

April 6, 2025 • Fifth 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 worshipers. 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.

ON THE COVER

Extravagant Love, Mary Jane Miller

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

9:00

Adagio (from BWV 564)

by J. S. Bach

11:30

Come, Ye Disconsolate

arranged by T. Osman

Handbells

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 in the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

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. Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through 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: Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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

PSALM 126

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

Refrain

William Bradley Roberts



Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

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When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then we were like those who dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy. *Refrain*

Then they said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."
The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.
Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negeb. *Refrain*

Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping,
carrying the seed,
will come again with joy,
shouldering their sheaves. *Refrain*

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

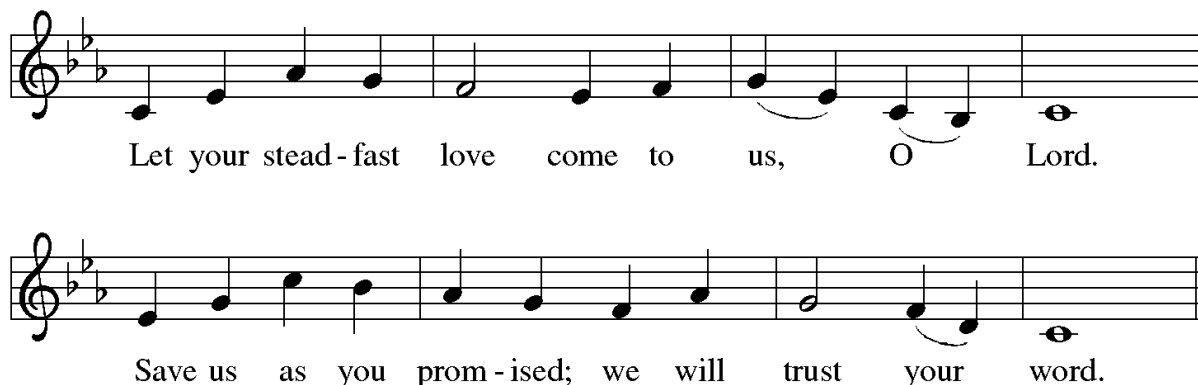
⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

Please rise, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

Mary Anoints Jesus
Spark Children's Bible Page 444

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

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Al Jensen

Please rise as you are able.

1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead

through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,

On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be

full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.

Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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APOSTLES' CREED

Let us now confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:

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

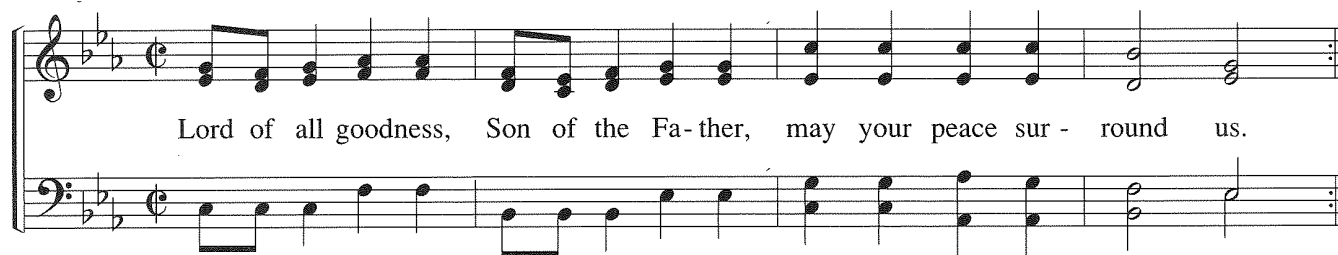
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of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

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**catholic: universal*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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).



