Food Bank Warehouse
Weight Watchers	8:30am	Church 2

## Worship Support

### Altar Guild

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

### Lay Reader

9:00 Mary Mora  
11:30 Gail Clayworth

### Cantor

Robert Williams

### Communion Servers

9:00 Bonnie & Brinkley Harrell  
11:30 Rachel Cannady  
Suzi Lockamy

### Livestream

Deb Hearn

### Sound

Scott Van Doren

### Ushers

9:00 Jake Apodaca  
Irvin Moss  
Matt Murray  
Mary Ann & Bill Schmitt  
Stuart Williams  
11:30 Joanna & Mel Arviso  
Kim & Mike DeHart

## Faith Formation for Children and Youth

10:15 in Ministry Center Rooms

Age or Grade	Room
Two Years-Kinder	MC-3
Grades 1-5	MC-4
Grades 6-9	MC-7
High School Grades 10-12	MC-8

## Music Rehearsals

Handbells

Tuesday 6:30pm Sanctuary Balcony

Children's (Gr 2-5)

Tuesday 7-7:45pm MC-1

Youth (Gr 6-12)

Tuesday 7-8pm Music Apse

Chancel (Adults)

Wednesday 7:15pm Sanctuary

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

Simple communion worship  
services in Zion's historic chapel.

## Submitting Announcements

If you have announcements for the  
bulletin and Zmail, please send  
them to [Publications@ZionSA.org](mailto:Publications@ZionSA.org).

## Sunday, February 16

Worship in person

9am Sanctuary

Faith Formation Hour for all ages

10:15 Details Next Page

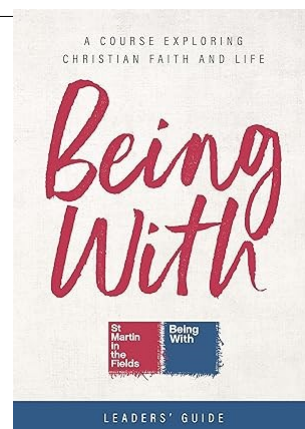
Worship in person and  
[YouTube@ZionSanAntonio](mailto:YouTube@ZionSanAntonio)

11:30 Sanctuary & online

## New Series: *Being With* Sundays through April 6, 10:15am MC-1, MC-6, Fellowship Hall

The 10-week "Being With" adult course is an introduction to Christianity with a difference. At its heart is the idea that God's greatest desire is to be with us in Jesus. The sessions focus on the themes of Meaning; Essence; Jesus; Church; Bible; Mission; Cross; Prayer; Suffering and Resurrection. Drawing on the practices of Godly Play, the course uses storytelling, wondering and reflection to encourage and welcome the insights that each person brings.

Please contact Pastor Dan if you have any questions.



## Heaven and Earth Bible Class

Sundays, 10:15am  
Ministry Center 1

This study of Genesis and the Psalms picks up where it left off in November. With Amy McFadden and other adult leaders. (No registration required.)



## Weekday Bible Study Series: Book of Ruth

Thursday, February 13, 9:30am, Ministry Center 1

Led by Pastor Eileen Spehr. Second and fourth Thursdays,  
through March 27.

## Zion Bunco Group

4th Monday, February 24, 1:00pm, Fellowship Hall

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

## Game Group

1st & 3rd Mondays, 12:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Next one: February 17

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



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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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## Men's Fellowship Dinner

Third Monday, Feb 17, 6:30pm

All men are invited to meet at El Chapparral, 15103 Bandera Rd, Helotes, for food, thoughtful study, camaraderie, and all YOUR ideas for Men's Ministry! Contact David Umlang at [lmm@zionsa.org](mailto:lmm@zionsa.org) if you need more details.

## Food Bank Volunteering

Saturday, February 15, 8:30-11:30am

Zion Lutheran Men in Mission is organizing a volunteer event, helping with curbside food distribution at the San Antonio Food Bank Warehouse at 5200 Historic Old Hwy 90, San Antonio, Texas 78227. You can use this QR code to register:



## One Year to Live

Men's Retreat, February 21-23, 2025

A weekend to reflect and prioritize. First time in Texas since 2022. Sponsored by SW Texas Synod Lutheran Men in Mission At Camp Chrysalis in Kerrville. For info and registration, scan this



QR or pick up a registration brochure from the narthex.

**Registrations due:** February 9

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## Women of Zion (WOZ) Events in January

### WOZ Bible Study & More

**Second Tuesday February 11 at 10:00am**

Join in activities and fellowship with other women in the congregation. Fellowship and 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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## Crafty Bunch

**Wednesdays at 9:00am**

The Crafty Bunch meets in the Education Building on the west side of Leslie Road. Enter at the double doors, behind Churches 1 and 2. The craft room is the first room on the left. Bring your own project to work on.

