



April 13, 2025 • Palm Sunday
9:00 and 11:30 am

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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.

PALM SUNDAY

Today begins the holiest of weeks in our Church year. Today, Palm Sunday, we remember two key events leading to the last week of Jesus' life. We begin in the narthex to hear the gospel reading about Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Mark tells us that people prepared the way for Jesus by spreading clothes and branches on the roadways ahead of him. The people around Jesus are shouting "Hosanna!" which is a form of "Save us!" We join our cries to theirs, asking Jesus to save us.

Once in the sanctuary, our gospel reading from Luke 22 helps us turn the corner to the rest of Holy Week. The lesson ends with the disciples trying to figure out who the betrayer is.

Next Sunday, our shouts will be the victorious cries of Easter. But during Holy Week, we hear about the final days of Jesus' life. Come and join us for these services, so you, too, can contemplate the life and death of Jesus before celebrating his resurrection. A schedule of services may be found at the back of this bulletin, on page 28, or on our website, ZionSA.org.

ON THE COVER

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

9:00

Riding on the Road to Jerusalem
by Frombach and Brooke

Children's Choir

11:30

My Song Is Love Unknown
setting by Christopher Uehlein

WELCOME

Pastor Dan Heim

As you are able, please go to the Narthex when directed for the procession with palms.

PALM PROCESSION

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Luke 19:29-40

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This is the holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

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

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today, we remember that he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

During the procession, all who are sitting or walking are invited to wave their palm branches as we sing.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

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. Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, 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 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

PSALM 31

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

Refrain

Michel Guimont



O Lord, in - to your hands, I com-mend my spir-it.

In you, O LORD, I take refuge.
Let me never be put to shame.
In your justice, set me free.
Into your hands I commend my spirit.
It is you who will redeem me, LORD. R.

In the face of all my foes
I am a reproach,
an object of scorn to my neighbors
and of fear to my friends. R.

Those who see me in the street
run far away from me.

I am like the dead, forgotten by all,
like a thing thrown away. R.

But as for me, I trust in you, LORD;
I say: "You are my God.
My life is in your hands, deliver me
from the hands of those who hate me. R.

Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your love."
Be strong, let your heart take courage,
all who hope in the LORD. R.

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SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

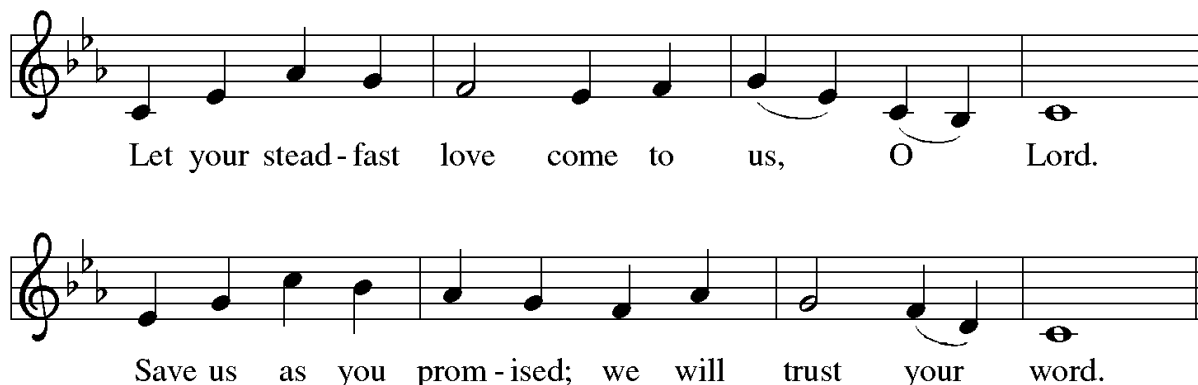
⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Please rise, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 22:1-23

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

¹Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. ²The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people. ³Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; ⁴he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. ⁵They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. ⁶So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it." ⁹They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?" ¹⁰Listen, he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters ¹¹and say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' ¹²He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there." ¹³So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

¹⁴When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. ²¹But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. ²²For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" ²³Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

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

Please be seated.

