

March 16, 2025 • Second Sunday of Lent  
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 worshippers. If you have questions or concerns about appearing on camera, please speak with an usher or pastor.

## THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent begins with the ashes of Ash Wednesday and extends until Holy Week (the week before Easter). Traditionally, Lent is a time of greater self-examination and repentance for one's sins. In our sinfulness, we also remember that we are dust and will return to dust again.

This year, we will begin our corporate prayers with individual laments and burdens, written on slips of paper. We will place the slips into baskets, sharing these prayer concerns with God in a tangible way. We will leave the slips in the basket throughout Lent, where our prayers and praises will continue to surround them.

## HOLY BAPTISM TODAY

At the 9:00 service today we receive Cohen Everett Valdez, child of Angela D. Valdez and Collin E. Valdez. His sponsors are Brittany & Ryan Mapel.

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

## ON THE COVER

Christ and the Pharisees, Hans Shäufelein

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# GATHERING

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

## PRELUDE

9:00

*Come Ye Disconsolate*  
arranged by T. Osman

Handbells

11:30

*Ah, Holy Jesus*  
setting by Robert Lind

## WELCOME

Pastor Kathi Inglis Johnson

*Please rise, as you are able.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and ✠ of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of word and sacrament in the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*11:30 service continues on page 5*

## 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.**

GATHERING HYMN

Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,  
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.  
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.  
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956  
 Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner  
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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.**

## KYRIE

Ky - rie e - lei - son Chris - te e - lei - son Ky - rie e -  
lei - son Chris - te e - lei - son Lord, have\_\_\_ mer - cy  
Christ have\_\_\_ mer - cy O Lord have mer - cy

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

*God's Promises to Abram  
Spark Children's Bible Page 30*

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup>Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." <sup>8</sup>But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" <sup>9</sup>He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." <sup>10</sup>He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup>And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup>As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

<sup>17</sup>When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup>On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

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

PSALM 27

Verse 1 - All, Verse 2 - High Voices, Verse 3 - Low Voices, Verse 4 - All

F Csus C F B<sup>b</sup> F/C C7 F

1 O LORD, you are my light and my sal - va - tion near:  
 2 My one re - quest has been and still this prayer I raise;  
 3 When trou - bles round me swell, when fears and dan - gers throng,  
 4 Up - lift - ed on a rock a - bove my foes a - round,

C/E F Csus C F B<sup>b</sup> F/C C7 F

then who will cause me fright or fill my heart with fear?  
 that I may live with - in God's house for all my days.  
 se - cure - ly I will dwell in his pa - vil - ion strong.  
 a - mid the bat - tle shock my song shall still re - sound.

C/E F B<sup>b</sup> F C F/A B<sup>b</sup>/D C/B<sup>b</sup>

While God my strength, my life sus - tains, se - cure from fear  
 God's glo - rious beau - ty to ad - mire, and in his tem -  
 With - in the shel - ter of God's tent he hides me till  
 Then joy - ful of - ferings I will bring; the LORD God's praise

C7/G C F B<sup>b</sup> F/C C7 F

my soul re - mains, se - cure from fear my soul re - mains.  
 ple to in - quire, and in his tem - ple to in - quire.  
 the storm is spent, he hides me till the storm is spent.  
 my heart shall sing, the LORD God's praise my heart shall sing.

Words: st. 1 *Psalter*, 1887; sts. 2-4 *Psalter*, 1912, alt., P.D.  
 Music (RHOSYMEDRE 6.6.6.6.8.8 with repeat): John D. Edwards, ca. 1840, P.D.



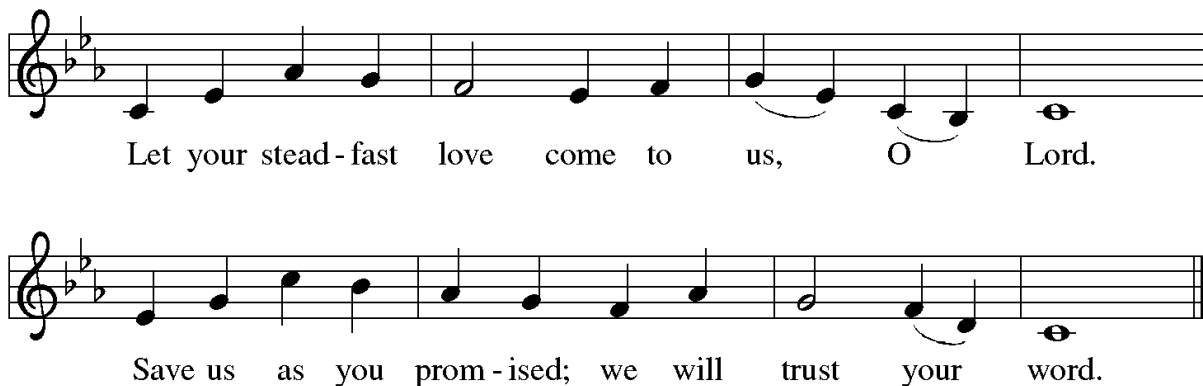
## SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17-4:1

