

April 27, 2025 • Season of Easter  
9:00 and 11:30 am



Zion<sup>+</sup> *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.

We are now in 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

Christ Shows Himself to Thomas  
Rowan and Irene LeCompte

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# GATHERING

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

## PRELUDE

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

Setting by Frank Ferko

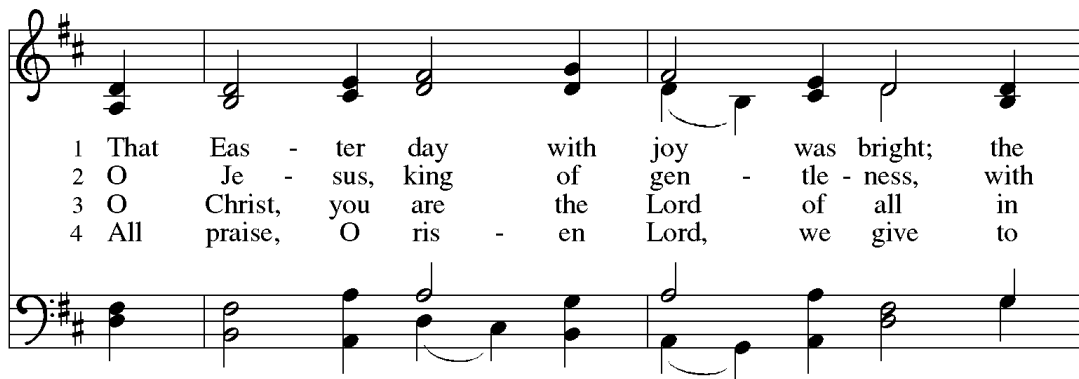
## WELCOME

Pastor Kathi Inglis Johnson

*Please rise, as you are able, when directed.*

## GATHERING HYMN

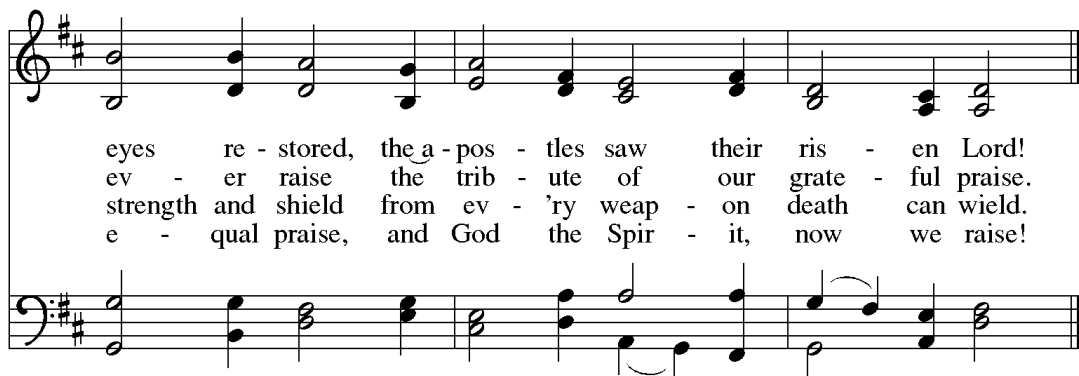
That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

## 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.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

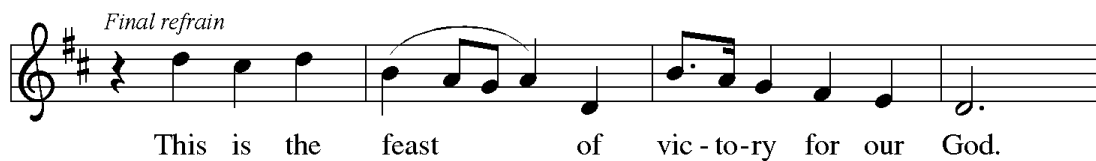
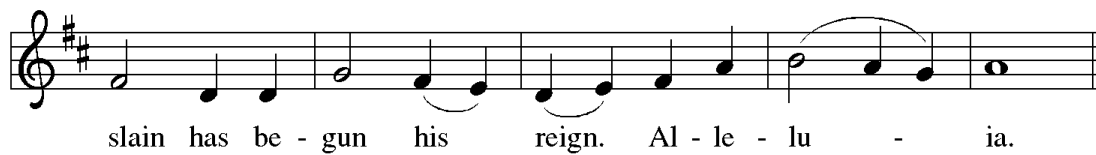
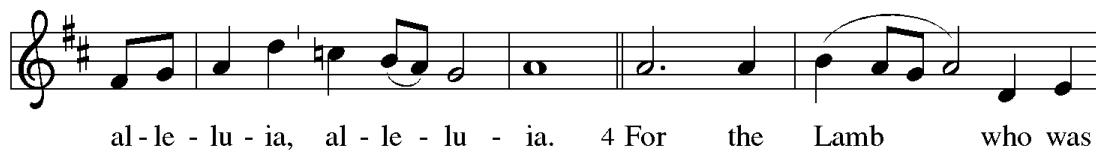


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of 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: Acts 5:27-32

<sup>27</sup>When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

## PSALM 118

*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



Let the family of Israel say:  
"God's love endures for ever."  
Let the family of Aaron say:  
"God's love endures for ever."  
Let those who fear the LORD say:  
"God's love endures for ever." R.

