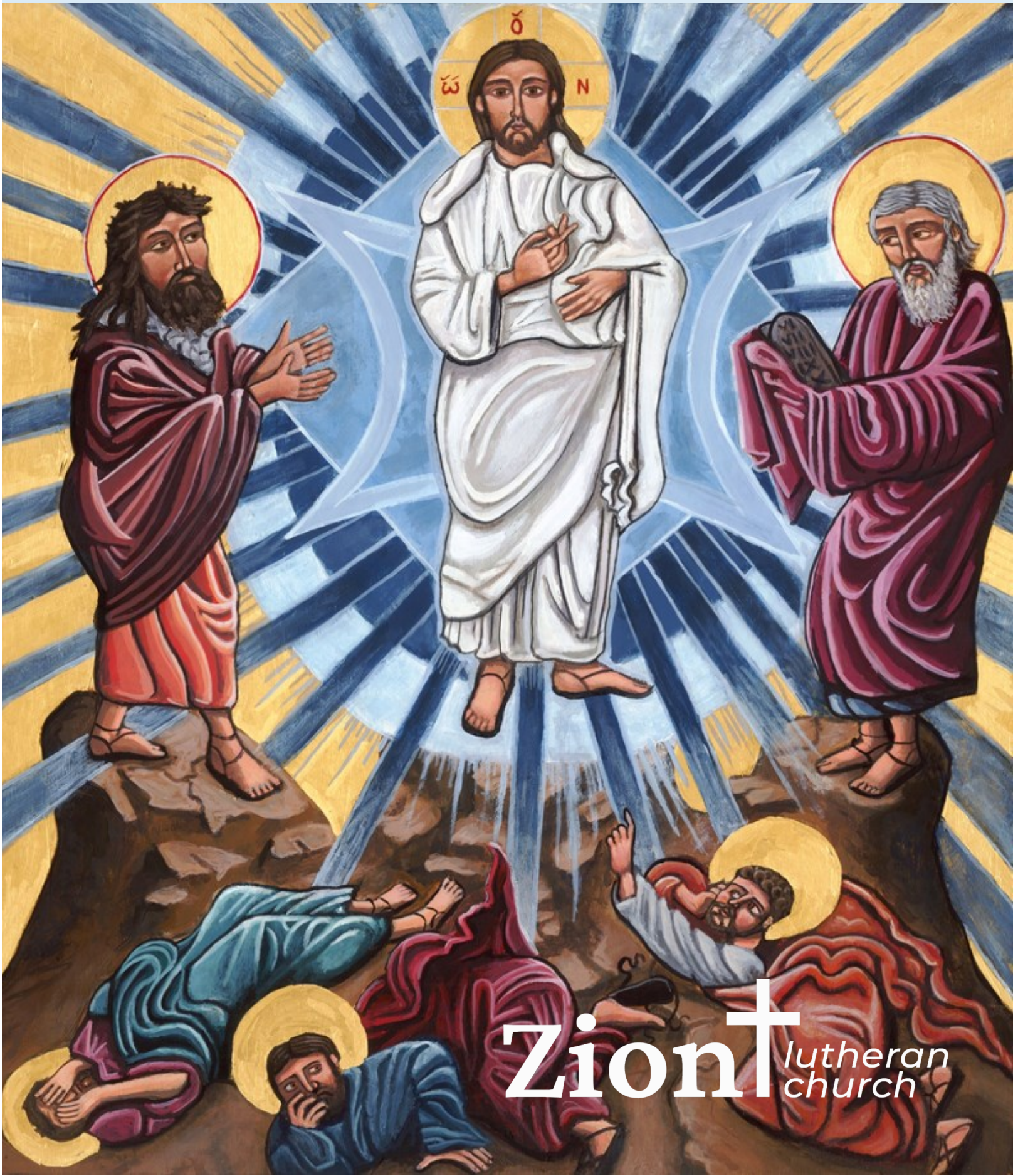


March 2, 2025 • Transfiguration Sunday
9:00 and 11:30 am



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.