<sup>17</sup>Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

*Please rise, as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

## GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

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

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” <sup>32</sup>He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

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

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

Deacon Darcy Mittelstaedt  
Bishop's Associate for Leadership & Lifelong Faith Formation  
Southwest Texas Synod

*Please rise as you are able.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

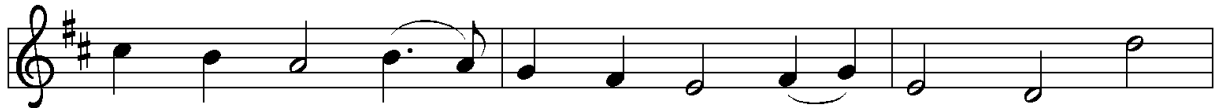
Lord Christ, When You First Came to Earth



1 Lord Christ, when first you came to earth, up -  
2 O awe - some Love, which finds no room in  
3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, will  
4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in



on a cross they bound you, and mocked your sav - ing  
life where sin de - nies you, and, doomed to death, shall  
we a - gain re - fuse you, till in the night of  
us your new cre - a - tion; our pride is dust, our



king - ship's worth by thorns with which they crowned you. And  
bring to doom the pow'r that cru - ci - fies you, till  
hate and war we per - ish as we lose you? From  
vaunt is stilled; we wait your rev - e - la - tion. O



still our wrongs may fash - ion now new thorns to pierce that  
not a stone is left on stone, and then the na - tions'  
an - cient doubts our minds re - lease to seek the king - dom  
Love that tri - umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -



stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round you.  
pride, o'er - thrown, will nev - er - more de - fy you!  
of your peace, by which a - lone we choose you.  
fore your cross; come, fin - ish your sal - va - tion.

Text: W. Russell Bowie, 1882-1969, alt.  
Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART, medieval European tune

## 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.**

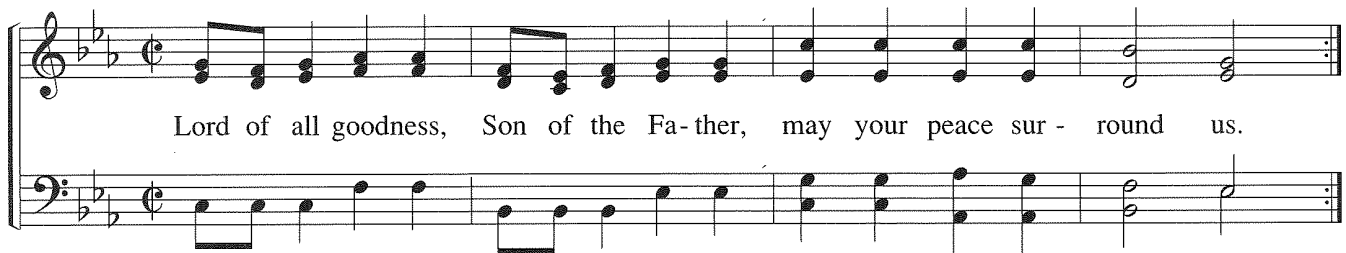
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of 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.**

*\*catholic: universal*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*During this season of Lent, our prayers begin with our laments. While we sing "Lord of All Goodness" repeatedly, take a black or purple slip from the pew rack, and on it, write those things which burden you. When you are done, place your slip in one of the baskets located in the four corners (or upstairs in the balcony).*



Lord of all goodness, Son of the Fa-ther, may your peace sur - round us.