I was thrust down, thrust down and  
falling,  
but the LORD was my helper.  
The LORD is my strength and my song;

and has been my savior.  
There are shouts of joy and victory  
in the tents of the just. R.

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the LORD,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the LORD;  
we rejoice and are glad. R.

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## SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.  
So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

*Please rise, as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.



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

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the religious authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

Pastor Dan Heim

*Please rise as you are able.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## We Walk by Faith



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are  
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter  
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near and seek where you are found:  
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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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](http://ZionSA.org). Children may place their offerings in the jar to the left of the Chancel (near the sacristy door). During the offering music, the pastor sets the table for Holy Communion.*

## OFFERING MUSIC

*“Mary” - “Rabboni”*

Rosalie Bonighton

*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.

This musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes with some ties. The lyrics are printed below the staff, aligned with the notes. There are four lines of music, each with a double bar line at the end.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are 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.

This musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is more complex than the first hymn, featuring some eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are printed below the staff, aligned with the notes. There are four lines of music, each with a double bar line at the end.

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

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.



*Please sing in the language of your choice.*



1 *La paz del Se - ñor, la paz del Se - ñor, la*  
 1 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the  
 2 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the  
 3 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the



*paz del Re - su - ci - ta - do: la paz del Se -*  
 peace of the ris - en Lord Je - sus: the peace of the  
 peace of the ris - en Lord Je - sus: the peace of the  
 peace of the ris - en Lord Je - sus: the peace of the



*ñor a ti y a mí, a to - dos al - can - za -*  
 Lord is for you and for me, and al - so for all of God's  
 Lord is a - mong us right now, so o - pen your - selves to re -  
 Lord kept with - in can - not live, so o - pen your - selves now to



*rá; la paz del Se - ñor a ti y a*  
 chil - dren. The peace of the Lord is for you and for  
 ceive it. The peace of the Lord is a - mong us right  
 share it. The peace of the Lord kept with - in can - not



*mí, a to - dos al - can - za - rá.*  
 me, and al - so for all of God's chil - dren.  
 now, so o - pen your - selves to re - ceive it.  
 live, so o - pen your - selves now to share it.

2 *La paz del Señor, la paz del Señor,  
 la paz del Resucitado:  
 se hace presente ahora y aquí  
 apréstate a recibirla;  
 se hace presente ahora y aquí  
 apréstate a recibirla.*

3 *La paz del Señor, la paz del Señor,  
 la paz del Resucitado:  
 no puede vivir encerrada en sí,  
 apréstate a compartirla;  
 no puede vivir encerrada en sí,  
 apréstate a compartirla.*

Text: Anders Ruuth; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923

Music: LA PAZ DEL SEÑOR, Anders Ruuth

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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

*Festive Scherzo*  
by Malcolm Archer

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## AVAILABLE FOR PRAYER

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

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*  
 where thy bod - y lay.  
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939  
 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

## THIS WEEK AT ZION

Scan QR code for this month's calendar



### Sunday, April 27

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

### Monday, April 28

Zion Bunco Group	1pm	Fellowship Hall
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### Tuesday, April 29

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

### Wednesday, April 30

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
Chancel Choir	7:15	Sanctuary

### Thursday, May 1

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

### Saturday, May 3

Weight Watchers	8:30am	Church 2
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### Sunday, May 4

Puerto Rico Fundraiser: Car Wash	8:30	Main Parking Lot
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

### Altar Guild

Bonnie Bahr, Betsy Howard  
Ruth Medbury  
Karen Sturdivant, Laura Walsh

### Lay Reader

9:00 Randa Bruce Gonzales  
11:30 Gail Clayworth

### Cantor

Celeste Mussey

### Communion Servers

9:00 Lisa & Philip Beekley  
11:30 Rachel Cannady  
Suzie Wyatt

### Livestream

David Umlang

### Sound

Scott Van Doren

### Ushers

9:00 Dan Graham  
John Macha  
Travis Nickel  
11:30 Pam Gammage  
Paul Spehr

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## Faith Formation for Children and Youth

10:15 in Ministry Center Rooms

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

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## Music Rehearsals

### Handbells

Tuesday 6:30pm Sanctuary Balcony

### Children's (Gr 2-5)

Tuesday 7-7:45pm MC-1

### Youth (Gr 6-12)

Tuesday 7-8pm Music Apse

### Chancel (Adults)

Wednesday 7:15pm Sanctuary

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## Two Midweek Services

**Wednesdays at 1pm & 6:30pm  
in Church 1**

Simple communion worship  
services in Zion's historic chapel.



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## Blessed Change for Synod Assembly Offering in the Narthex

Zion is collecting your Blessed Change for the Synod Assembly offering, which will go to purchase new furniture for the dining hall at Camp Chrystalis. Look for the water well in the narthex and drop in your loose change, folding money and checks,

or use this QR code to get to Zion's donations web page.