ON THE COVER

Transfiguration, Kelly Latimore

From Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57114>.
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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Alleluia, Song of Gladness
setting by Robert Buckley Farlee

WELCOME

Pastor Al Jensen

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

Allen Cockrell

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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O God Beyond All Praising

After the procession and during the singing of the hymn, please place your commitment cards in one of the baskets in the corners of the room (or the basket in the balcony). Ushers will have extras - please raise your hand if you need a card. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



1 O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day
 2 The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,
 3 Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay;
 its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;
 that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
 but hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown-
 and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with - out num - ber and mer-cies with - out end:
 though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav-en's gar - den grown:
 we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
 for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,
 to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
 and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Michael Perry, 1942–1996

Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

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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. Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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: Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them.

³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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

PSALM 99

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

Refrain

Michel Guimont

Ex - alt the Lord our God, bow down
be - fore God's ho - ly moun - tain.

The LORD is king; the peoples tremble.
He is throned on the cherubim; the earth
quakes.
The LORD is great in Zion;
You are supreme over all the peoples. *℞*.

Let them praise your name, so terrible
and great,
so holy, full of power.
You are a king who loves what is right;

you have established equity, justice and
right. *℞*.

O LORD our God, you answered them.
For them you were a God who forgives;
yet you punished all their offenses. *℞*.

Exalt the LORD our God;
bow down before God's holy mountain
for the LORD our God is holy. *℞*.

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SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1}Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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

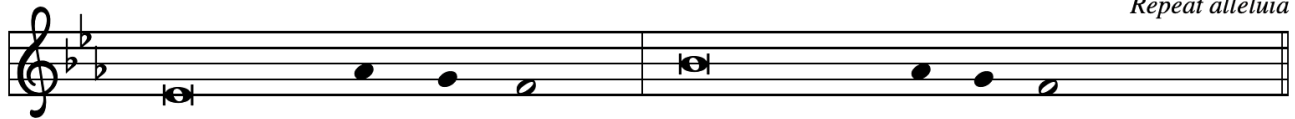
Please rise, as you are able.

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.**

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

³⁷On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” ⁴¹Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” ⁴²While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ^{43a}And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

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

Please be seated.

