

May 4, 2025 • Season of Easter
9:00 and 11:30 am



Zion⁺ lutheran
church

WELCOME TO ZION

When we gather for worship, we're receptive to God's word and we rejoice in God's grace through song, prayer, and Holy Communion. The history of Christian worship is rich with rituals formed by generations. These traditions, prayers, and pastoral teachings help connect our lives with Christ. In our daily lives, we show God's love by serving our community, both locally and globally.

We are a group of believers seeking to respond to Christ's call to worship and serve, even as we wrestle with the big questions of life. We want you to know that you and your questions, faith, and doubts are welcome here!

HOW WE WORSHIP

The Holy Spirit gathers people around the means of grace: the Word of God and the Sacraments. From the table of Holy Communion where Christ comes with forgiveness, life, and salvation, God sends us out to share the good news and care for those in need. Our worship follows this pattern in four parts: Gathering, Word, Meal, and Sending. By its very nature, Lutheran worship is participatory and the service is contained within this bulletin. Worship leaders guide us through the service and our responses are printed in **bold type**.

We welcome children in our worship services! If needed, a nursery is available down the hall past the restrooms. The restrooms contain changing tables, as needed.

Throughout the service, members of Zion's music ministry offer their talents as an offering to God. Please receive their musical gifts as a time for prayer, contemplation, or praise of God rather than a performance to be applauded, so that we may worship God throughout our time here together.

Most Sundays, our 11:30 service is live-streamed at [YouTube.com/ZionSanAntonio](https://www.youtube.com/ZionSanAntonio). Our practice is to maintain a wide angle view of the sanctuary, occasionally focusing on worship leaders, not individual worshippers. If you have questions or concerns about appearing on camera, please speak with an usher or pastor.

THE 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

The Great Catch, John August Swanson

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia
setting by James Biery

WELCOME

Pastor Al Jensen

Please rise, as you are able, when directed.

GATHERING HYMN

The Day of Resurrection!



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,

the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
 all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
 and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

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



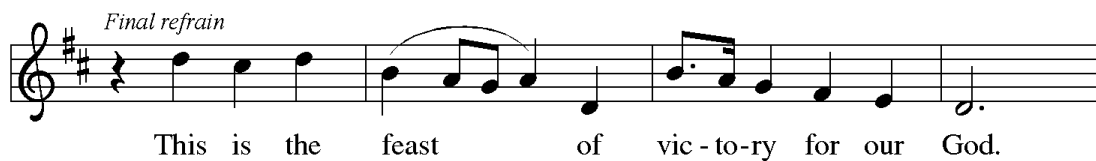
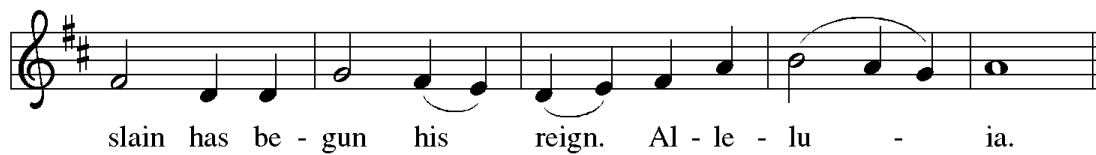
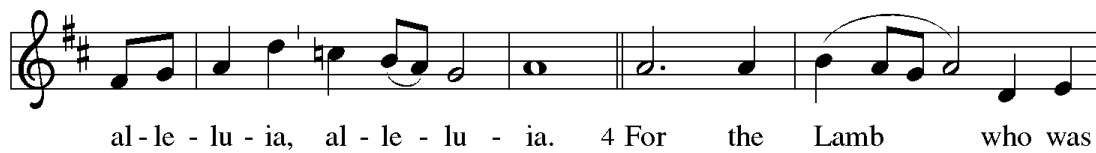
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

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. Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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 9:1-20

Saul to Paul

Spark Children's Bible Page 514

¹Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

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

PSALM 30

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



I will praise you, Lord, for you have res-cued me.

I will praise you, LORD, you have
rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over
me.

O LORD, you have raised my soul from
the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink
into the grave. R.

Sing psalms to the LORD, you faithful
ones,
give thanks to his holy name.

God's anger lasts a moment; God's favor
all through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes
with dawn. R.

The LORD listened and had pity.
The LORD came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning
into dancing.
O LORD my God, I will thank you for
ever. R.

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SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11-14

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,

¹²singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever!”

¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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.

GOSPEL: John 21:1-19

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

¹After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

Please be seated.

Please rise as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Touch That Soothes and Heals



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that
 2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it
 3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's
 4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the
 ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and
 peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of
 wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:
 shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.
 kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.
 tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

Refrain



"See my hands and feet," said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. "Be my hands and feet," said Je - sus, "live as



ones I died to save."

