

February 16, 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 9:00 service today we receive Harper Dean Schmidt and Hallie Elizabeth Schmidt, children of Miranda M. Schmidt and Lance D. Schmidt. Harper's sponsors are Rudy & Jillian Ruiz and Hallie's sponsors are Lon & Heather Schmidt.

Please note on your connection card if you are visiting for the baptism.

ON THE COVER

Sermon on the Mount, Laura James , 2010

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

We Who Once Were Dead
setting by Kenneth Kosche

WELCOME

Pastor Dan Heim

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

Amy McFadden

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 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.

11:30am 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.**

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

GATHERING HYMN

We Know That Christ Is Raised



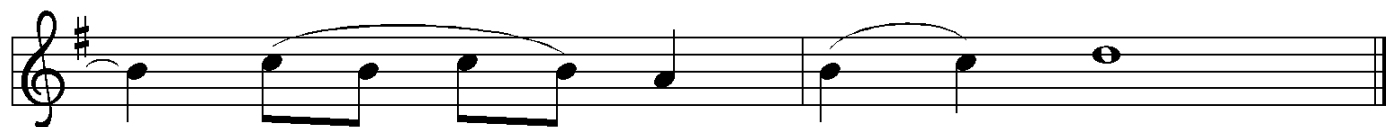
1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932
Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924
Text © John B. Geyer.

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. Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through 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: Jeremiah 17:5-10

⁵Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. ⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

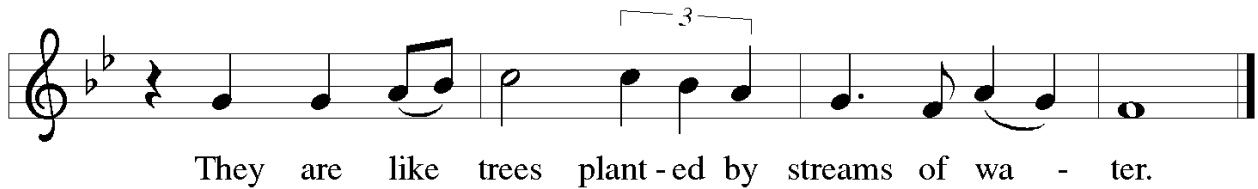
⁹The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? ¹⁰I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

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

PSALM 1

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

Refrain



Psalm 1:3

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Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
Their delight is in the law^l of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night. *Refrain*

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.
It is not so^l with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away. *Refrain*

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council^l of the righteous.
For the LORD knows the way^l of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall^l be destroyed. *Refrain*

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

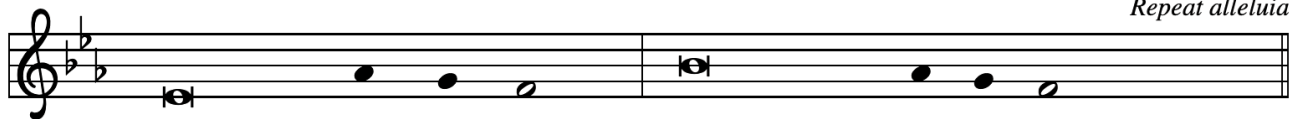
Please rise, as you are able.

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.

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

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²²Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Al Jensen

Please rise as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

When the Poor Ones

Please sing in the language of your choice.



1 *Cuan-do_el po - bre na - da tie - ne y_aún re - par - te,*
1 When the poor ones, who have noth - ing, still are giv - ing;
2 When com - pas - sion gives the suf - f'ring con - so - la - tion;
3 When our spir - its, like a chal - ice, brim with glad - ness;
4 When the good - ness poured from heav - en fills our dwell - ings;



cuan - do al - guien pa - sa sed y_a - gua nos da,
when the thirst - y pass the cup, wa - ter to share;
when ex - pect - ing brings to birth hope that was lost;
when our voic - es, full and clear, sing out the truth;
when the na - tions work to change war in - to peace;



cuan-do_el dé - bil a su/her-ma - no for - ta - le - ce:
when the wound - ed of - fer oth - ers strength and heal - ing;
when we choose love, not the ha - tred all a - round us:
when our long - ings, free from en - vy, seek the hum - ble:
when the strang - er is ac - cept - ed as our neigh - bor:

Refrain / Estribillo



Va Dios mis - mo_en nues-tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar;
We see God, here by our side, walk - ing our way;



va Dios mis - mo_en nues-tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar.
we see God, here by our side, walk - ing our way.