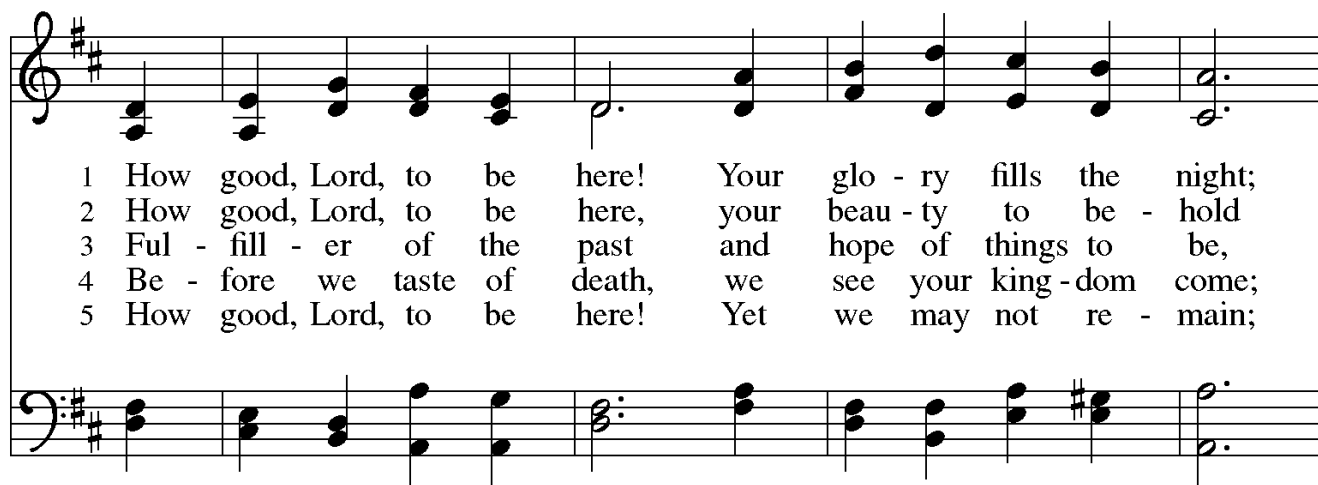
SERMON

Pastor Kathi Inglis Johnson

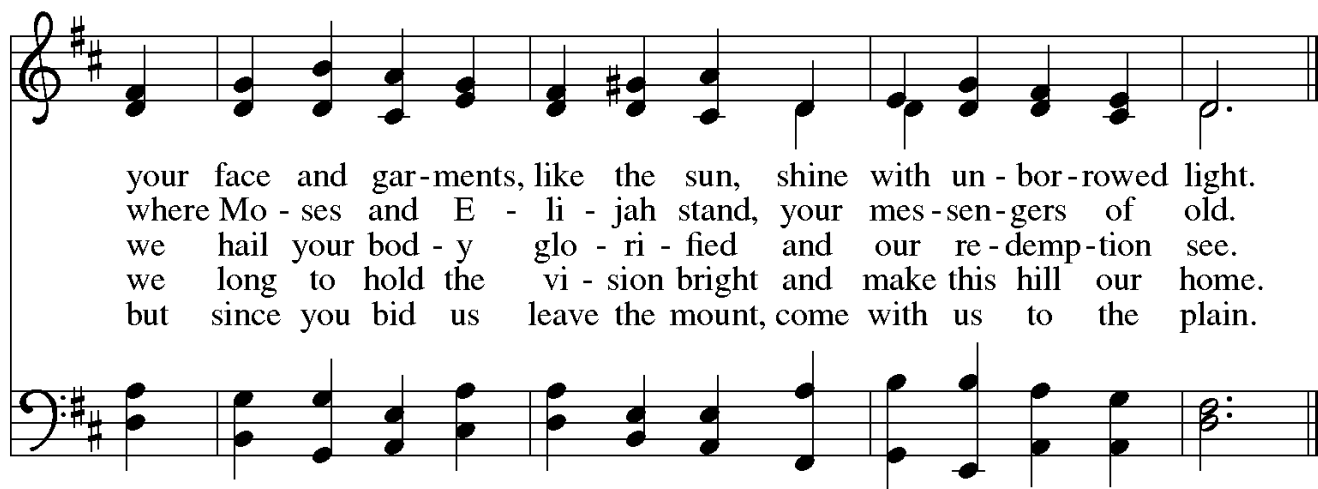
Please rise as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt.
Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

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. 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

O Nata Lux
by Michael John Trotta

Chancel Choir

Translation:

O Light, born of Light, redeemer of the world, find our offerings worthy and accept our praises.
You, who once came to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost,
grant that we might be made members of your holy fellowship.
O Light, born of Light, redeemer of the world, find our offerings worthy and accept our praises.

11:30

How Majestic Is Your Name
by Mark Patterson

Children's 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; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. 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

I Come With Joy
by Peter Niedmann

Chancel Choir

11:30

Prayer of St. Patrick
by William M. Schoenfeld

Children's Choir

COMMUNION HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
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 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, b. 1935
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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.