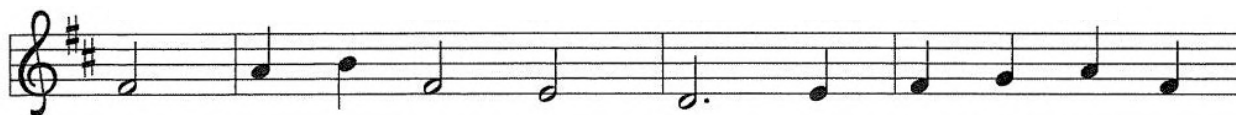
SERMON

Pastor Kathi Inglis Johnson

Please rise as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Song Is Love Unknown



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some - times we strew his way and his sweet prais - es
4 We cry out, we will have our dear Lord made a -



me, love to the love - less shown that they might
stow; the world that was his own would not its
sing; re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas
way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of



love - ly be. Oh, who am I that
Sav - ior know. But, oh, my friend, my
to our king. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is
life to slay. Yet cheer - ful he to



for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend!
all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.
suf - f'ring goes that he his foes from thence might free.

5 In life no house, no home
my Lord on earth might have;
in death no friendly tomb
but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was his home
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

6 Here might I stay and sing—
no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend!

Text: Samuel Crossman, 1624–1683, alt.
Music: John Ireland, 1879–1962
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LOVE UNKNOWN
6 6 6 6 4 4 8

Alternate tune: RHOSYMEDRE

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

Gathered as a community in Christ, we pray with love for the church, those in need, and all the world.

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

Above All
by Michael W. Smith

Sammy Mikulski, Soloist

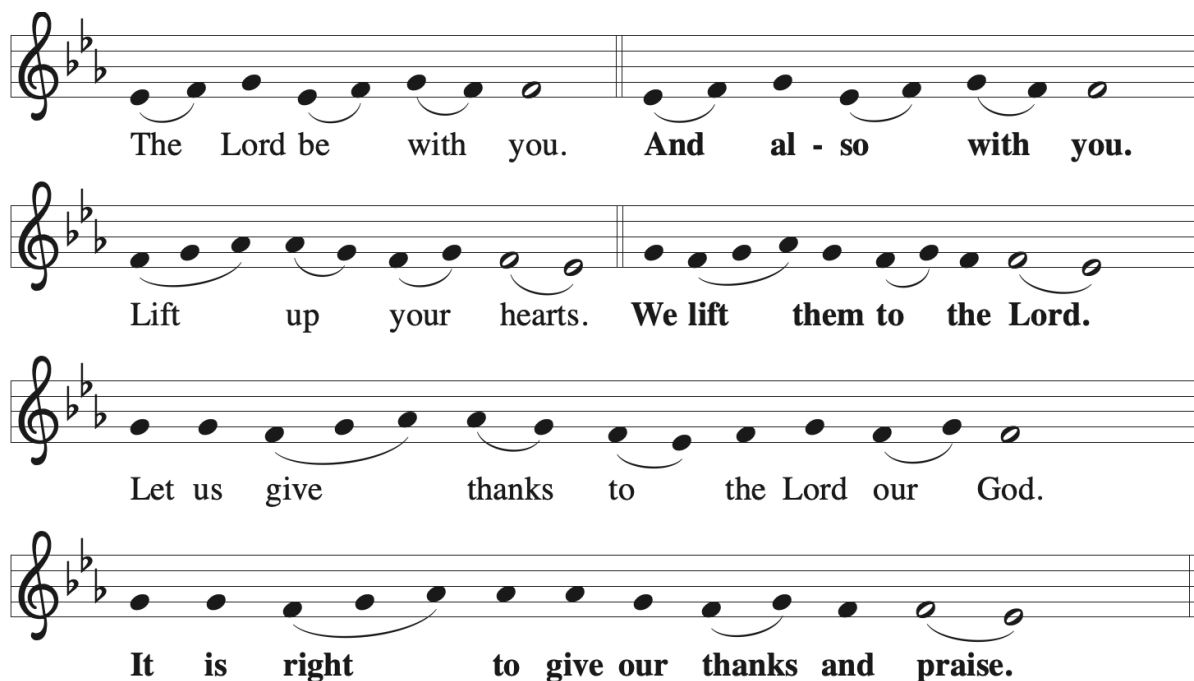
Please rise, as you are able. The ushers bring the offering forward for the Offering Prayer.