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## Quilting for Lutheran World Relief

**1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall**

**Next one: February 20**

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

*The LWR Quilters are always in need of new and gently used twin size and larger flat sheets for quilt backing. Sheets can be dropped off at the Fellowship Hall during any quilting time.*

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## Dinner Out at Little Italy

**Thursday, March 6, 6:30pm**

The Dinner Out group will get together at Little Italy at 824 Afterglow St. Come early for socializing; dinner seating is at 6:30pm. RSVP by March 2 to Jim or Sandy Chillstrom. Call the church office if you need their contact information.

## Zion Zippers 50+ Fellowship

Monday, February 10 at 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

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!

Dinner will be followed by a presentation on acupuncture by Dr. Bing Han (<https://drhantcm.com>) of the Dr. Han Acupuncture & Med Spa at 5309 Wurzbach Rd Suite 100-6, Leon Valley, TX 78238. Come for an informative, entertaining evening.

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

## Camp Hope Registration Open Camp Hope 2025 June 9-13 and/or June 16-20



Zion's youth-led, adult-mentored, day camp for children/youth entering Kindergarten - 7th grade in Fall 2025. Sign up below for one or two unique weeks of camp with faith formation through the Bible, worship, art, STEM, leadership development and more. Disciple Campers (6th-7th graders) are further challenged with off-site service-learning projects. As campers age up, they grow into staff roles supporting younger campers!



Camp Hope  
Registration

Current 7th-12th graders interested in staff positions, e-mail [camphope@zionsa.org](mailto:camphope@zionsa.org) for an application or check e-newsletters.

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**FEBRUARY 9, 2025  
FIFTH SUNDAY  
AFTER EPIPHANY**



*Jesus calls his first followers.*

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 5:1-11</b>	<b>Jesus calls the first disciples</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Isaiah 6:1-13</b>	<b>The call of Isaiah</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 15:1-11</b>	<b>The call of Paul</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Psalm 36</b>	<b>Human sin and God's goodness</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2 Thessalonians 3:1-5</b>	<b>Request for prayer</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 7:6-11</b>	<b>The Lord's chosen people</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalm 138</b>	<b>Praise the Lord</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 6:17-26</b>	<b>Sermon on the plain</b>

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

*Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him. **Luke 5:10b-11 (NRSV)***

### **PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

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

Almighty God, help us to tell others of your mercy at work in the world that they may know of your loving power through Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

#### **Mealttime Prayer:**

Be present at our table, Lord; be here and everywhere adored. These mercies bless and grant that we, may strengthen for thy service be. Amen.

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

May God bless you with grace and mercy.



**FEBRUARY 9, 2025**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

*You Have Come*

*Down to the Lakeshore*



**taking<sup>+</sup>  
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:

- How do you describe your daily routine?
- How would you respond if Jesus asked you to leave your home and daily routine to follow him?

**DEVOTIONS**



*Read:* Luke 5:1-11.

Jesus calling Simon Peter, James, and John to follow him is part of a miracle story. The first scene, if not a miracle, is at least surprising: a first-century crowd pressing in on Jesus who was a rather unknown traveling speaker at the time. The more recognizable miracle is the catch of fish, an unbelievable amount of fish for those who had just fished all night without catching a thing. Next, Simon Peter, aware of Jesus' holiness and his own unworthiness, is afraid of being close to Jesus. However, Jesus changes Simon Peter's fears by giving him a new calling for his life to be a disciple. Now, Simon Peter will help more people get close to Jesus. Finally, Simon Peter, James, and John leave their prior life's work to follow Jesus, leaving all else behind. From beginning to end, the story contains the miraculous work of God. This story tells us to expect the unexpected grace and mercy that Jesus brings to us and the entire world.

*Discuss:* When have you experienced God's unexpected grace and mercy?

*Pray:* **Almighty God, your presence in our lives is full of grace and mercy; help us to extend that grace and mercy to all through Christ Jesus, our Lord. 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 others with God's surprising mercy?

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**



In Isaiah 6:1-8, Isaiah was involved in worship when he received his call as a prophet. The word worship comes from the Old English word "worthship". We worship not only to praise God for God's worthiness but also to receive our own worthiness as those loved and sent by God into the world. God uses ordinary people like Isaiah and the disciples to do extraordinary work. In what ways do you feel called and sent into the world to serve God? Make a list of talents and gifts you have and think about how they can be used to serve God.

*Pray:* **Generous God, you call us by name and send us out to tell of your extravagant love for us. Give us the faith, strength, and courage to be your followers. In Jesus' name, amen.**



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