2 *Cuando alguno sufre y logra su consuelo,* 3 *Cuando crece la alegría y nos inunda,*
cuando espera y no se cansa de esperar, *cuando dicen nuestros labios la verdad,*
cuando amamos, aunque el odio nos rodee: *cuando amamos el sentir de los sencillos:*
Estribillo Estribillo

4 *Cuando abunda el bien y llena los hogares,*
cuando alguien donde hay guerra pone paz,
cuando "hermano" le llamamos al extraño:
Estribillo

Text: José Antonio Olivar, b. 1939; tr. Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951
Music: EL CAMINO, Miguel Manzano, b. 1934

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11:30am 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.

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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. 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

Love Grows Here
by Don Besig

Children's Choir

11:30

The Pure in Heart
by Patrick Hawes

Chancel Choir

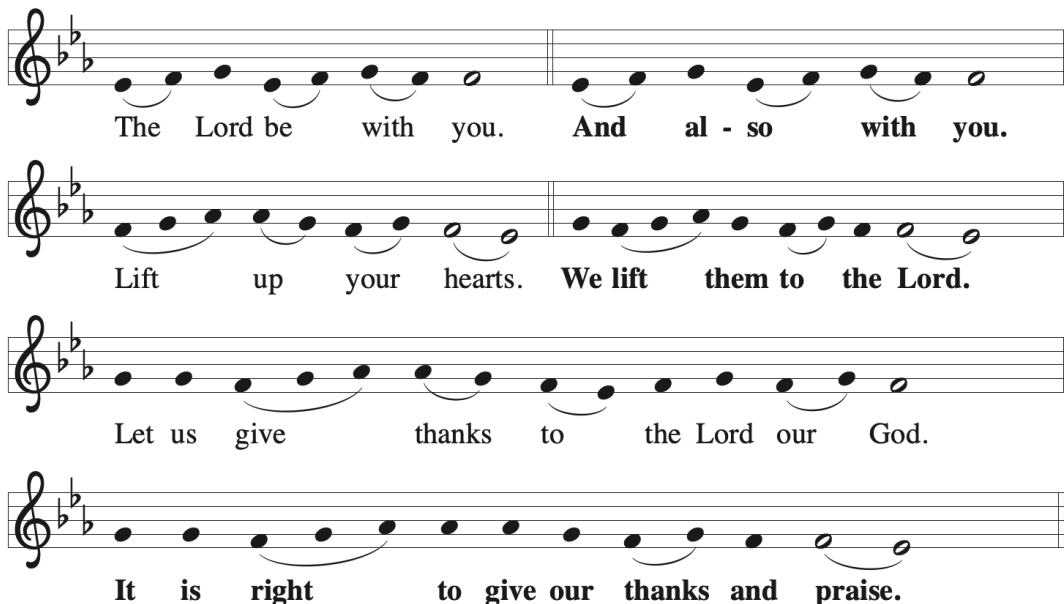
Please rise, as you are able. The ushers bring the offering forward for the Offering Prayer.

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



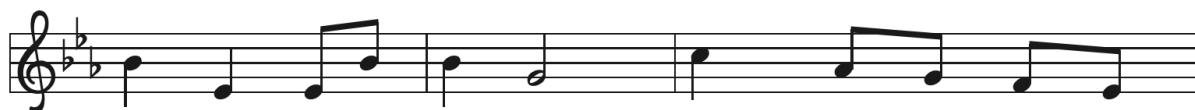
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

BE KNOWN TO US, LORD JESUS



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

The Prayer of St. Francis
by Sebastian Temple

Children's Choir

11:30

I Come With Joy
by Peter Niedmann

Chancel Choir

COMMUNION HYMN

Lift Every Voice

1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871-1938
 Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873-1954

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.