Each petition ends: Merciful God,  
Please respond: **receive our prayer.**

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.  
**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

*Jesus Paid It All*  
arranged by D.E. Wagner

Handbells

11:30

*Aus tiefer Not, Out of the Depths*  
setting by Alfred V. Fedek

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

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of good gifts,

**receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. 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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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 power and might, —  
heav - en and earth are full; full — of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes —  
in the name — of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION

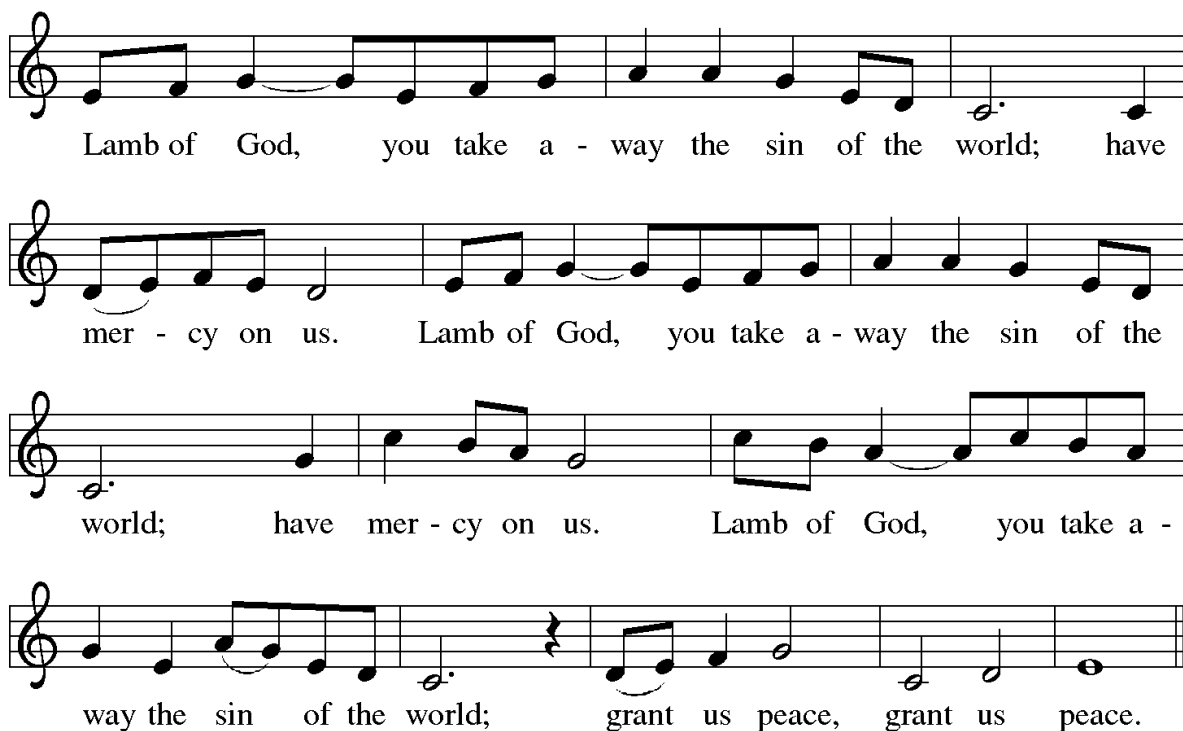
These are the gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God.

*Please be seated.*

## COMMUNION

*Because this is the Lord's table, we welcome all to receive Holy Communion. If you'd like to receive a blessing instead, simply come forward and cross your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will bring the sacrament to you. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask the person serving bread. White grape juice is available in the center of the tray for those unable to drink wine. After receiving Communion, please return to your seat for singing and prayer.*

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION MUSIC

9:00

*And He Never Said a Word*  
arranged by M. Ryan

Handbells

COMMUNION HYMN

O Bread of Life from Heaven

1 O bread of life from heav - en, O food to pil - grims  
 2 O fount of grace re - deem - ing, O riv - er ev - er  
 3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, in all your hid - den

giv - en, O man - na from a - bove: feed  
 stream - ing from Je - sus' wound - ed side: come  
 splen - dor with - in these means of grace. Oh,

with the bless - ed sweet - ness of your di - vine com -  
 now, your love be - stow - ing on thirst - ing souls, and  
 let the veil be riv - en, and our clear eye in

plete - ness the souls that want and need your love.  
 flow - ing till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.  
 heav - en be - hold your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Latin hymn, c. 1661; tr. Hugh T. Henry, 1862–1946, sts. 1, 3; tr. Philip Schaff, 1819–1893, st. 2  
 Music: O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN, Heinrich Isaac, 1450–1517; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

*After communion, we rise and share in blessing and prayer.*

## BLESSING

May the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in God's grace.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER

Let us pray. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

# SENDING

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

## BENEDICTION

May God bless you and keep you.

