

April 20, 2025 • Easter Sunday
8:00, 9:45 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 RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

"Alleluia! Christ is risen!" This Easter greeting rings out our joy every year. Because Jesus lives, we also live.

"Christ died for our sins," 1st Corinthians reminds us. But the good news of God doesn't dwell in the tomb. The good news is that God's power was shown fully in raising Christ from the dead. The good news is that God's great love for us was also shown fully in raising Christ from the dead. Because Jesus lives, we also live.

Today begins the Season of Easter - a whole season in our church year is dedicated to remembering and celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord. "Alleluia! Christ is Risen!" He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

ON THE COVER

The Three Marys at the Tomb, Lorenzo Monaco

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GATHERING

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

WELCOME

Pastor Kathi Inglis Johnson

Please rise, as you are able, when directed.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4
Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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. O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor Dan Heim

Children may come forward for the Children's Chat and the rest of the congregation is seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD — and their descendants as well. ²⁴Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent — its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

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

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

Please rise, as you are able, and turn to face the cross as it comes down the aisle.

GOSPEL PROCESSION

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joyce and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is

of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joyce and say:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872–1955, alt.

Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615

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

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

GOSPEL PROCESSION

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with

can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Al Jensen

Please rise as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded



1 Day of de - light and beau-ty un - bound-ed, tell the news, the gos - pel
2 Day of de - light and beau-ty un - bound-ed, tell the news, the gos - pel



spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ
spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ



ris - en from the dead! Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -
ris - en from the dead! Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to



pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;
danc - ing; sing now the mys - t'ry, hope of our glo - ry;



sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the
sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of



stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in
fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor



wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!
last-ing for - ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556–1622

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

On this day of resurrection joy, let us offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world.

Each petition ends: God of grace,

Response: **Hear our prayer.**

We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy.

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

8:00

Heldenmusik (Movement No. 1)
Georg Philipp Telemann

Connor Towns, Trumpet

9:45 & 11:30

The Hallelujah Chorus
G. F. Handel

Chancel Choir

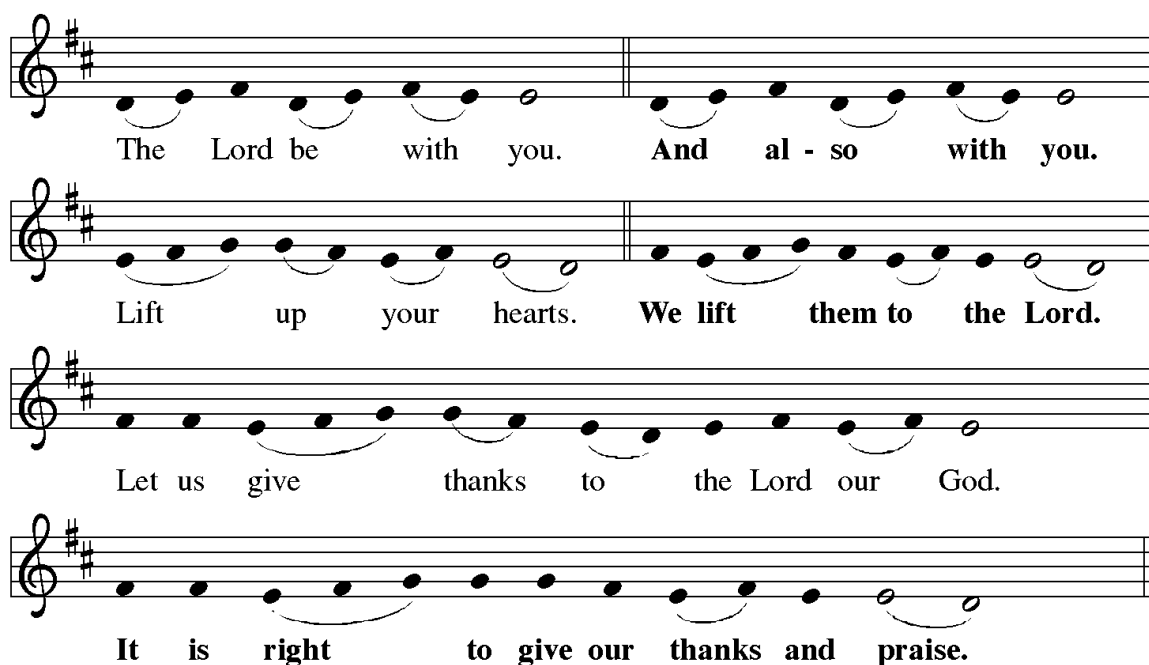
Please rise, as you are able. The ushers bring the offering forward for the Offering Prayer.