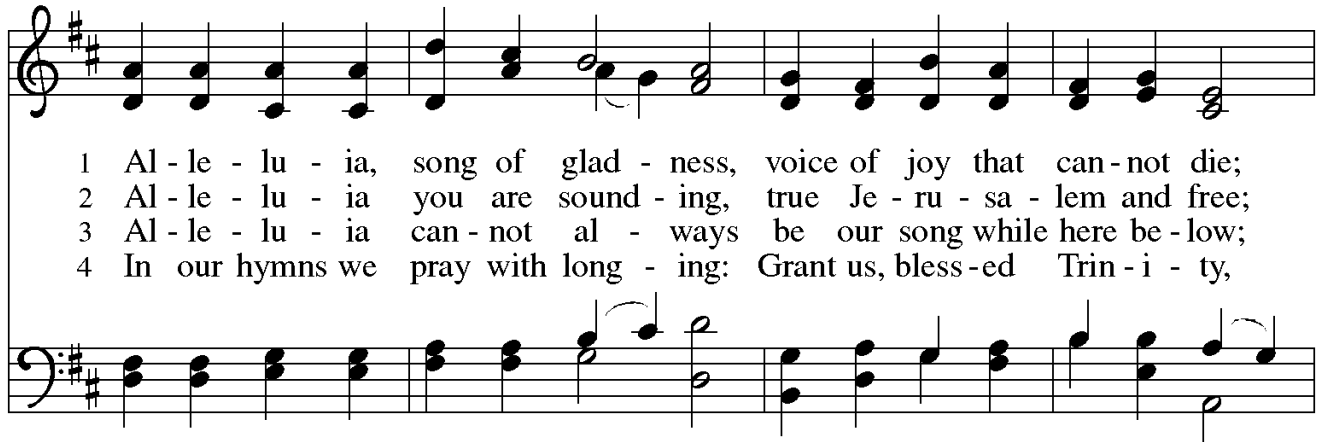
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POSTLUDE

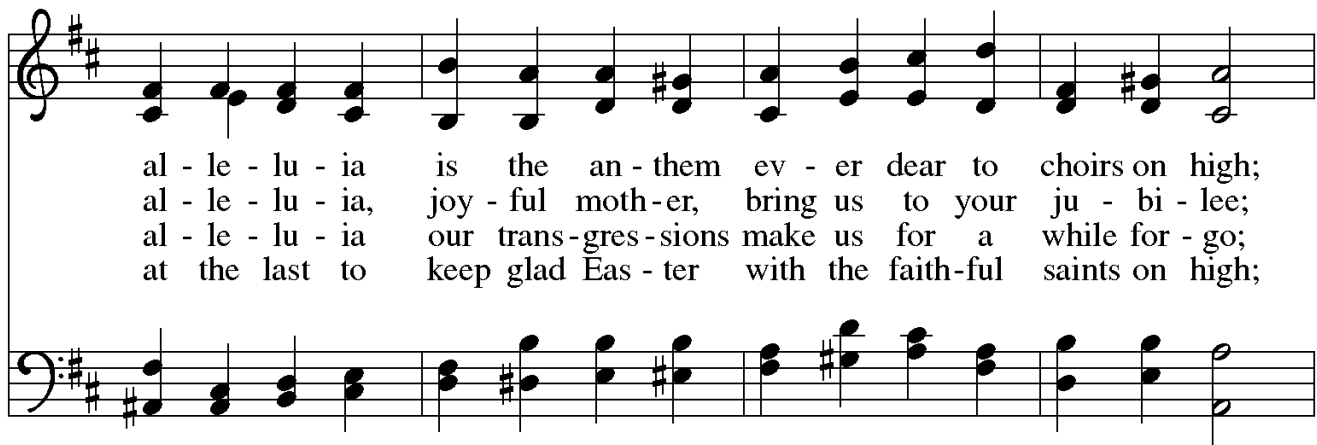
Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern
by Dietrich Buxtehude

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 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
 2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
 al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
 al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;
 at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
 here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.
 for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
 there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

Worship Support

Altar Guild

Doris Enderlin, Susan Johns
Carrie Schmitzer, Amy Swanson
Gina Williams

Crucifer

9:00 John Macha
11:30 Kevin Kretzschmar

Book Bearer

9:00 Randa Bruce Gonzalez
11:30 Jennifer Kretzschmar

Torch Bearer

11:30 Jackson & Kenny Kretzschmar

Lay Reader

9:00 Kristyn Bova
11:30 LeShea Clabough

Cantor

Anna Schulte

Communion Servers

9:00 Antje Logue
Melanie Murray
11:30 LeShea Clabough
Meagan Lenz

Livestream

Kevin McGee

Sound

Scott Van Doren

Ushers

9:00 Mary Jo & Paul Goldenbaum
Dan Graham
Carolyn Pfeiffer
11:30 LeShea Clabough & Kevin McGee
Pam Gammage