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



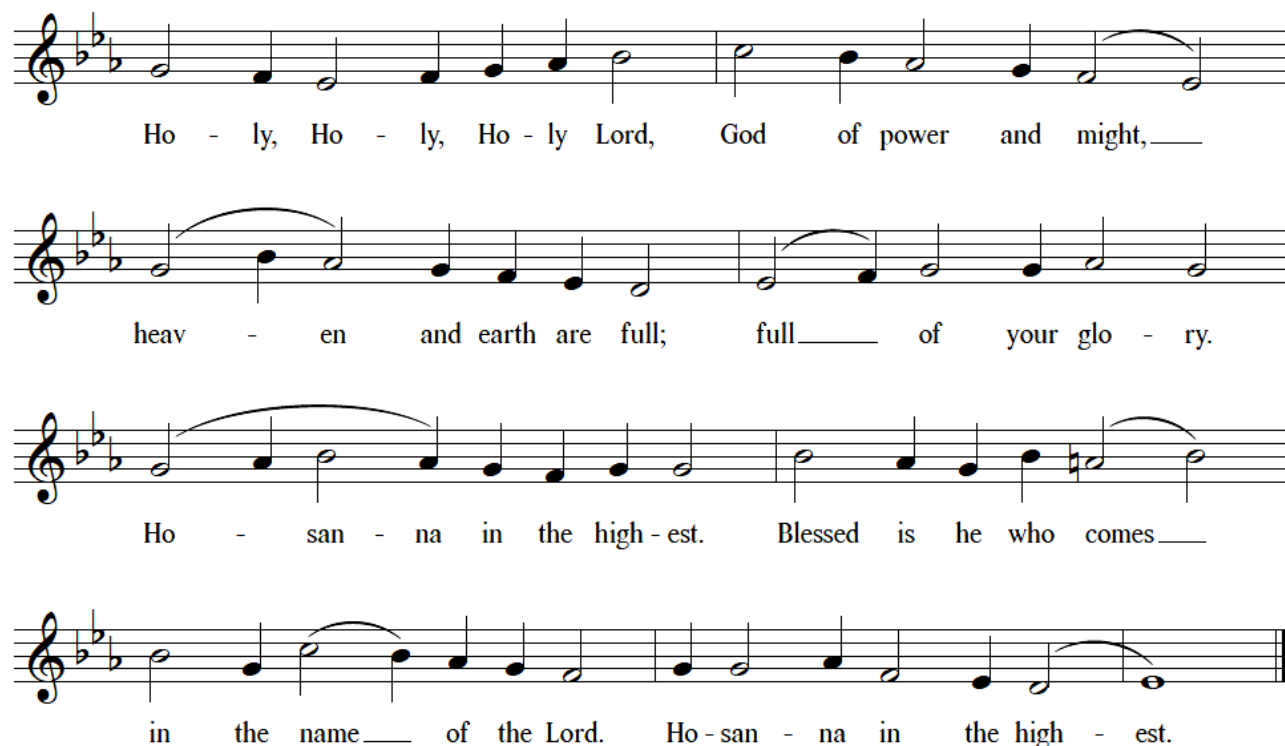
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. 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.