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



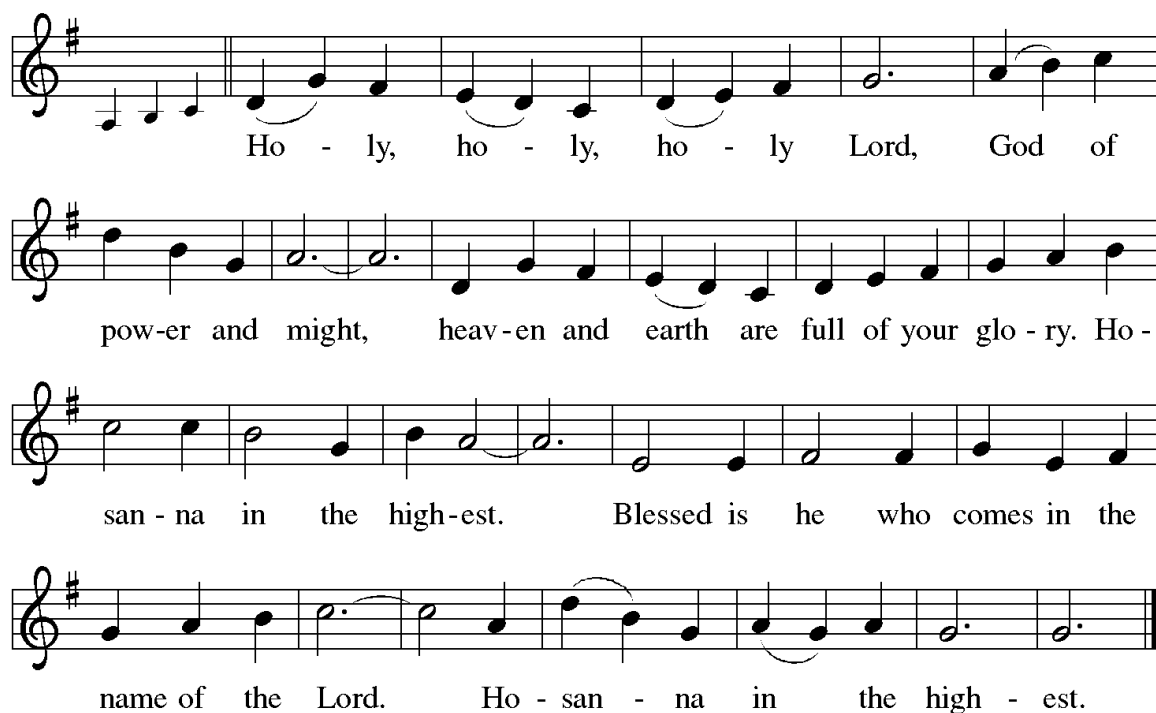
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, ✠ your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, 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

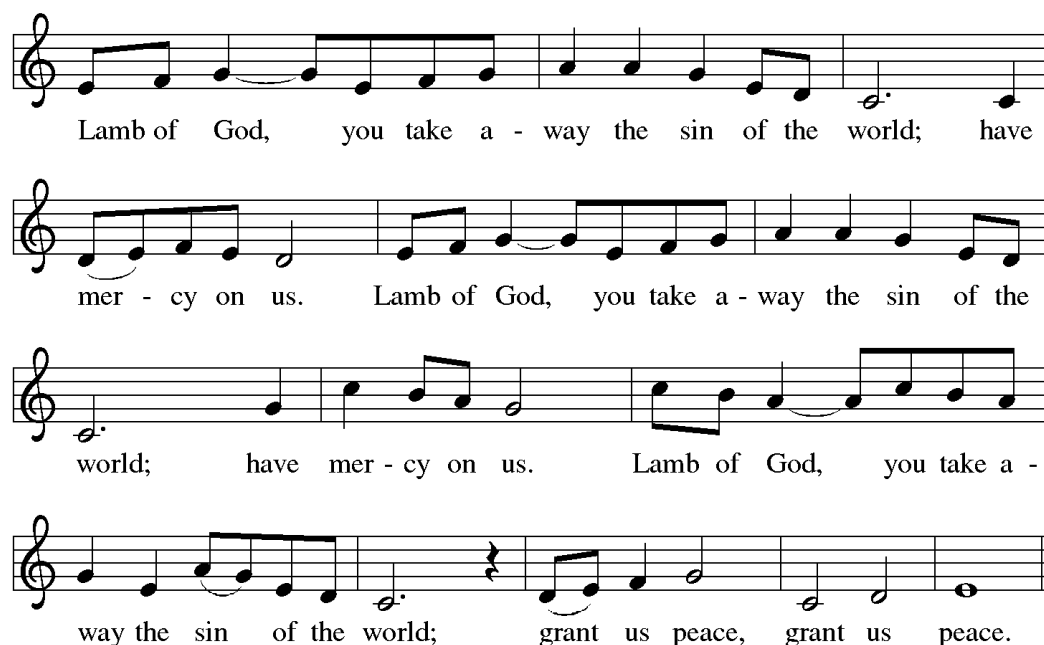
These are the gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God.