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. 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

Come Ye Disconsolate
arranged by Terre Johnson

Chancel Choir

11:30

Jesus Paid It All
arranged by D. E. Wagner

Handbells

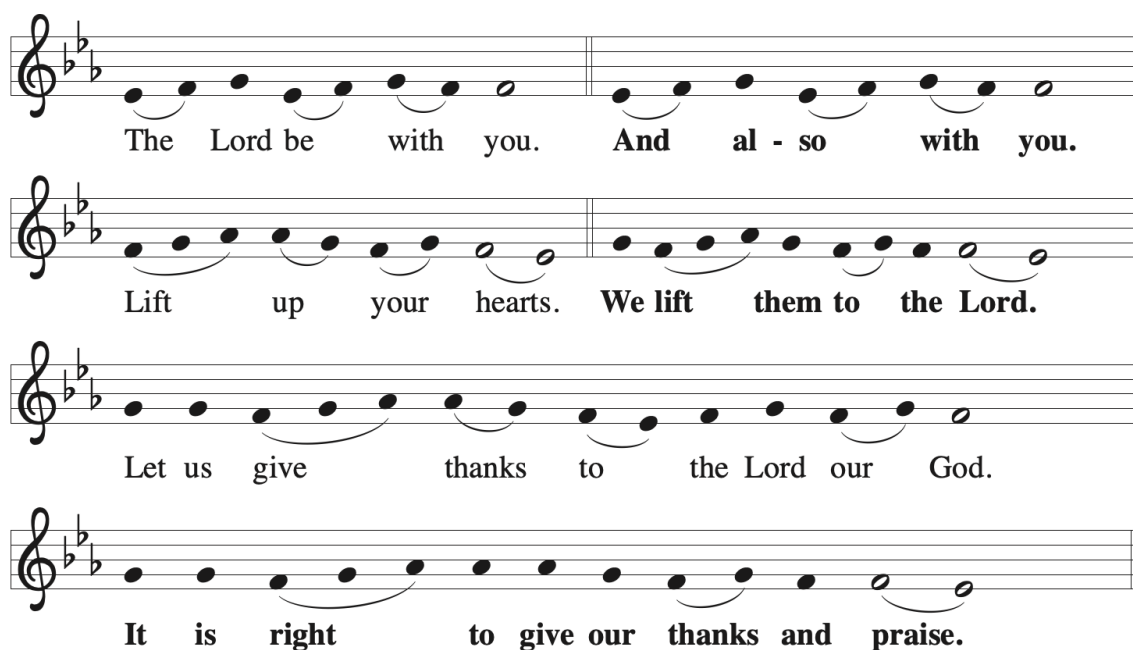
Please rise, as you are able. The ushers bring the offering forward for the Offering Prayer.

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

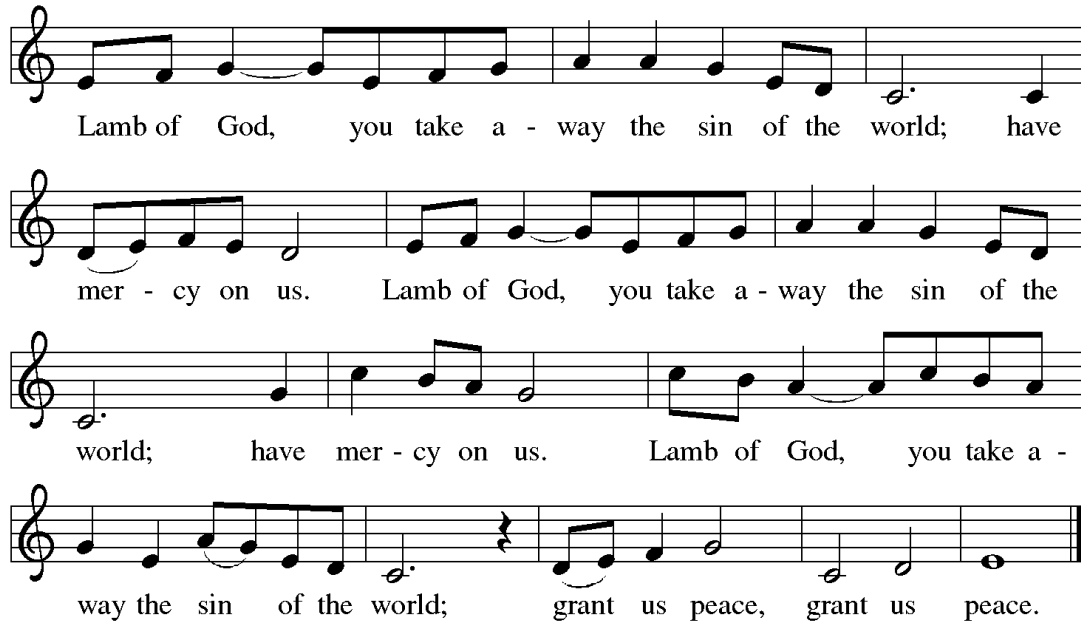
These are the gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God.

