

June 1, 2025 • Ascension of Our Lord

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.

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

In today's readings the risen Christ ascends into heaven, and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples are told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We, too, long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

ON THE COVER

Ascension

Mural of Christ ascending to heaven on a graffiti wall in Bristol, England.

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

9:00am

Chorale from Suite Gothique

Léon Boëllmann

11:30am

Chime in Etudes: Tower Sounds

arranged by J. Behnke

Handbells

Please silence cell phones and smart watches at this time.

WELCOME

Pastor Kathi Inglis Johnson

Please rise, as you are able, when directed.

INVOCATION

We worship today in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

OPENING DIALOGUE

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

May God continue to bless us;

let all the ends of the earth praise God's name.

The heavens proclaim God's righteousness;

and all the peoples behold God's glory.

Rejoice in the LORD,

and give thanks to God's holy name! Alleluia!

Based on Psalm 67 and Psalm 97



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you

preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,

and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the

to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

Refrain

With the Spir-it's gifts em-pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

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 Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991
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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, 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 1:1-11

The Ascension

Spark Children's Bible Page 498

[Luke writes:] ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

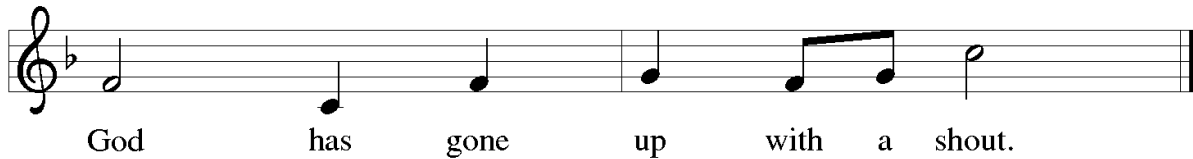
⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

PSALM 47

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

Refrain



Psalm 47:5

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Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a joyful sound.
For the LORD Most High is to be feared:
a great king over all the earth,
who subdues the peoples under us,
and the nations under our feet;
who chooses our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob, whom God loves. *Refrain*

God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of the ram's horn.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our king, sing praises. *Refrain*

For God is king of all the earth;
sing praises with a song.
God reigns over the nations;
God is enthroned on high.
The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted. *Refrain*

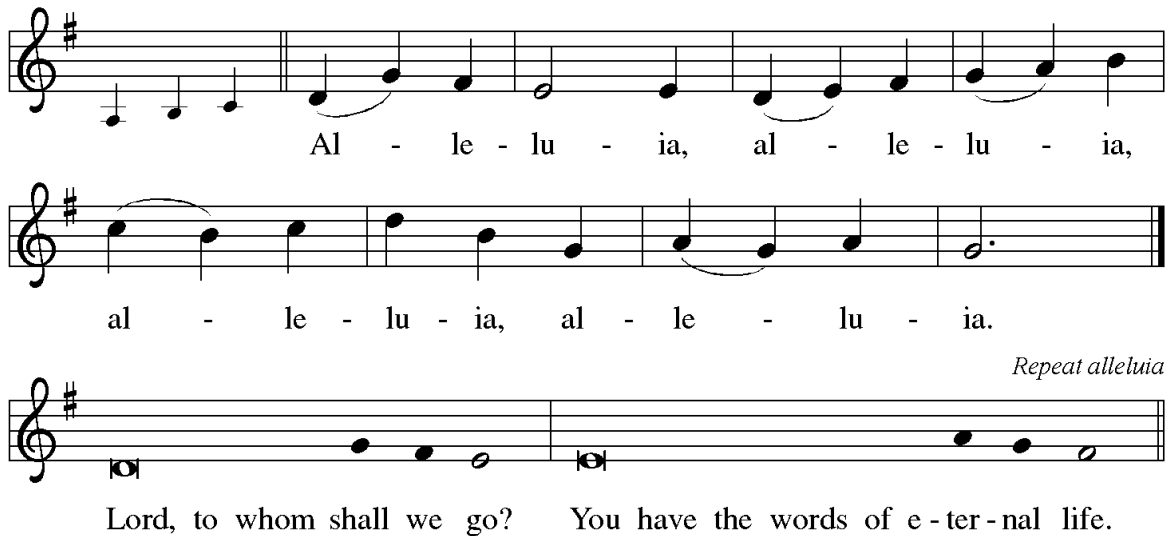
SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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: Luke 24:44-53

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

⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Ricardo Jimenez-Reyes

Please rise as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

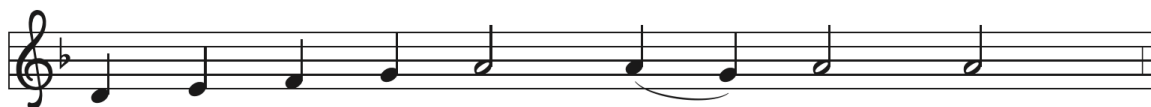
You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd