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Scan QR code for this month's calendar



Sunday, March 2

Intergenerational Lent Event
and Pancake Fundraiser 8am Family Life Center
Worship in person 9am Sanctuary
Worship in person and
YouTube@ZionSanAntonio 11:30 Sanctuary & online

Monday, March 3

Game Group 12:30 Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 4

Exercise Group 9am Church 2
Staff Meeting 11am Breakroom
LMM One Year to Live Reunion Mtg 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, March 5—Ash Wednesday

High School/Elementary Mentoring 7:15am Nichols Elementary
Crafty Bunch 9:00 Ed Bldg Craft Room
Ash Wednesday Worship 1&7pm Sanctuary
Ash Wednesday Soup Supper 6pm Fellowship Hall
AA - Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting 7pm Family Life Center 202
Al-Anon Meeting 7pm Family Life Center 101

Thursday, March 6

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

Saturday, March 8

Weight Watchers 8:30am Church 2

Sunday, March 9

Worship in person 9am Sanctuary
Faith Formation Hour for all ages 10:15 Details Next Pages
Worship in person and
YouTube@ZionSanAntonio 11:30 Sanctuary & online

**All Faith Formation on a Break Today, March 2 for
Pancake Fundraiser/Intergenerational Event**

Pancake Fundraiser and Intergenerational Lent Event

Today, 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!

Faith Formation for Children and Youth

On a break this week

10:15 in Ministry Center Rooms

| <i>Age or Grade</i> | <i>Room</i> |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 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

Weekday Bible Study Series: Book of Ruth

Last Session, March 13, 9:30am, Ministry Center 1

Led by Pastor Eileen Spehr. Second and fourth Thursdays, through March 13.

ASH WEDNESDAY
MARCH 5

Worship
1:00 & 7:00 PM - Sanctuary

Soup Supper
6:00 PM - Fellowship Hall
Free Will Offering

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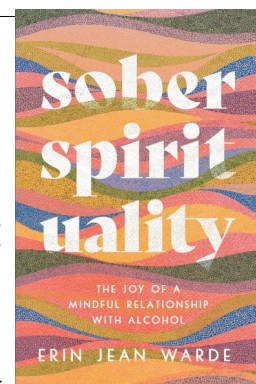
Lenten Book Study with Pr. Kathi

Starts March 6—Thursdays at 7pm

Lent is a season which invites us to deeper self-reflection. For several years, I have taken on a "Dry Lent" as my spiritual practice - avoiding alcohol during most of Lent. This year, I will lead a group through reading the book "*Sober Spirituality*," by The Rev. Erin Jean Warde. This book leads us beautifully through her journey to sobriety. However, this book is also great for anyone interested in being more mindful about their relationship with alcohol.

I will be hosting a weekly book discussion on Thursdays in Lent. All are welcome, with an expectation of confidentiality in our conversations. The author will join us for one of our sessions. Taking on a Dry Lent or becoming sober is not required. Please purchase the book on your own (talk with PrK if cost is an issue). We will begin Thursday, March 6. Please RSVP to PrK at KJohnson@ZionSA.org or call the church office.

Hope you join me! -PrK



Sundays in Lent: Class on Bach's St. John Passion & Its Theological Context Starts Sunday, March 9, 10:15am Fellowship Hall

Join Director of Music Ministries Rob Mikulski and Pr. Kathi as we explore J.S. Bach's St. John Passion - its musical structure and historical context, as well its Lutheran theology, and the theology of the Gospel of John. You'll gain a deeper understanding of this work as both a musical masterpiece and a deeply theological work, rooted in the Christian narrative. This class will serve as great preparation for Good Friday, when we will hear Bach's St. John Passion in our evening worship.