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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
by Brian Hanson

Chancel Choir

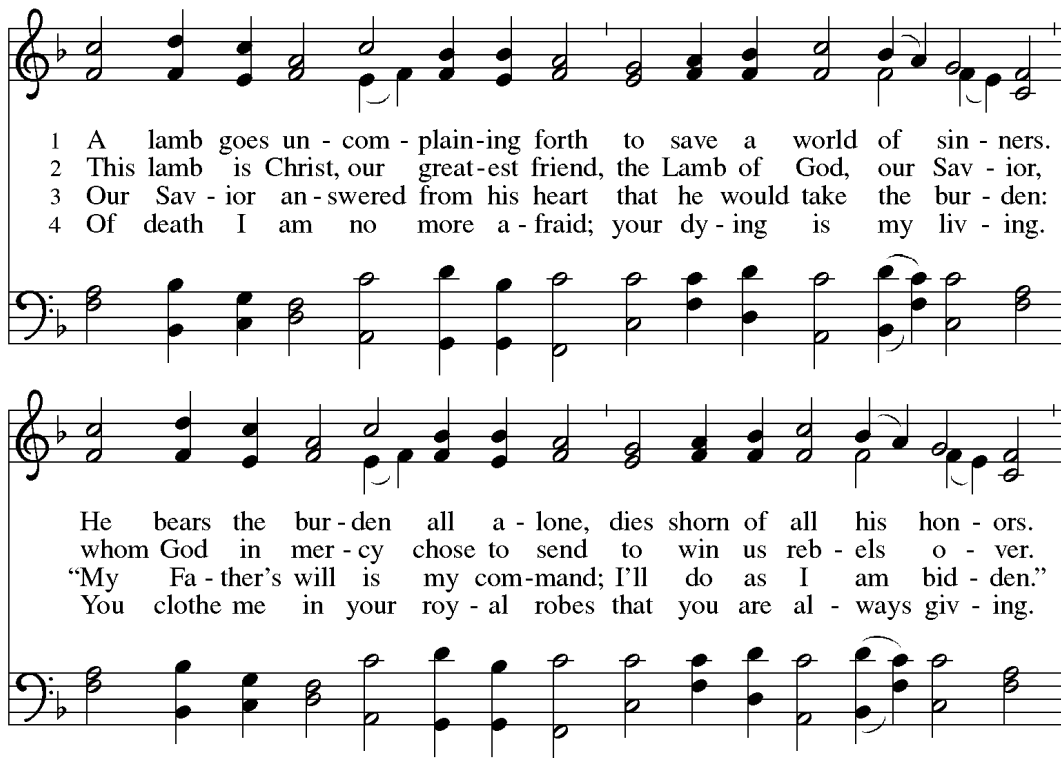
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And He Never Said a Word
arranged by M. Ryan

Handbells

COMMUNION HYMN

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



1 A lamb goes un - com - plain-ing forth to save a world of sin - ners.
2 This lamb is Christ, our great-est friend, the Lamb of God, our Sav - ior.
3 Our Sav - ior an - swered from his heart that he would take the bur - den:
4 Of death I am no more a - fraid; your dy - ing is my liv - ing.