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: CIVILITY, Gregg DeMey, b. 1972

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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

9:00 *Erschienen ist der herrliche Tag (The Glorious Day has Appeared)*
by J. S. Bach

11:30 *African Psalm* Youth Choir
by Victor C. Johnson

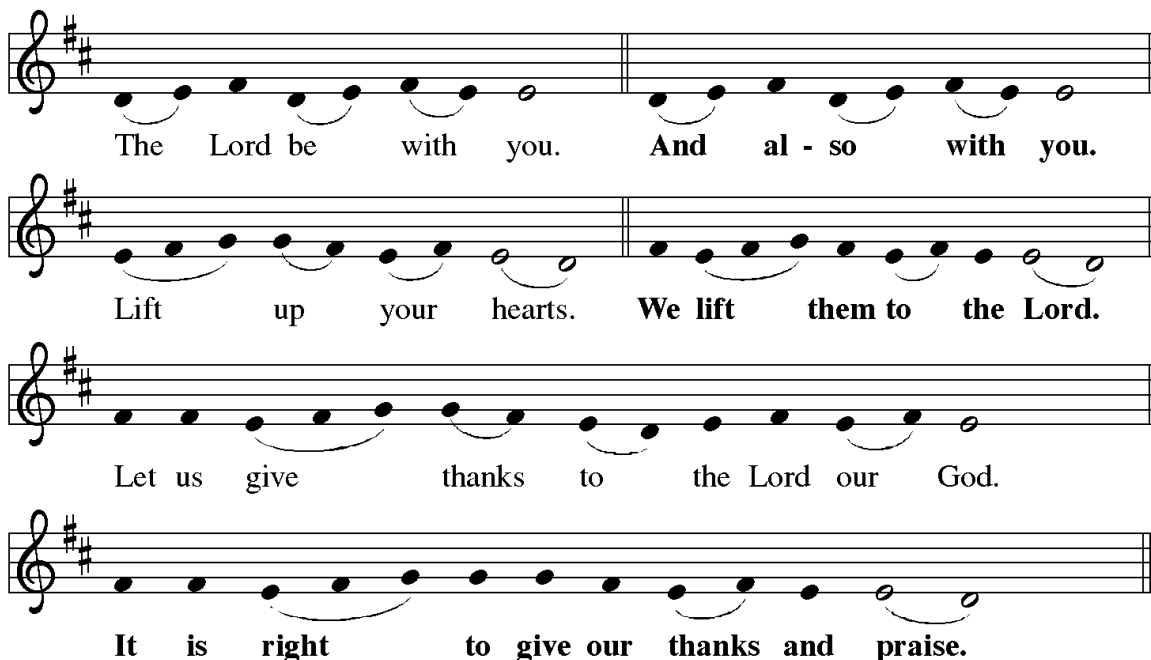
Please rise, as you are able. The ushers bring the offering forward for the Offering Prayer.

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 musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The notes are written in a simple, melodic style with slurs connecting groups of notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

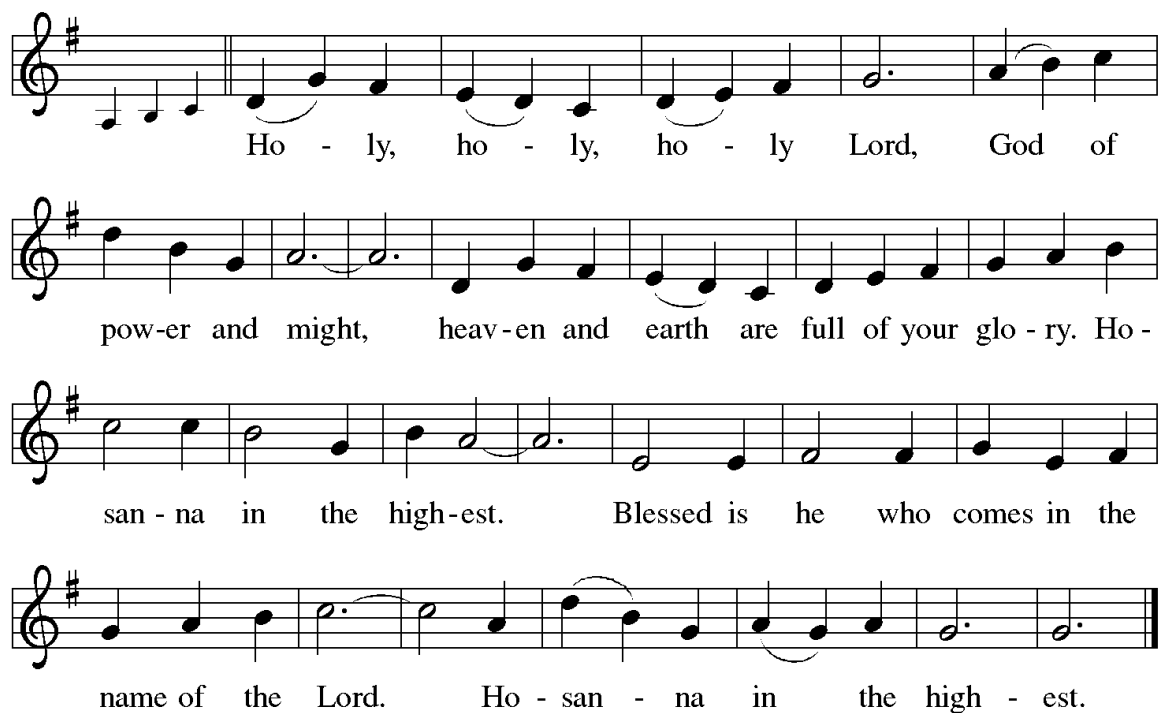
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