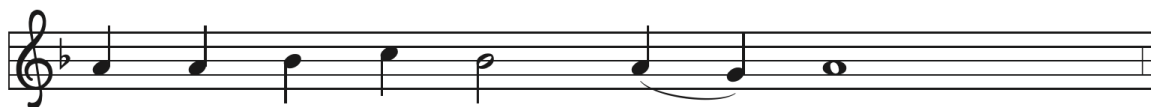
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
stripped of might up - on the cross,
sit in pow - er at God's side.
Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



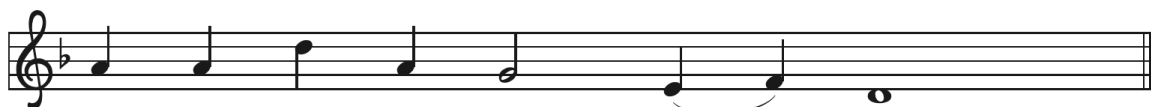
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
have a love that reach - es wide.
wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
you, who are both gift and cost.
you, who are our pil - grim guide.
you, who are our death and life.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

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APOSTLES' CREED

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

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

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

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

**catholic: universal*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

On this day of ascension 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

9:00am

God Is Gone Up
by Gerald Finzi

Chancel Choir

11:30am

People Need the Lord
by M. Ryan

Handbells

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

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of good gifts,

receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

This musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across bar lines. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some phrases ending in a double bar line.

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; who, enthroned forever at your right hand, intercedes for us as our great high priest. 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 continues the hymn in the same key signature and clef. It consists of four staves. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across bar lines. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some phrases ending in a double bar line.

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

9:00am

God Be in My Head
by John Rutter

Chancel Choir

11:30am

Humby We Adore Thee
by J. Krug

Handbells

COMMUNION HYMN

Day of Arising



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,
2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,
3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.
4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,

un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.
blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,
This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.

When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,
yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing
when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,
Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing

and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953
Music: RAABE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929
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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

Go in peace and share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Look, the Sight Is Glorious
by William Haller

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 Re - joice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;
 2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
 4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit

re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:
 and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

Refrain

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -

joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
 Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

Worship Support

Altar Guild

Doris Enderlin, Susan Johns
Carrie Schmitzer, Amy Swanson
Gina Williams

Lay Reader

9:00 Mary Mora
11:30 Gail Clayworth

Cantor

Lindsay Magee

Communion Servers

9:00 Randa Bruce Gonzales
Carolyn Pfeiffer
11:30 Karen Umlang
Pr. Al Jensen

Livestream

David Umlang

Sound

Justin Heinen

Ushers

9:00 Linda Hansen
Bonnie & Brinkley Harrell
Brad & Liz McClain
Bev Rosel
Amy Swanson
David Umlang
11:30 LeShea Clabough
Kevin McGee
Pam Gammage
Dan Graham

THIS WEEK AT ZION

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Sunday, June 1

Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser	8:30	Gazebo
Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Luke by the Chapters w/Pr. Al	10:15	Ministry Center 1
Worship in person and YouTube@ZionSanAntonio	11:30	Sanctuary & online

Monday, June 2

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

Tuesday, June 3

Exercise Group	9am	Church 2
Staff Meeting	11am	Breakroom
Warriors Anonymous	7pm	Church 2

Wednesday, June 4

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, June 5

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief	9:30am	Fellowship Hall
Weight Watchers	9:30	Church 2
Dinner Out	6:30pm	Julianna's
Fiesta Flutes Rehearsal	7:30	Church 2

Saturday, June 7

Weight Watchers	8:30	Church 2
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Sunday, June 8—Pentecost Sunday

Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Luke by the Chapters w/Pr. Al	10:15	Ministry Center 1
Junior Master Gardener Info Meeting	10:15	Fellowship Hall
Worship in person and YouTube@ZionSanAntonio	11:30	Sanctuary & online

June 11 Worship Service to Remember the Emanuel Nine

June 17 this year marks the 10th anniversary of the massacre of the Emanuel Nine in Charleston, South Carolina. Here at Zion, on June 11, our Wednesday worship services at 1pm and 6:30pm will honor their memory. Please join us for worship that day. For more information about the Emanuel Nine, visit emanuelnine.org.



ALL FLESH SHALL SEE
THE SALVATION OF GOD.

-Luke 3:6

“The Gospel of Luke, by the Chapters” Bible Study

Sundays, 10:15am, Ministry Center 1

Join Pastor Al for this in-depth look at the Gospel of Luke!

- Today, we meet John the Baptist in the wilderness. What Old Testament prophet did he quote, and why?
- We hear of Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, and Lysanias. Who were they, and what did they have in common?
- Did Jesus really need to be baptized?

Together, let's experience the power of Luke, chapter 3

Two Midweek Services
Wednesdays through June 11
Summer hiatus June 18-July 30
1pm & 6:30pm in Church 1
Simple communion worship
services in Zion's historic chapel.

Could you benefit from attending a Grief Class Series?

If you would like to know more about our next Grief Share series, please provide a note for Pastor Al using the Connection Card in the pew rack, or email Pastor Al at ajensen@zion.org.