May God grant you mercy, fill you with courage, and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *on next page*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Fantasia in G Minor*  
by Johann Pachelbel

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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.*

1 God be with you till we meet a-gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,  
 2 God be with you till we meet a-gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,  
 3 God be with you till we meet a-gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,

with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;  
 dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

*Refrain*

Till we meet, till we meet, till we  
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet, till we  
 till we meet, till we meet, till we

meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 meet a - gain,



## Worship Support

### Altar Guild

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

### Lay Reader

9:00 Mary Mora  
11:30 Betty Parker

### Communion Servers

9:00 Carolyn Pfeiffer  
Randalyn Nickel  
11:30 Rachel Cannady  
Suzi Lockamy

### Livestream

Deb Hearn

### Sound

Scott Van Doren

### Ushers

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

## THIS WEEK AT ZION

Scan QR code for this month's calendar



### Sunday, March 16

AED Training	8:00 & 10:15	Breakroom
Lutheran World Relief Quilt Display	8:30	Gazebo
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, March 17

Grief Class	10:30	Ministry Center 8
Game Group	12:30	Fellowship Hall
Lutheran Men in Mission	6:30	Texas Star Inn

### Tuesday, March 18

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

### Wednesday, March 19

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

### Thursday, March 20

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief	9:30	Fellowship Hall
Weight Watchers	9:30	Church 2
Youth Night	6:30	Ministry Center 1,7,8
Fiesta Flutes Rehearsal	7pm	Church 2

### Saturday, March 22

Weight Watchers	8:30am	Church 2
WELCA Alamo Conf. Spring Gathering	8:30am	Trinity Lutheran, SA

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## Sunday, March 23

Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Faith Formation Hour for all ages	10:15	<a href="#">Details Next Page</a>
Worship in person and YouTube@ZionSanAntonio	11:30	Sanctuary & online

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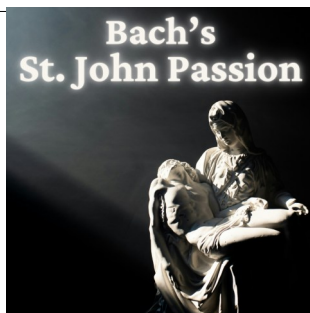
## AED Training—Today 8 & 10:15am, Breakroom

The Crafty Bunch and Jannette Smith (in memory of her husband Roger) donated two new AED devices to Zion. They will be placed in the Gazebo and Family Life Center. Along with the one we already had, another AED device was donated by Amy Causey. We will determine two strategic locations for these devices. Dr. Judy Knoll will lead a Basic CPR and AED Training. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

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## Sundays in Lent: Class on Bach's St. John Passion & Its Theological Context Sundays in Lent, 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. All are welcome to attend!



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## 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.)



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## Faith Formation for Children and Youth 10:15 in Ministry Center Rooms

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

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## 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

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## Lenten Midweek Worship Series: Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

Wednesdays at 1pm & 6:30pm in  
the Main Sanctuary  
Contemplative Worship with  
Interactive Prayer, Prayers for  
Healing, & Holy Communion.

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**Grief Class****Mondays, 10:30am-Noon, Ministry Center 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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**WELCA Women of Zion (WOZ)****Events in March and April****WELCA Alamo Conference Spring Gathering****Sat March 22, Trinity Lutheran Church, San Antonio**

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.

**Monday Evening WELCA Topics****Starting Monday, April 7, 6:30-8:30pm**

More info to come soon.

**WOZ Bible Study—Second Tues, April 8 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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## WOZ Collection for Lutheran World Relief Kits

Sundays, March 9, 16, 23

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

### 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)

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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.

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## Submitting Announcements

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

## Zion Zippers 50+ Fellowship

Monday, April 14 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.

## MomCo, a Community for All Moms Wednesday, March 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.

MomCo Registration

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



## Children, Youth & Families collecting items to Support Eagle Pass Frontera Ministries

Zion children, youth and families in Lent are collecting items to support the migration work being done by Eagle Pass Frontera Ministries. (Elementary class teacher Erica Macha's Feb. 23 Temple Talk described Zion's intergenerational trip to Eagle Pass.) Items can be dropped off throughout Lent at the table outside MC 3.



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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

National Quilt Day, March 15, 2025

In recognition of National Quilt Day, on Sunday, March 16, Zion's Lutheran World Relief quilters are displaying some of the quilts that are helping worldwide when natural disasters occur. Last year, more than 370,000 quilts were shipped from the LWR warehouse to 16 countries, including the U.S. in response to hurricanes Helene and Milton. Stop by the gazebo and Ministry Center hallway and look over the sampling of quilts that Zion's quilters have put together.