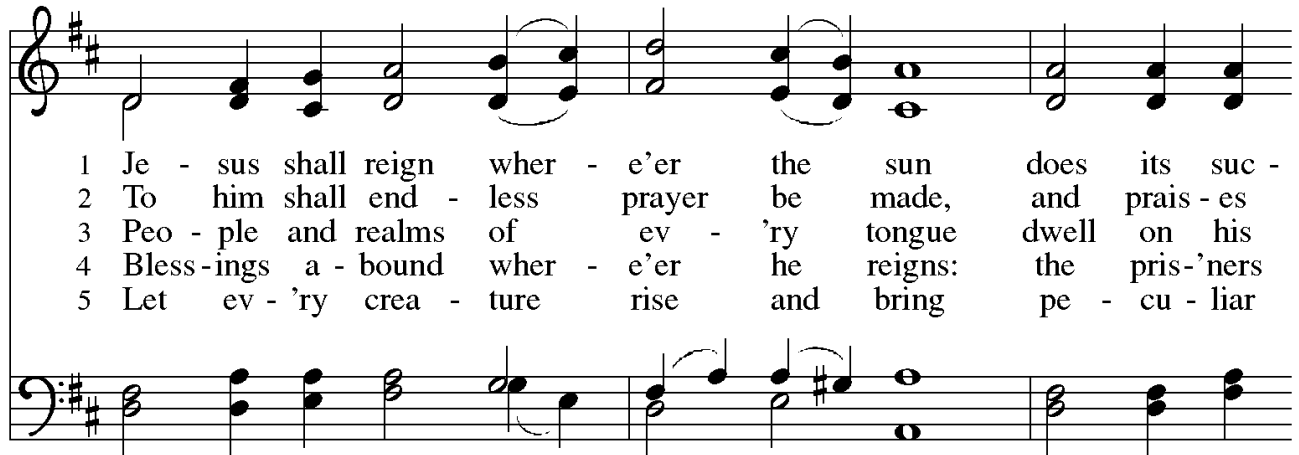
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

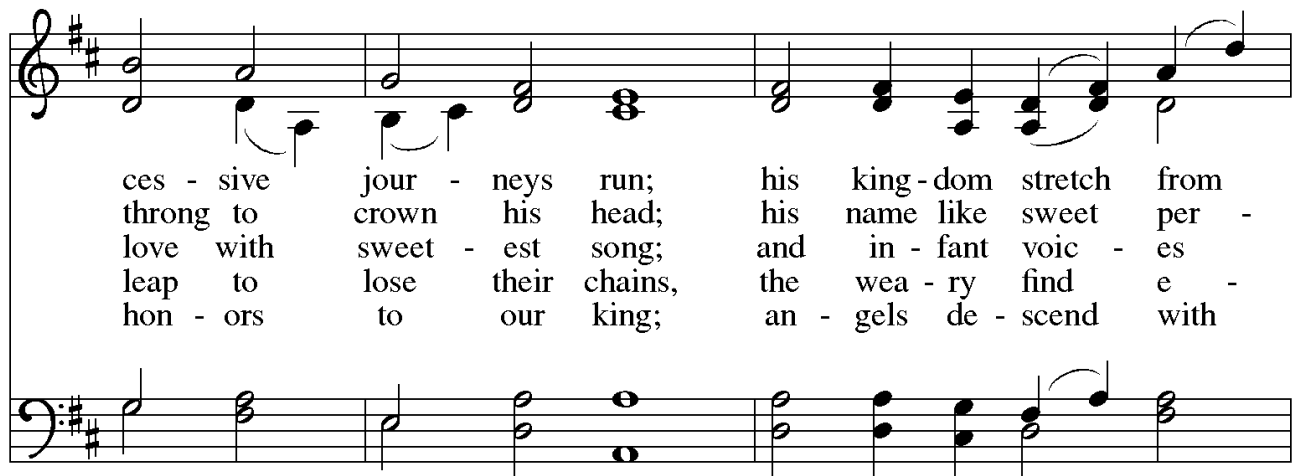
Finale
by Alan Viner

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 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 thron - e to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 hon - or to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Scan QR code for this month's calendar