He bears the bur - den all a - lone, dies shorn of all his hon - ors.
whom God in mer - cy chose to send to win us reb - els o - ver.
"My Fa - ther's will is my com-mand; I'll do as I am bid - den."
You clothe me in your roy - al robes that you are al - ways giv - ing.

He goes to slaugh - ter, weak and faint, is led to die with -
 "Go down, my child," the Fa - ther said, "and free my chil - dren
 Oh, won - drous love! Oh, lov - ing might! To right what mor - tals
 Your love is dress e - nough for me to wear through all e -

out com - plaint; his spot - less life he of - fers. He bears the shame,
 from their dread of death and con - dem - na - tion. The pain - ful stripes
 can - not right the Son was sent from heav - en. What love, O Love,
 ter - ni - ty be - fore the throne of heav - en, where we shall stand

the stripes, the wrath; his an - guish, mock - er - y,
 are hard to bear, but by your death they all
 who came to save by lov - ing e - ven to
 close by your side, your church, the well - ap - point -

and death for us he glad - ly suf - fers.
 can share the joy of your sal - va - tion."
 the grave un - til the stone was riv - en.
 ed bride, when all the faith - ful gath - er.

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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. 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.

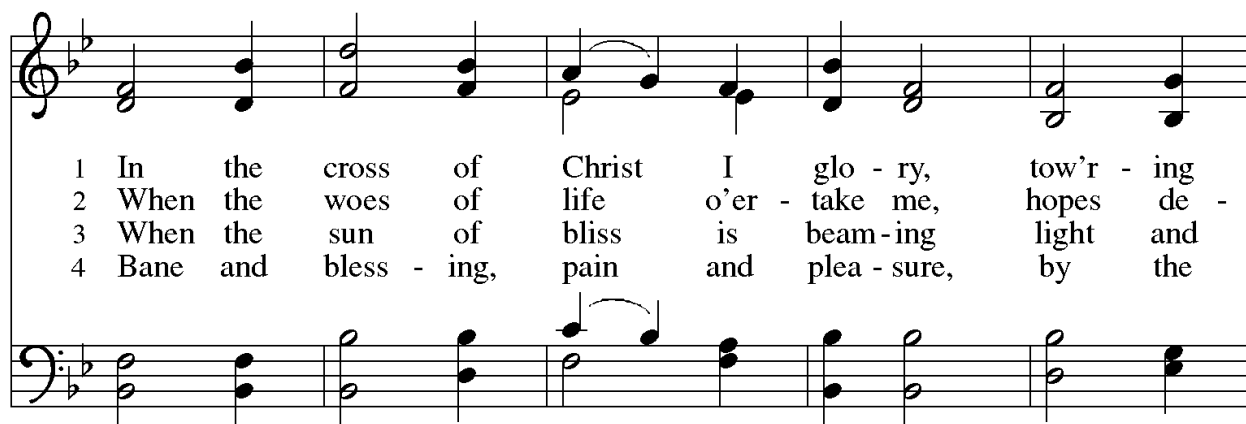
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

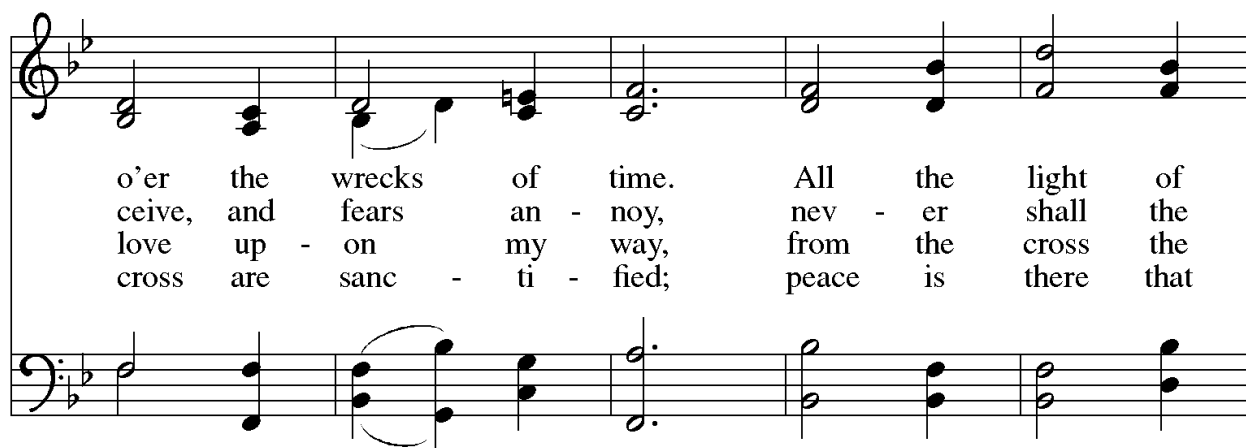
A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth
setting by Balint Karosi