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

COMMUNION MUSIC


11:30

In the Breaking of the Bread
by Zebulon Highben


Youth Choir

COMMUNION HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" All on earth with an - gels say;
 2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.
 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.
 4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious king! Where, O death, is now your sting?



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; sing, O heav'ns; and earth, re - ply.
 Lo! The sun's e - clipse is o'er. Lo! He sets in blood no more.
 Death in vain for - bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
 Once he died our souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
 Praise to thee by both be giv'n.
 Thee we greet triumphant now;
 hail, the resurrection, thou!

6 King of glory, soul of bliss,
 everlasting life is this:
 thee to know, thy pow'r to prove,
 thus to sing, and thus to love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS, Pierre de Corbeil, d. 1222, arr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

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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

Dignate
by Andrew Moore

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

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



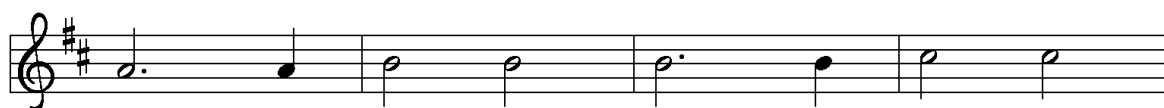
from this meal of love and grace;
 af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;
 God has called us to re - ceive;
 cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion
 bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed
 pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,
 mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.
 to re - lease and to con - sole.
 Spir - it - ed then let us live.
 from this day and un - to death.



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.



God, the won - der of our days.
 Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
 Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
 Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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 Music: SURGE ECCLESIA, Timothy J. Strand, b. 1958
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THIS WEEK AT ZION

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Sunday, May 4

Puerto Rico Fundraiser: Car Wash	8:00	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

Monday, May 5

Game Group	12:30	Fellowship Hall
Lutheran Men in Mission Planning Mtg	6:30	Fellowship Hall, MC-2
WELCA-WOZ Monthly Discussion	6:30	Fell. Hall, FLC 101

Tuesday, May 6

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

Wednesday, May 7

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 8

Bible Study w/Pr. Eileen	9:30	Ministry Center 1
Weight Watchers	9:30	Church 2
Stephen Ministry	7pm	Ministry Center 5, 6

Saturday, May 10

MMM—Men's Morning Manna	8am	Fellowship Hall
Weight Watchers	8:30am	Church 2

Sunday, May 11

Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
WELCA-WOZ Pie Sale	10am	Gazebo
Faith Formation	10:15	<i>Details on next page</i>
Worship in person and YouTube@ZionSanAntonio	11:30	Sanctuary & online

Worship Support

Altar Guild

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

Lay Reader

9:00 Matt Iwanicki
11:30 Mike DeHart

Cantor

Sarah Williams

Communion Servers

9:00 Linda Hansen-Masters
Amy Swanson
11:30 Rachel Cannady

Livestream

David Umlang

Sound

Scott Van Doren

Ushers

9:00 Carmen Nickle
Jan & Bill Pinkerton
Karen Stoldt
Llynniece Swanston
Rachel Williams
11:30 Pam Gammage
Donna & Steven Niles

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

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

Two Midweek Services

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

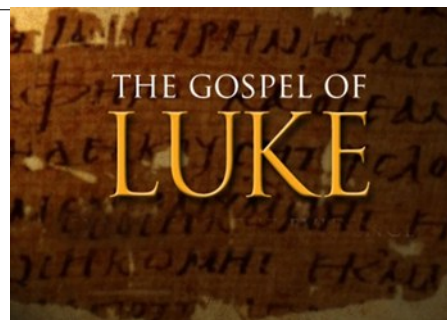
Simple communion worship
services in Zion's historic chapel.