9:00 COMMUNION MUSIC

Life-Giving Bread
by Ricky Manalo


Children's Choir

COMMUNION HYMN

O Bread of Life from Heaven



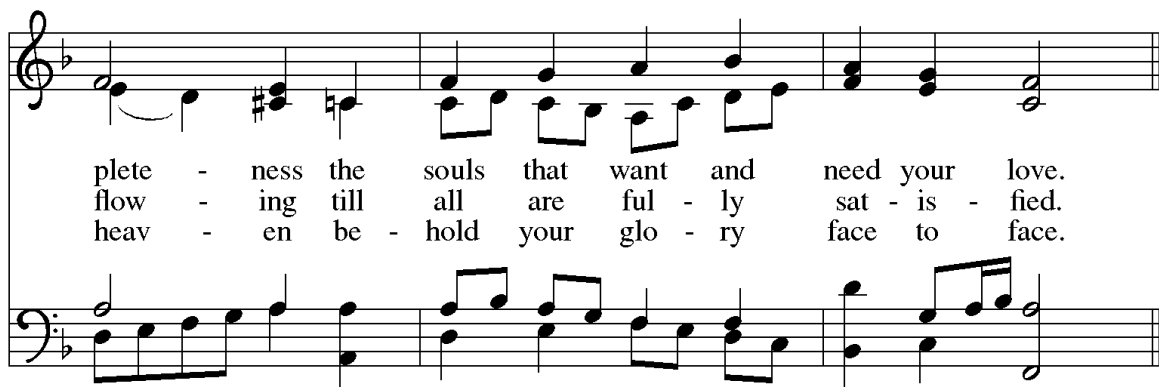
1 O bread of life from heav - en, O food to pil - grims
 2 O fount of grace re - deem - ing, O riv - er ev - er
 3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, in all your hid - den



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

The King's Majesty
setting by Christopher Uehlein

AVAILABLE FOR PRAYER

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

SENDING HYMN

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear all the
 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of
 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, your road pur -
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs now be -
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and won - d'ring
 pomp ride on to die, bow your meek head to mor - tal



sue, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strewed.
 gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791–1868, alt.

Music: THE KING'S MAJESTY, Graham George, 1912–1993

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THIS WEEK AT ZION

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Sunday, April 13

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
In-Betweeners Gathering	10:15	Church 1
Worship in person and YouTube@ZionSanAntonio	11:30	Sanctuary & online

Monday, April 14

Grief Class	10:30	Ministry Center 8
Zion Zippers Potluck	6pm	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 15

Exercise Group	9am	Church 2
Staff Meeting	11am	Breakroom
Bach's St. John Passion Rehearsal	7pm	Sanctuary
Children's Choir Rehearsal	7pm	Ministry Center 1
Warriors Anonymous	7pm	Church 2

Wednesday, April 16

High School/Elementary Mentoring	7:15am	Nichols Elementary
Crafty Bunch	9am	Ed Bldg Craft Room
Zion MomCo	9:30	Ministry Center 1
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 17 - Maundy Thursday

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief	9:30	Fellowship Hall
Weight Watchers	9:30	Church 2
Maundy Thursday Midday Worship	1pm	Sanctuary
Maundy Thursday Soup Supper	6pm	Fellowship Hall
Maundy Thursday Evening Worship	7pm	Sanctuary
Fiesta Flutes Rehearsal	7pm	Church 2

Friday, April 18 - Good Friday

Weight Watchers	8:30am	Church 2
Good Friday Midday Worship	1pm	Sanctuary
Bach St. John Passion	7pm	Sanctuary

Saturday, April 19 - Holy Saturday

Weight Watchers	8:30am	Church 2
The Great Vigil of Easter	7pm	Sanctuary

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Worship Support

Altar Guild

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

Crucifer

9:00 Scott McKenzie

11:30 Kevin McGee

Lay Reader

9:00 John Macha

11:30 Jeff Williams

Cantor

Sammy Mikulski

Communion Servers

9:00 Randa Bruce Gonzales
Melanie Murray

11:30 Suzi Lockamy
Karen Umlang

Livestream

David Umlang

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 Today or April 20 (Easter)

<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

Campus Will Be Closed Easter Monday, April 21.