Sundays throughout Lent. All are welcome to attend!



Home Communion Class

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

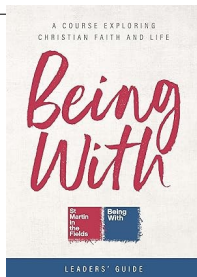
Do you have 45 minutes each month to bring Communion to someone who cannot attend Worship in person?

Pastor Al would love to meet with you (even if you're just curious about the possibility). Your attendance at the meeting does not require your participation in bringing someone Communion. Please consider making a difference in one person's life in this way.

Sunday Series: *Being With*

On a break this Sunday

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

On a break this Sunday

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.)



Grief Class Coming to Zion

Starts Monday, March 10, 10:30am-Noon, MC-8

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.

Zion is holding a Grief Class that will meet weekly for a 6-week period. 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. This is a pressure-free class intended to be a place for you to receive helpful care. Each session will involve watching a video, and then Pastor Al will offer the opportunity to speak about the subject of the day. No sign up necessary.

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Mon-Thur 8:30am-5:00pm
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Women of Zion (WOZ) Events in March

Today, Sunday March 2—Bold Women's Day

'Bold Women's Day is observed the first Sunday of March along with WELCA groups across the denomination. On March 2, we celebrate all Lutheran women who are bold on their faith in Jesus Christ. Some are bold in their unceasing prayers. Other women are bold in their service to those in need. Still others are bold in their advocacy or through their hospitality. Whether we live out our bold story of faith in the workplace, family home or community, our faith compels us to make a difference in the lives of others. It's all about living out our baptismal call, about being a disciple of Christ. Are you bold? Do you know someone who is bold?'

WOZ Bible Study

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.



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WELCA Alamo Conference Spring Gathering

Saturday March 22

Breakfast Bites and Fellowship at Trinity Lutheran Church
5520 South Flores St. San Antonio, Texas 78214

The theme is based on Ephesians 6:14 (NIV) - *"Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place."*

There will be a love offering that is split 50% Churchwide, 25% Synodical Women's Organization, and 25% St. Vincent de Paul Society. We are also collecting a physical Offering of new and gently-used men's and women's belts to donate to Dress for Success.

Lunch is included (sandwich variety) and registration is \$20 for the day. For more info and to sign up, please contact Rhonda Knisley through the church office.

WOZ Collection for Lutheran World Relief Kits Starts next Sunday, March 9

The Women of Zion are asking the congregation to participate in making Lutheran World Relief Kits this month. Please bring completed LWR kits to the red bins in the narthex and gazebo through Sunday, March 23.

Making Lutheran World Relief Kits is a simple, fun and tangible way to offer comfort to those suffering and express love to our neighbors in need. LWR Kits are designed to help people coping with poverty, disaster, conflict and more.

For Baby Kits (Sizes 6-24 months)

- Lightweight cotton T-shirts (no onesies)
- Long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- Receiving blankets
- Cloth diapers (flat folded preferred)
- Diaper Pins
- Jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood
- Cap
- Socks
- Hand towel (dark color preferred)
- Gentle Baby Soap

For Personal Care Kits:

- Bath size towel (dark color preferred)
- Bath size soap bars
- Toothbrush (in original package)

For Fabric Kits:

Fabric:

- Cotton or cotton-blend fabric
- NO knits or 100% polyester
- NO religious symbols, messages, US flags, military symbols, or reference to armed forces

Fabric Sizes:

- 2 ¹/₄ yards of 60" -wide fabric
- 3 yards of 44" -wide fabric
- 4 yards of 36" -wide fabric

Thread: 1 spool of matching or neutral thread
(250-300 yards each)



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.