"The Gospel of Luke, by the Chapters"

Bible Study

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

Join Pastor Al for a weekly
Sunday study of the Gospel
of Luke. This Sunday, we'll start with an Introduction to
the Gospel of Luke, and next Sunday, May 11, we'll
continue with Luke, Chapter One.



Puerto Rico Trip

Fundraiser: Car Wash

Today, May 4,
8:00am-12:30pm
Main Parking Lot

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 today at our **Car Wash** (free will
offering) in the Main Parking Lot throughout Sunday
services and classes.



≡Coffee Talk≡

Financial Update

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

Join Congregational Treasurer Karen Umlang for a
financial update.

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.



Scan the QR code to learn more about WELCA and WELCA-WOZ current discussion topics, blog posts and events, or email WOZ@ZionSA.org. Hope to see you at in-person events and check out WELCA online website <https://www.womenoftheelca.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 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.

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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.

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: 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.

MMM — **Men's Morning Manna** Presents: "Gilligan's Island and the Seven Deadly Sins" Starts This 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. Guys, be sure to bring your own coffee or other breakfast drink of your liking. Looking forward to seeing everyone who can make it.



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 us at lmm@zionsa.org if you need more details.

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.



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Submitting Announcements

If you have announcements for the bulletin and Zmail, please send them to 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



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.

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!

A few dancers from our entertainment group, Fire on the Mountain Cloggers, will be joining us for the meal, so please bring extra food for our guests. Linda Carolan is in charge of this group, which is graciously donating their time without their usual fee. Please come enjoy some foot-stomping fun!

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

Zion Bunco Group

4th Monday, May 26, 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 Summer Theatre Camp 2025

FEED ME,
SEYMOUR!



Little Shop of Horrors

June 23-July 3

Zion Summer Theatre Camp

June 23-July 3

Performances July 3 & 5

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

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



Theatre Camp
Registration



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

**MAY 4, 2025
THIRD SUNDAY
OF EASTER**



Caring for others with God's abundant joy.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 21:1-19	Jesus appears to the disciples
Monday	Acts 9:1-20	Conversion of Saul
Tuesday	Revelation 5:11-14	Heavenly vision
Wednesday	Genesis 18:1-15	Abraham and Sarah promised a son
Thursday	2 Corinthians 8:1-15	Encouragement to be generous
Friday	James 1:2-8	Faith and wisdom
Saturday	Psalms 30	God turns mourning into dancing
Sunday	John 10:22-30	Jesus promises life to his sheep

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."

John 21:15 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, like the disciples by the Sea of Galilee, give us courage, faith, and joy to be sent out to follow you and care for others as you care for us through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord Jesus, you gave disciples fish and bread, we thank you for this food that we are fed. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's care for you bring you joy.



MAY 4, 2025

HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Let Us Talents and
Tongues Employ*



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:

- When have you done something that disappointed you or someone else? Explain.
- What is it like to be accepted and loved by God when you have disappointed yourself or someone else?

DEVOTIONS



Read: John 21:1-19.

At Jesus' trial, Peter denied his Lord and his life as a disciple three times. Jesus announces that he is the good shepherd (John 10) and, in this reading, Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, leads Peter in the direction of reclaiming his discipleship. Jesus did not give up on Peter; nor had God given up on the world that God loves. Even though Jesus was betrayed, tortured, and killed for speaking and living faithfully, he shows up at the seaside. He blesses his disciples with a catch of fish, feeds them, and gives Peter—and all of us—the marching orders of a disciple of Jesus: to feed and care for God's sheep. Now, after his death and resurrection, that identity, that calling, is given to Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, the sons of Zebedee, and to all. It is a calling filled with God's abundant joy seen in Jesus' first sign of turning water into wine at a wedding in Cana. Now it is seen in the large number of fish caught and turned into a simple, yet joyous feast.

Discuss: In what ways can you feed and care for God's sheep?

Pray: **Shepherding God, you care for us even when we fail; we thank you for Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who now calls us to care for others with your love that knows no end. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, who do you know that would appreciate having a meal delivered to them?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Early Christians were persecuted, even put to death, for practicing their faith. They worshipped secretly in homes. A fish painted on the outside door of a house let other Christians know that they would be safe and welcome inside. The fish has been used as a Christian symbol from the earliest times of the church. The Greek word for fish is *ichthus*. The Greek letters form an acrostic for Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior. Draw this symbol on a sheet of paper and display it near the entrance of your home as a sign of your faith in Jesus.



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