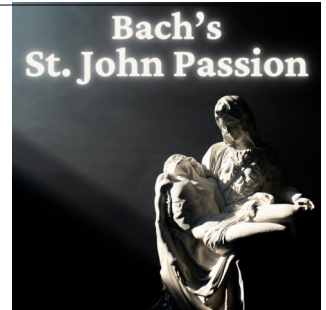
Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday

Easter Festival Worship in person	8am	Sanctuary
Easter Festival Worship in person	9:45	Sanctuary
Easter Festival Worship in person and YouTube@ZionSanAntonio	11:30	Sanctuary & online

Sundays in Lent: Class on Bach's St. John Passion & Its Theological Context Last Session: Today, 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!



Palm Sunday Intergenerational Holy Week Event/Easter Egg Hunt Today, 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.



In-Betweeners' Gathering

Today, 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.

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.

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 Soup Supper Fundraiser** (free will offering) at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall before 7 pm worship service—we’re having Chicken Tortilla Soup (same recipe as last year).
- **Sunday, May 4 - Car Wash** (free will offering) in the Main Parking Lot throughout Sunday services and classes (8 am - 12:30 pm)



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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.

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.

"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.

Weekday Bible Study Series: Book of Jonah

Next One: April 24, 9:30am, Ministry Center 1

Led by Pastor Eileen Spehr. Second and fourth Thursdays.

M MomCo, a Community for All Moms
Wednesday, April 16, Ministry Center 1
Zion MomCo supports moms by building community for growth in faith and as parents. Meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month in Zion's Ministry Center, 9:30am-noon. They also are in need of adult volunteers to provide child care those Wednesdays.

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

MomCo Registration



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

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.

Game Group

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

Next one: April 21

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.



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-WOZ Bible Study

Second Tuesdays, Next one: May 13 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 17

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



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



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 lmml@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.

APRIL 13, 2025
PALM/PASSION
SUNDAY



The amazing depth of God's love!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 19:28-40	Blessed is the king who comes
Monday	Luke 22:14–23:56	The Last Supper and crucifixion
Tuesday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	God's servant must suffer
Wednesday	Philippians 2:5-11	Christ shows us true humility
Thursday	John 13:1-17, 31b-35	Jesus washes the disciples' feet
Friday	John 18:1–19:42	The suffering and death of Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 31:9-16	A prayer for protection
Sunday	Luke 24:1-12	The resurrection of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." Luke 23:34a (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God of mercy, thank you for entering our experience of weakness and sin and for sending us out into the world with courage and grace through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

We thank you for this food, a sign of your steadfast love that protects us through Jesus Christ, your Son, and our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God shine on you with steadfast love. (Psalm 31:16)



APRIL 13, 2025

HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Bless Now, O God, the
Journey*



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:

- Is it easy or hard for you to forgive someone? Explain.
- If you were alive during Jesus' time, what would you have asked him?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Luke 23:1-49.

The crucifixion of Jesus tells us a lot about ourselves and about our God who defeats human frailty with forgiveness and new beginnings. The crowds praise Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and then within a week say, "Crucify, crucify him" (v. 21). Peter promises to be faithful to Jesus but at a crucial moment denies him three times. The people give false witness about Jesus to make him look bad in front of Pilate. The leaders, the crowd, and the soldiers mock Jesus, but their words bear the truth of who he really is. Two criminals are killed along with Jesus. One ridicules Jesus while the other seeks his tender care. Through Jesus, God is willing to enter our world and participate in vulnerability, injustices, betrayal, suffering, and death. It shows the way of Jesus' cross as the way of true peace, true life, and true hope. It is the very example of God's amazing love.

Discuss: Who do you most identify with in the story of Jesus' crucifixion?

Pray: Merciful God, through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, you endure our lies, our fears, and our sin; we praise you for enduring it all from the cross to bring salvation to us. Amen.

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you help someone who is suffering?

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). The conclusion to the Lord's Prayer is an added doxology, an expression of praise to God, not found in Luke 11. This Palm Sunday we shout Hosanna as Jesus enters Jerusalem. Take time to reflect on the words of the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer: *For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.* Add these words to verses 2a, 2b, 3, 4a and 4b from the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth weeks in Lent by writing them around the outside of the cross drawn on the paper the first week. Take a moment to think or talk about what these words mean 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)