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: March 6

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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Men's Fellowship Dinner

Third Monday, March 17 6:30pm

All men are invited to meet at El Chapparal, 15103 Bandera Rd, 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.

"One Year to Live" Reunion (and "Taster")

Shrove Tuesday, March 4 @ 7:00pm

Zion Fellowship Hall

Invitees: ALL OYTL Alumni and their significant others and friends.

Also Invited: ANY men curious about what a OYTL weekend is all about for our next retreat - hopefully in 2026.

Contact imm@zionsa.org for more information.



Churchwide Garage Sale

Saturday, March 22, 9am-2pm

Family Life Center

The music department will be hosting a churchwide garage sale. Donated items (no televisions please) can be dropped off in the FLC from Tuesday, March 18 through Thursday, March 20, 9am-5pm; or Friday, March 21, 9am-8pm.

If you do not have items to donate, please come and shop! Homemade food will also be available. All proceeds will benefit the newly established Music Performance Fund.



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 3 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!

After dinner, Tom Schock will provide a Powerpoint presentation, "The Story of Historic Medora," which introduces viewers to the North Dakota Badlands which is home to the Theodore Roosevelt National Park. During the 1880s, Roosevelt was a resident rancher in the Badlands and a contemporary of the founder of Medora, the Marquis De Mores who was a French Nobleman. Medora is gateway to the North Dakota Badlands and the Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

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

Game Group

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

Next one: March 3

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

Zion Bunco Group

**4th Monday, March 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.

**MARCH 2, 2025
TRANSFIGURATION
OF OUR LORD**



Jesus' glory shines on the mountaintop.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

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| Sunday | Luke 9:28-43a | Jesus is transfigured |
| Monday | Exodus 34:29-35 | The shining face of Moses |
| Tuesday | 2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2 | God's new agreement |
| Wednesday | Psalm 51:1-17 | A prayer for forgiveness |
| Thursday | Acts 10:1-33 | God speaks to Peter |
| Friday | Acts 10:34-48 | Peter talks with Cornelius |
| Saturday | Psalm 99 | Our Lord is King |
| Sunday | Luke 4:1-13 | The temptation of Jesus |

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

And while he [Jesus] was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Luke 9:29 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, give us faith to witness your glory in our lives and to be obedient to your reign through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this food; may it remind us of your glory and power that cares for us each and every day through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Glory of God in Christ be your strength.



MARCH 2, 2025

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Shine, Jesus, Shine



WEEKLY MILESTONES



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

CARING CONVERSATIONS



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

- Think or tell about a mountaintop experience you have had or someone you know has.
- When have you felt God's presence in your life?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Luke 9:28-43a.

This was a mountain top experience. Threatening clouds, confusion, and the divine voice came together for three disciples to witness the glory of the Lord Jesus. After they descended the mountain, this other-worldly experience of Jesus' transfiguration was followed by an exorcism that frees a little boy of a demon (v. 42). Jesus continued his healing and teaching ministry as he journeyed to Jerusalem. One day this mountain top experience, the story of Jesus' transfiguration, would be retold again and again by the three disciples. We may find ourselves longing for such a powerful mountaintop experience to give us the assurance of God's presence in our lives. Just as Peter, James, and John experienced Jesus' glory, it may leave us in silence with a feeling of fear and bewilderment as we take time to understand our mountaintop experiences.

Discuss: What experience have you had that has given you the assurance of God's presence?

Pray: **Awesome God, thank you for the story of Jesus' glory witnessed by his disciples; may your glorious presence through Jesus Christ strengthen our faith. 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 encourage someone to live with faith and courage?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. The day before the start of Lent is called Shrove Tuesday. The name 'shrove' comes from the practice of being "shriven": going to church to confess your sins and receive absolution. Shrove Tuesday is also called Pancake Tuesday or Fat Tuesday because households used up their remaining eggs and fats before Lent by making pancakes on this day. Observe Shrove Tuesday with a pancake breakfast or dinner. While you are eating, think or talk about what you might wish to give up or add for Lent.



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