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 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
 love up - on my way, from the shall the
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 ra - diancy stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872

Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Scan QR code for this month's calendar



Sunday, April 6

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, April 7

Grief Class	10:30	Ministry Center 8
Game Group	12:30	Fellowship Hall
Lutheran Men in Mission Planning Mtg	6:30	Fellowship Hall, MC-2
WELCA-WOZ Monday Discussion	6:30	Fellowship Hall, MC-1

Tuesday, April 8

Exercise Group	9am	Church 2
WELCA-WOZ Bible Study	10am	Fellowship Hall
Staff Meeting	11am	Breakroom
Executive Committee Meeting	6pm	Zoom
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, April 9

High School/Elementary Mentoring	7:15am	Nichols Elementary
Crafty Bunch	9:00	Ed Bldg Craft Room
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, April 10

Bible Study w/Pr. Eileen	9:30	Ministry Center 1
Weight Watchers	9:30	Church 2
Memorial Service for Junie Krueger, Jr.	10am	Sanctuary
Stephen Ministry	7pm	Ministry Center 5, 6
Fiesta Flutes Rehearsal	7pm	Church 2

Saturday, April 12

Weight Watchers	8:30am	Church 2
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Worship Support

Altar Guild

Mary Jo Goldenbaum
Chris Jones, Don Jones
Belynda McKenzie
Susan & Jo Noonan, Kathy Null
Linda & Roy Tschirhart

Lay Reader

9:00 Matt Iwanicki
11:30 Rachel Williams

Cantor

Gavin Magee

Communion Servers

9:00 Randa Bruce Gonzales
Brinkley Harrell
11:30 Max Knoll
Suzi Lockamy

Livestream

Kevin McGee

Sound

Scott Van Doren

Ushers

9:00 Dan Graham
John Macha
Travis Nickel
11:30 Audrey DeHart
Caleb DeHart
Kim DeHart
Pam Gammage

Faith Formation for Children and Youth

10:15 in Ministry Center Rooms

No Classes April 13 or 20

<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

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.

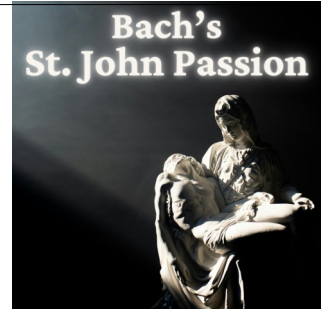
Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday

Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Intergenerational Palm Sunday/Easter Egg Hunt Faith Formation Event	10:15	FLC Great Room
Class on Bach's St. John Passion	10:15	Fellowship Hall
Worship in person and YouTube@ZionSanAntonio	11:30	Sanctuary & online

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!



Heaven and Earth Bible Class

Last Session Today, 10:15am, Ministry Center 1

A study of Genesis and the Psalms. With Amy McFadden and other adult leaders. (No registration required.)

Sunday Series: *Being With*

Last Session Today

A new round of this class may start up again later this spring - contact Pr. Dan if you are interested.