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	11:30	Sanctuary & online

Monday, February 17

Game Group	12:30	Fellowship Hall
Lutheran Men in Mission	6:30	Offsite—El Chaparral

Tuesday, February 18

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

Wednesday, February 19

High School/Elementary Mentoring	7:15am	Nichols Elementary
Crafty Bunch	9:00	Ed Bldg Craft Room
Zion MomCo	9:30	Ministry Center 1
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 20

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

Saturday, February 22

Weight Watchers	8:30am	Church 2
St. Vincent de Paul Summit of Churches	9am	Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 23

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
All Congregational Event	4pm	Family Life Center

Worship Support

Altar Guild

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

Lay Reader

9:00 Carolyn Pfeiffer
11:30 Rachel Cannady

Cantor

Fiona O'Donnell

Communion Servers

9:00 Linnell & Dave Brewton
11:30 Rachel Cannady
Gina Williams

Livestream

Kevin McGee

Sound

Scott Van Doren

Ushers

9:00 Jake Apodaca
Irvin Moss
Matt Murray
Mary Ann & Bill Schmitt
Stuart Williams
11:30 LeShea Clabough
Pam Gammage

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

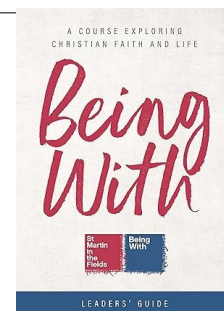
Simple communion worship
services in Zion's historic chapel.

Submitting Announcements

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bulletin and Zmail, please send
them to Publications@ZionSA.org.

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

Our groups are full for this session, but a
new round of this class may start up again
later this spring - contact Pr. Dan if you are
interested.



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.)



**WELCOMING
GOD'S COMMUNITY**
WITH LOVE • GRACE • GRATITUDE

All-Congregation Event

Sunday, February 23, 4:00-6:00pm
Family Life Center

As we celebrate Zion's ministry, and the exciting
opportunities ahead, you are invited to join us for a fun
afternoon at Zion! There is no cost to attend, and we will
have Bingo with prizes, hors d'oeuvres, and an inspiring
presentation about our capital campaign and how you
can get involved in this awesome congregational effort.

RSVP ASAP so we can make sure to have
enough food, Bingo cards and prizes for
everyone. You can register online with the
QR code or go to <https://bit.ly/ZionEvent>.
Or you can RSVP by calling or emailing the
church office at 210-688-3090 or Zion@ZionSA.org.



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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Men's Fellowship Dinner

Third Monday, February 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 if you need more details.

Pancake Fundraiser and Intergenerational Lent Event

Sunday, March 2, 8-11:30am

Family Life Center

The beginning of Lent, Shrove

Tuesday is traditionally observed with pancakes and fellowship. On Sunday, March 2, Zion's Lutheran Men in Mission will host a pancake breakfast fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity. This is in conjunction with the Youth and Family Ministry's Intergenerational Event, all in the Family Life Center.

Breakfast pancakes will be served from 8:00 to 11:30am, with a free-will offering. Intergenerational Event activities begin at 10:15, for all ages.

The H-for-H fundraising goal for 2025 is \$6,500, and this is the first event of the year. Let's kick off the season with full stomachs and generous spirits!

To volunteer a shift at the Pancake Breakfast, contact Matt Iwanicki through the church office.



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Women of Zion (WOZ) Events in January WOZ Bible Study & More

Second Tuesday March 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.



WOZ@zionsa.org

Crafty Bunch

Wednesdays at 9:00am

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

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief

1st, 3rd & 5th 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.

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, March 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!

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

M **MomCo, a Community for All Moms**
Wednesday, February 19, Ministry Center 1
Zion MomCo supports moms by building community for growth in faith and as parents.

Meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month in Zion's Ministry Center, 9:30am-noon. They also are in need of adult volunteers to provide child care those Wednesdays.

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

MomCo Registration



Weekday Bible Study Series: Book of Ruth

Thursday, February 27, 9:30am, Ministry Center 1

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

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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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**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 online at <https://tinyurl.com/4r33dfm4> or by using the QR code 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 for an application or check e-newsletters.

Home Communion Class

Sunday, March 9, 10:15 am, Conference Room

Do you have 45 minutes each month to bring Communion to someone who cannot attend Worship in person?

Pastor Al would love to meet with you (even if you're just curious about the possibility) on Sunday, March 9 in the Conference Room.

Your attendance at the meeting does not require your participation in bringing someone Communion. However, please consider making a difference in one person's life in this way.

Grief Class Coming to Zion Starts Monday, March 10

We have all experienced some form of grief in our lives. Also, each of us tends to approach it in slightly different ways. One way to work with the grief we experience is to gather with others who are also grieving.

On Monday, March 10 (10:30am - Noon), Zion will begin a Grief Class that will meet weekly for a 6-week period. This class will be most helpful for those who have lost a loved one in their life.

In this class, no one will be expected to do anything but be present. If you wish to share your thoughts, hurts, questions, that is always welcome. However, this is a pressure-free class intended to be a place for you to receive helpful care. Each session will involve watching a DVD that is pertinent to our losses, and then Pastor Al will offer the opportunity to speak about the subject of the day.

No sign up necessary.

**FEBRUARY 16, 2025
SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY**



Jesus tells us we are blessed right now.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 6:17-26	Sermon on the plain
Monday	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Trust in the Lord
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 15:12-20	The resurrection of the dead
Wednesday	Acts 13:26-39	Bring the good news
Thursday	Deuteronomy 28:1-14	Blessings for obedience
Friday	Matthew 5:1-11	The Beatitudes
Saturday	Psalm 1	Blessed are the faithful
Sunday	Luke 6:27-38	Love for enemies

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.” **Luke 6:21 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Merciful God, bless your people like a tree planted by water that bears fruit, even during dry seasons, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen. (Psalm 1:3; Jeremiah 17:8)

Mealttime Prayer:

Dear God, may this food give strength to our bodies and your word of life feed our souls with peace and contentment. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with peace and contentment.



FEBRUARY 16, 2025

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Blessed Assurance



**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:

- Do you feel blessed right now? Explain.
- For a follower of Jesus, what does it mean to be blessed?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Luke 6:17-26.

It is understandable to say we are blessed when good things happen to us. However, Jesus reverses this thinking by addressing the poor, the hungry, those weeping, and those hated. In a reversal of fortunes, they will be the ones who receive riches, food, laughter, and joy. Because of this, Jesus calls them blessed right now. The reverse is true for those who seem to be enjoying life now. They are called cursed. Jesus presents a view of life with very different standards and rewards than most people expect. Psalm 1 and Jeremiah 17 also offer this alternative view of life and prosperity. Trusting the teachings of God gives a blessed life, not human powers filled with bad intentions (Jeremiah 17:9). Jesus and Jeremiah, the writer of Psalm 1, honor a life that trusts God's word above all else. This is the faith that blesses us with contentment, even joy. Hear and believe Jesus' words from Luke 6 that you, as a follower of Jesus, are blessed, no matter your circumstances.

Discuss: Is it easy or difficult for you to trust that you are blessed right now by Jesus?

Pray: **Almighty God, your future is filled with good things for those who trust you; give us hearts to trust that your future is filled with grace and mercy through Christ 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 help those who are poor or hungry?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Blessing others is an ancient tradition, a way to speak of God's love and care. It often comes with a physical gesture. It is the act of a faith community that communicates God's word of peace and joy. Offer a blessing to another person, perhaps to a family member when they leave the house or go to bed, or to a friend when you depart from each other's company. When you do so, make the sign of the cross on that person's forehead or hand as a reminder of God's baptismal promise.

Say: **May God bless you with peace and joy.**



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