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

Next one: March 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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## At-Home Lent Art, Scripture and Devotion

The season of Lent is to be experienced in its full 40 days, at home, school, work and at church. Each Sunday of Lent (beginning March 9) at the entrance to the Ministry Center you will find a table with take-home materials for a Lenten art practice creating an object to be added to the "Sacred Space" table centerpiece (created March 2, March 5, or at home). You'll also find a page with a Scripture reading and prompt for that week's devotion/discussion. Appropriate for singles, couples, families of all ages who are interested in the discipline of Lent!

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## Game Group

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 12:30pm,  
Fellowship Hall

Next one: March 17

Come for table games and daytime fellowship for all ages. Contact Shirley Homier-McBrayer through the church office if you have questions.

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## Zion Bunco Group

4<sup>th</sup> 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.



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## Men's Fellowship Dinner

Third Monday, March 17 6:30pm  
New Location—Texas Star Inn

All men are invited to meet at a new location—Texas Star Inn, 7621 Bandera Rd—for food, thoughtful study, camaraderie, and all YOUR ideas for Men's Ministry! Contact David Umlang at [Imm@zionsa.org](mailto:Imm@zionsa.org) if you need more details.



**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!

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



Camp Hope  
Registration

**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.



**Zion Summer Theatre Camp  
2025**

FEED ME,  
SEYMOUR!



**Little Shop of Horrors**

**June 23-July 3**

**Zion Summer Theatre Camp  
June 23-July 3**

**Performances July 3 & 5**

Join the Zion Theatre Group for a two week intensive theatre camp beginning on June 23 through July 3. We will have some zany fun putting together a full production of "Little Shop of Horrors".

Performances are July 3 at 7:30pm and July 5 at 1:30pm. The cost is \$275 per person for 2 weeks and includes a daily light lunch. Use the QR code to download the registration form.



Theatre Camp  
Registration

**MARCH 16, 2025  
SECOND SUNDAY  
IN LENT**



*Jesus' compassion is greater than our misguided ways.*

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 13:31-35</b>	<b>Jesus' sorrow over Jerusalem</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18</b>	<b>God's covenant with Abram</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Philippians 3:17-4:1</b>	<b>Stand firm in the Lord</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1 Peter 5:6-11</b>	<b>Helping Christian leaders</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>James 5:7-12</b>	<b>Patience in suffering</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Hebrews 10:19-29</b>	<b>A call to persevere</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalm 27</b>	<b>A song of trust</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 13:1-9</b>	<b>Parable of the fig tree</b>

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

*"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I [Jesus] desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing."* **Luke 13:34 (NRSV)**

### **PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

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

Dear God, you are the source of all goodness and our salvation; give us confidence in your care through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. (Psalm 27:1)

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, we thank you for your love that cares for us with this gift of food, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

May Jesus be your strength and protection.



**MARCH 16, 2025**  
**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

*I Want Jesus to  
Walk with Me*



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:

- How do you respond to someone who is being treated unfairly?
- Jesus stood firm against those who opposed him. Would you do the same? Explain.

**DEVOTIONS**



*Read:* Luke 13:31-35.

Jesus stands firm against powers that oppose him. He opposes the Roman government that alone has the power to execute him. He opposes religious leaders who have killed God's prophets. He speaks against those who cannot or will not see the healing he brings (first described in Luke 4:16-21). Jesus' desire is to gather in misguided people who oppose him, much like a hen gathers in her chicks to protect them. This compassionate image of care is a strong contrast to acts of violence. Jesus refuses to let concern for his safety deter him from his task to go to Jerusalem where he will meet betrayal, suffering, and death. His reference to "on the third day" (v. 32) is a clue that his work has not ended until the day of his resurrection. This Lent we reflect on the depth of our misguided ways and the greater depth of God's love in Jesus that will not be stopped.

*Discuss:* How might some of your actions or thoughts appear to be misguided ways?

*Pray:* **Loving God, forgive us when we stray from your compassionate ways and strengthen us to follow Jesus who died that we may live. 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 speak up for someone who is being mistreated?

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**



Prayer is an important spiritual practice for Christians. During this Lenten season, take time to focus on the prayer Jesus taught us to pray, the Lord's Prayer (Luke 11:2-4). This second week in Lent we reflect on "Your kingdom come" (v. 2b). Add this to verse 2a from the first week in Lent by writing it outside of the cross drawn on the paper the first week. Take a moment to think or talk about what this verse means to you.

*Pray:* The Lord's Prayer.



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