"The Gospel of Luke, by the Chapters" Bible Study

Starts Sunday, May 4, 10:15am, Ministry Center 1

Join Pastor Al for a weekly Sunday study of the Gospel of Luke starting in May.

Palm Sunday
Intergenerational Holy Week
Event/Easter Egg Hunt
Next Sunday, April 13, 10:15am,
Family Life Center



All are welcome during the Faith Formation Hour to enter into Holy Week with stations for all ages representing Jesus' journey through death and resurrection.

- Make a Holy Week Box to guide your family through the week at home.
- Get a Holy Week Passport to be completed at each service (Maundy Thursday 1 and 7 pm, Good Friday 1 and 7 pm, Easter Vigil Saturday 7 pm, Easter Sunday 8:00, 9:45 and 11:30 am).
- An outdoor Easter Egg Hunt will begin towards the end of the hour.

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.

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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In-Betweeners' Gathering

Sunday, April 13, 10:15am, Church 1

Are you and/or a friend in the age range of 45 – 65? If so, join Pastor Al for a “Brainstorming Time” for ideas of what a group for “in-betweeners” might look like at Zion. No sign up necessary.

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.

Weekday Bible Study Series: Book of Jonah

Next One: April 10, 9:30am, Ministry Center 1

Led by Pastor Eileen Spehr. Second and fourth Thursdays.

Game Group

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

Next one: April 7

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

Zion Bunco Group

4th Monday, April 28, 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.

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!

Denice Hoggatt, a foster from the Guide Dogs of Texas, along with the Puppy Director of GDTX, Su Young Bae, will give a presentation about their mission. Volt, a 5-month-old puppy, will also be in attendance. Zion is privileged to host these speakers. It should prove to be a very informative and entertaining evening.

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

Puerto Rico Trip Fundraisers

In late July, 20 Zion members (14 youth and 6 adults) will embark on a learning-service trip, along with San Antonio's Abiding Presence and Grace Lutheran churches, to experience the Puerto Rican church's witness in the face of a hurricane and political uncertainty as a U.S. territory. All are invited to support this trip in one or both of the following ways!



- **April 17 (Maundy Thursday) - Supper Fundraiser** (free will offering) at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall before 7 pm worship service
- **Sunday, May 4 - Car Wash** (free will offering) in the Main Parking Lot throughout Sunday services and classes (8 am - 12:30 pm)

Your generosity 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.



<https://secure.myvanco.com/YJYN/campaign/C-YTT8>

Submitting Announcements

If you have announcements for the bulletin and Zmail, please send them to Publications@ZionSA.org.



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



LMM
LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION AT
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
San Antonio

Men's Fellowship Dinner

Third Monday, April 21 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 lmm@zionsa.org if you need more details.



MMM — Men's Morning Manna Presents: "Gilligan's Island and the Seven Deadly Sins"

Starts Saturday, May 10 at 8:00am

Join Pastor Al in the Fellowship Hall on May 10 for our first study. We will meet for an hour, contemplate a particular "deadly" sin each month, and have good fellowship. We plan to meet on the second Saturday of each month afterwards.

No need to sign up. If you want to bring your own cup or mug of coffee, feel free to do so. Looking forward to seeing everyone who can make it.



Scan the QR code to learn more about WELCA and WELCA-WOZ current discussion topics, blog posts, and events, or send an e-mail to WOZ@zionsa.org.



WELCA-WOZ
info

WELCA Monday Night Topic Discussion

Starts Monday, April 7, 6:30 - 8:00pm, Fellowship Hall

We'll start with a 30-minute Spaghetti Supper with the Men in Mission. Elementary age children are welcome - we will have a kid's table for them to work at.

First Topic Discussion - Loving Others as You Love Yourself—The Revolutionary Act of Self-Care

God calls us to love ourselves so that we can love our neighbors. Do you believe that loving God leads to loving self? When we love ourselves, we practice how we are called to love others. Then when we love others, we love the incarnate God. And this cycle continues, leading us deeper into love with the One who is love. Join us!