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



COMMUNION MUSIC

9:45 & 11:30

O Sacrum Convivium
by Kim Arnesen

Chancel Choir

Translation:

O sacred banquet in which Christ is received,
the memory of his Passion is recalled,
our souls are filled with grace,
and a pledge of future glory is given to. Alleluia.

COMMUNION HYMN

Bread of Life from Heaven

Refrain

Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en,

we eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.

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| 1 | Break | now | the | bread | of | Christ's | sac - ri - fice; | giv - ing |
| 2 | Seek | not | the | food | that | will | pass a - way; | set your |
| 3 | Love | as | the | one | who, | in | love for you, | gave him - |
| 4 | Dwell | in | the | one | who | now | dwells in you; | make your |
| 5 | Drink | of | this | cup | and | de - | clare his death; | eat this |

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| thanks, hun - gry ones, | gath - er round. | Eat, | all of you, | and be |
| hearts on the food | that en - dures. | Come, | learn the true | and the |
| self for the life | of the world. | Come | to the one | who is |
| home in the life - | giv - ing Word. | Know | on - ly Christ, | Ho - ly |
| bread and be - lieve | Eas - ter morn; | trust | his re - turn | and, with |

Refrain

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| sat - is - fied; | in Christ's pres - | ence the loaves | will a - bound. |
| liv - ing way, | that the full - | ness of life | may be yours. |
| food for you, | that your hun - | ger and thirst | be no more. |
| One of God, | and be - lieve | in the truth | you have heard. |
| ev - 'ry breath, | praise the one | in whom you | are re - born. |

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO | BREAK NOW THE BREAD, Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas

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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. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us out in peace.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN *on next page*

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace and share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God
setting by Franz Liszt

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 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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THIS WEEK AT ZION

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Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday

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| 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 |

Monday, April 21

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| Campus Closed for Easter Monday | | |
| Lutheran Men in Mission Fellowship | 6:30 | Texas Star Inn |

Tuesday, April 22

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| Exercise Group | 9am | Church 2 |
| Staff Meeting | 11am | Breakroom |
| Game Group | 12:30 | Fellowship Hall |
| Handbell Choir | 6:30 | Sanctuary |
| Youth Choir Rehearsal | 7pm | Music Apse |
| Warriors Anonymous | 7pm | Church 2 |

Wednesday, April 23

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| High School/Elementary Mentoring | 7:15am | Nichols Elementary |
| Crafty Bunch | 9am | Ed Bldg Craft Room |
| Midweek Worship | 1:00 & 6:30pm | Church 1 |
| AA - Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting | 7pm | Family Life Center 202 |
| Al-Anon Meeting | 7pm | Family Life Center 101 |

Thursday, April 24

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| Bible Study with Pr. Eileen | 9:30 | Ministry Center 1 |
| Weight Watchers | 9:30 | Church 2 |
| Stephen Ministry | 7pm | Ministry Center 5, 6 |
| Fiesta Flutes Rehearsal | 7pm | Church 2 |

Saturday, April 26

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| Weight Watchers | 8:30am | Church 2 |
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Sunday, April 27

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| Worship in person | 9am | Sanctuary |
| Faith Formation | 10:15 | <i>Details on next page</i> |
| Worship in person and YouTube@ZionSanAntonio | 11:30 | Sanctuary & online |

Worship Support

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| 8:00 | Max Knoll |
| 9:45 | Kevin Kretzschmar |
| 11:30 | Suzi Lockamy |

Book Bearer

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| 8:00 | Randa Bruce Gonzales |
| 9:45 | Jennifer Kretzschmar |
| 11:30 | Rachel Cannady |

Torch Bearer

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| 9:45 | Jackson Kretzschmar Ken Kretzschmar |
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Lay Reader

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| 8:00 | Karen Umlang |
| 9:45 | Julie Dupont |
| 11:30 | Mike DeHart |

Livestream

David Umlang

Sound

Scott Van Doren

Faith Formation for Children and Youth

10:15 in Ministry Center Rooms

No Classes Today

| <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
Tomorrow—Easter Monday,
April 21.**

Two Midweek Services Wednesdays at 1pm & 6:30pm in Church 1

Simple communion worship
services in Zion's historic chapel.