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

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

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

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## Weekday Bible Study Series: Book of Jonah

**Next One: May 8, 9:30am, Ministry Center 1**

Led by Pastor Eileen Spehr. Second and fourth Thursdays.

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## 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)



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## ☞Coffee Talk☞

### Financial Update

Sunday, May 18, 10:20am in Fellowship Hall

Join Congregational Treasurer Karen Umlang for a financial update.

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## 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.

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## Dinner Out at The Cottage

**Thursday, May 1, 6:30pm**

The Dinner Out group will get together at The Cottage, This cozy Irish pub offers traditional fare and a variety of libations. Come early for socializing; dinner seating is at 6:30pm. RSVP ASAP to Jim or Sandy Chillstrom. Call the church office if you need their contact information.

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## Game Group

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

**Next one: May 5**

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

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## Zion 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.



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](mailto:WOZ@zionsa.org).



WELCA-WOZ  
info

**Coming Soon: Sunday Morning Study  
Postponed—Start Date TBA**

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 Fellowship Hall and Family Life Center 101. Bring your elementary age kids – we can accommodate them.

**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](mailto: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.

**WELCA-WOZ General Meeting  
Thursday, May 15, 12-1:30pm**

Pizza will be available for this 'working lunch'. We will be discussing 2025 Spending Plan, upcoming events and some other pending business items.

# *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](mailto:Publications@ZionSA.org).

## MomCo A Community for All Moms

Wednesday, May 21  
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



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## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Your knit, crochet and quilting skills are needed to create shawls and lap blankets for people in need of prayerful comfort. Our Visitation Pastor Eileen and other volunteers distribute these items where needed.

Contact Bonnie Harrell through the church office to get details about sizes and styles needed. Zion has a stash of yarn available for you to choose from.

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## Crafty Bunch

Wednesdays at 9:00am

The Crafty Bunch meets in the Education Building on the west side of Leslie Road. Enter at the double doors, behind Churches 1 and 2. The craft room is the first room on the left. Bring your own project to work on.

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## Quilting for Lutheran World Relief

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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.*



**LMM**  
LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION AT  
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
San Antonio

## Men's Fellowship Dinner

Third Monday, May 19, 6:30pm

All men are invited to meet at 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](mailto: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.



## 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 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

**APRIL 27, 2025  
SECOND SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**



*Jesus' victory over sin and death.*

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 20:19-31</b>	<b>Seeing Christ's wounds</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Acts 5:27-32</b>	<b>The conviction of the Apostles</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Revelation 1:4-8</b>	<b>Christ sends a message to John</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Luke 24:36-49</b>	<b>Jesus appears to his disciples</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2 Peter 1:3-15</b>	<b>The Christian's call</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>John 1:14-18</b>	<b>The Word of life</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalm 150</b>	<b>Praise the Lord</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 21:1-19</b>	<b>Jesus appears to the disciples</b>

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

*John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne. **Revelation 1:4 (NRSV)***

### **PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

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

Risen Christ, give us faith and courage to live each day trusting in the power of your grace and peace for the sake of the world that needs hope in you. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Risen Lord Jesus, we praise you for your mighty deeds, and for this food that fills our needs. Amen.

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

May Jesus' resurrection give you grace and peace.





**APRIL 27, 2025**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

*My Hope Is Built on  
Nothing Less*



**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:

- What are some of the things that get in the way of enjoying daily life?
- When is a time you felt or sought God's presence following a disappointing experience?

**DEVOTIONS**



*Read:* Revelation 1:4-8.

The book of Revelation is easily misunderstood. It is not meant to be scary book, but a comforting book filled with hope in God who overcomes death and the misuse of power. Jesus' resurrection challenges everything we understand and experience in this life. Human efforts, even those well intentioned, eventually lead to unfairness, inequality, and, finally, death. Human life is limited by sin and death. The basic message of Jesus, the Alpha and the Omega, and the be-all and end-all of reality is that God takes on sin, death, and evil. God gives us a promise to live with us all our days. In Jesus, God wins, and in Jesus, we, too, win a victory over sin and death. That promise gives us power and courage to live on with hope and a desire to experience lives of love with others. We are not overcome by grief and disappointment because we overcome grief and disappointment through grace and peace in Christ.

*Discuss:* What disappointment in life have you experienced that needs the power of the living God in Christ?

*Pray:* Almighty and living God, you who are the beginning and end of all of life, we thank you for Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, who gives us new life now and forevermore. 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 dealing with grief or disappointments?

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**



After the resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples. Thomas was not there. The disciples told Thomas later that they had seen Jesus. He questioned that Jesus really appeared to them and needed proof for himself. A week later Jesus invited Thomas to touch his wounds. Trace your hand on a piece of paper and draw a nail mark in the hand. Our role as disciples is to help others see Jesus. Pause for a moment to touch the nail mark you drew.

*Say:* Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!



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