WELCA-WOZ Bible Study

Second Tuesdays, Next one: 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!

WELCA-WOZ Mother's Day Pie Sale is coming!

Sunday, May 11

Please consider donating any kind of HOME-BAKED pies that folks can buy for their Moms on Mother's Day - bring them on May 11. A sign up sheet will be in the Gazebo for pie donations. You can also sign up for pie donations using our email WOZ@ZIONSA.org or contact Patty Myers through the church office.

WELCA Women of Zion is sponsoring a HOME-BAKED pie sale on Sunday May 11 between the early and late services. Proceeds go to WELCA Women of Zion for our local sponsored WELCA events. Pies are \$15 each.

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: April 3

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.

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

Bach's St. John Passion

Friday
April 18
7pm
Sanctuary
Free will offering

Zion lutheran church



We invite you to join us for a presentation of Zion Music performing Johann Sebastian Bach's *St. John Passion* (BWV 245), a profound and dramatic musical setting of the Passion of Christ according to the Gospel of John.

Composed in 1724, it is notable for its intense emotional depth and elaborate musical structure. The work features a combination of recitatives, arias, choruses, and chorales, integrating biblical texts with reflective and evocative music. Bach employs a rich tapestry of musical forms, including intricate counterpoint and expressive solos, to convey the events of Christ's crucifixion and the theological significance of His sacrifice.

**APRIL 6, 2025
FIFTH SUNDAY
IN LENT**



Mary shows extravagant love for Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 12:1-8	Mary anoints Jesus at Bethany
Monday	Isaiah 43:16-21	The Lord will prepare the way
Tuesday	Philippians 3:4b-14	Running toward the goal
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 15:7-11	How to treat the poor
Thursday	2 Corinthians 2:14-17	We are the aroma of Christ
Friday	Isaiah 43:1-7	God promises restoration
Saturday	Psalms 126	A harvest of joy
Sunday	Luke 19:28-40	Blessed is the king who comes

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. John 12:3 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, through Christ you touch us with lavish love and care. Help us to respond with reverence and joy for all that you do for us. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer:

God of the harvest, we thank you for filling our bodies with food and our hearts with joy. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you to be rich in love.



APRIL 6, 2025

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Restore in Us, O God



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 show your care and affection for someone else?
- How do you experience God's extravagant love?

DEVOTIONS



Read: John 12:1-8.

All four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) mention the anointing of Jesus' feet by a woman. Only John names the woman as Mary, the sister of Lazarus and Martha. It is another way John emphasizes the love relationship between Jesus and his disciples. Just as Mary wiped Jesus' feet with her hair, Jesus would wipe the disciples' feet with a towel (John 13:5). Both acts are meant as a sign of extravagant love. Even though Jesus' disciples will soon betray, deny, or abandon him before his crucifixion, his final entry into Jerusalem is preceded by this act of love. All real and intimate relationships experience difficulties. Following Jesus will be no different. What we see and remember with Mary's anointing, is that at the heart of our relationship to Jesus is a love that will not end.

Discuss: How do you express your love for Jesus?

Pray: Lord Jesus, you gave everything you had to love us and save us from our sins; free us to show our love for you and our care for the world you love. 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 show love and support for someone?

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 fifth week in Lent we reflect on "And do not bring us to the time of trial" (v. 4b). Add this verse to verses 2a, 2b, 3, and 4a from the first, second, third, and fourth weeks in Lent by writing it around the 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



Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday—April 13

Festival Worship with Palm Procession
9am & 11:30am (livestream at 11:30)

Maundy Thursday—April 17

Holy Communion with Stripping of the Altar
1pm & 7pm

Good Friday—April 18

Good Friday Worship—1pm
Bach's St. John Passion—7pm

Holy Saturday—April 19

The Great Vigil of Easter
7pm

The Resurrection of Our Lord—April 20

Festival Worship
8am, 9:45am, & 11:30am (livestream at 11:30)