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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.

Game Group

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

Next one: Tuesday April 22—Moved due to Easter Mon

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

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.

"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.

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.

Puerto Rico Trip Fundraiser

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 at our next fundraiser: **Sunday, May 4 - Car Wash** (free will offering) in the Main Parking Lot throughout Sunday services and classes (8 am - 12:30 pm)

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, May 12 at 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Zion Zippers meet on the second Monday of each month for a potluck dinner, beginning at 6pm. If you're fifty years or older, you're invited. Please bring a dish or two to share with your Zipper friends. Bring your own plate and utensils if you can, and invite a friend, too! Contact Kathy Newman through the church office if you have a question or suggestion for a guest speaker or activity.

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief

1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall

Next one: May 1

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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WELCA-WOZ
info

**Coming Soon: Sunday Morning Study
Starts Next Sunday, April 27, 10:15am**

It is open to EVERY ADULT – not just women!!

**Joint WELCA-WOZ and LMM Monthly Meeting
Monday, May 5, 6:30pm
in Fellowship Hall and Family Life Center**

6:30 dinner and Joint mtg in the Fellowship Hall and separate discussions in the FH and FLC101.

Bring your elementary age kids – we can accommodate them.

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.

**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.

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 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.

**Zion Summer Theatre Camp
2025**



Little Shop of Horrors

June 23-July 3



Theatre Camp
Registration

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APRIL 20, 2025
EASTER SUNDAY



Jesus' resurrection brings amazement and questions.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

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| Sunday | Luke 24:1-12 | The resurrection of Jesus |
| Monday | Acts 10:34-43 | Peter speaks of faith in Jesus |
| Tuesday | 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 | Confidence in the resurrection |
| Wednesday | Mark 16:1-8 | Jesus has been raised |
| Thursday | Deuteronomy 11:13-21 | Teach the children |
| Friday | 2 Corinthians 4:7-15 | Apostles speak the faith |
| Saturday | Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 | The Lord is always merciful |
| Sunday | John 20:19-31 | Seeing Christ's wounds |

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened. Luke 24:12 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Gracious and Living God, give us ears to hear and believe the message of the resurrection and the voice to speak to others of Jesus' victory over death. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this food; this is the day that you have made; let us rejoice and be glad in it through Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen. (Psalm 118:24)

A Blessing to Give:

May you rejoice that Christ is risen.



APRIL 20, 2025

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



taking faith home

WEEKLY MILESTONES

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

CARING CONVERSATIONS



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

- Do you talk about your faith with others? Explain.
- Jesus' disciples reacted in different ways to the resurrection. How do you think you would have reacted?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Luke 24:1-12.

Luke wants future disciples to pause and wonder about faith in the resurrection of Jesus. Easter morning and the announcement of Jesus' resurrection begins with fear and then leads to joy. The women are initially terrified, not jubilant. For the disciples, it begins in disbelief. They even questioned the reliability of the women's testimony. Only Peter goes to the tomb. He is moved to amazement when he sees only linen cloths, and not Jesus' body. Luke gives us an honest story that relates to our own difficulties in trusting God. Belief is not our first reaction to God's grace and mercy. Has Jesus' body been stolen or is resurrection something to believe? Clearly, the disciples aren't buying it right away. As with the disciples on Easter Sunday, we, too, can wonder, "What happened?" The tomb is empty, but the resurrected body has not yet been seen. The beauty of the Christian faith is the honest description of discipleship. Even on Easter morning, there is room for confusion and questions as well as wonderment. We are encouraged to be like Peter and explore what might be true.

Discuss: What questions do you have about the resurrection of Jesus?

Pray: **Awesome God, we thank you for the joy and wonderment that Easter brings; help us to overcome doubts and fears that we may live with hope and confidence through Christ Jesus our Risen Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you encourage someone's amazement and questions about Christ's resurrection?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Place a candle near the cross drawn on the paper on the first week in Lent. Take a moment to trace the cross with your finger and reflect on the words of the Lord's Prayer that were written around the cross during Lent. Then say the Lord's Prayer as written in Luke 11:2-4 with the addition of the doxology: **Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Light the candle and say: Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!



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