Weekday Bible Study Series: Book of Acts

**Next One: June 12, 9:30am,
Ministry Center 1**

This summer series follows the work of the Holy Spirit as it transforms and empowers Jesus' disciples and followers in the creation of the early Christian church. The study is led by Pastor Eileen Spehr on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. All are welcome, no matter your level of bible experience.

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WELCA-WOZ
info

Joint WELCA-WOZ and LMM Monthly Meeting Monday, June 2, 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall and Family Life Center

Join us for dinner, a short joint meeting with LMM, and then our separate groups have their own meetings and discussions. We always have a great time together. Come join us. We will also be meeting the first Monday in July and August.

SUMMER Schedule

Regular Scheduled meetings and events continue thru the summer.

Ongoing - Check bulletins/Zmail for Bible study, quilting, crafty bunch, exercise group

Monthly - meetings, events, fundraisers, etc. - watch bulletins and Zmail

September Events

- **Pancake Breakfast—Sunday, September 7.** Proceeds benefit our shipping expenses for items we ship to Lutheran World Relief.
- **Lutheran World Relief Event—Saturday, September 20.** You won't want to miss this event sponsored by WELCA-WOZ and Lutheran Men in Mission.



MomCo, a Community for All Moms
Third Wednesdays, 9:30am, Ministry
Center 1
Returns in August
Registration for 2025-2026 Open Now

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, 9:30-11:30am. They also are in need of adult volunteers to provide child care those Wednesdays.

MomCo gatherings will return in August. Scan the QR to register or volunteer for the 2025-2026 year, or contact Nicole Stender (mops@zionsa.org) to get more info!



MomCo
Registration

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: June 5

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.

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.

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LMM
LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION AT
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
San Antonio

Men's Fellowship Dinner—New Location! Third Monday, June 16, 6:30pm

All men are invited to meet at Twin Bros Burgers, 13247 Bandera Rd. Hot food, cold drinks, warm friends (new and otherwise), thoughtful study, upcoming events and whatever ideas for Men's Ministry you bring along!! Friends invited...bring some! Contact us at Imm@zionsa.org if you need more details.

LMM Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser—Last Day

Join Lutheran Men in Mission in our quest to help fund and build homes for those in need by participating in our next Habitat for Humanity fundraiser!

**We will be in the Gazebo today
selling square footage of the house**

we plan to help build in the fall! In addition, feel free to donate anytime to habitat; just by writing "habitat" on your giving envelope.



Men's Monthly Manna (MMM)

**Next one: Saturday,
June 14, 8am
Fellowship Hall**

"Gilligan's Island and the



Seven Deadly Sins" Bible Study—in June, we'll look at The Skipper and the deadly sin he depicted (according to the show's creator, Sherwood Schwartz). Join Pastor Al as we will discuss the 'deadly sin' and the virtue we are to emulate instead.

Zion Bunco Group

4th Monday, June 23, 1:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Zion Bunco Group meets on the fourth Monday of the month for a rousing game of Bunco and fellowship. For info contact Shirley Homeier-McBrayer through the church office.

Game Group

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

Next one: June 2

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

Dinner Out at Julianna's Unique Dining (Road Trip!)

Thursday, June 5, 6:30pm

The Dinner Out group will get together at Julianna's Unique Dining, 1339 Country Road 4516 (within the Alsatian Golf Club), Castroville TX 78009. We would like to eat on their wonderful patio—please dress accordingly.

Come early for socializing; dinner seating is at 6:30pm. RSVP by June 1 to Dave or Doris Newman. Call the church office if you need their contact information.

Zion Zippers 50+ Fellowship

Monday, June 9 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!

This month, Diane Stewart will lead us in a game, "The Secret's Out". Come join the fun! Contact Kathy Newman through the church office if you have a question or suggestion for a guest speaker or activity.

Zion is a Stephen Ministry Church!



If you - or someone you know - are going through a difficult time, contact any of our Stephen Leaders about Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide you with focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care and to help you experience the healing power of Christ's love in your life.

To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: 210-688-3090.



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



Junior Master Gardener Program

Beginning in August 2025, Zion Lutheran Church will offer a 10-month Junior Master Gardener (JMG) course for 10 youth who will be in grades 3-5 this coming school year. The JMG course is written and supported by TAMU at College Station and is used both nationally and internationally.

The teacher will be Bill Swantner. Bill Swantner is a member of Zion, a retired ELCA pastor, and an active TAMU AgriLife Extension certified Master Gardener since 2017. He has been Bexar County Master Gardener of the Year, recognized by the state as a Master Gardener of the Year, is certified in numerous areas of horticulture, and has given close to 200 presentations on various aspects of horticulture in the Bexar County area. He has also studied with the faculty and staff of TAMU, Cornell University and the New York Botanical Garden.

The purpose of the course is to give the youth the best horticulture education through presentations and in practice in Zion's Youth Demonstration garden. The youth will be exposed to everything gardening, from flowers to vegetables to trees- all on Zion's property.

There will be an informational meeting on June 8 at 10:15am in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to see and hear about the upcoming JMG program at Zion.

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

**MAY 29, 2025
ASCENSION OF
OUR LORD**



Power is given through the ascended Christ.

ASCENSION DAY BIBLE READINGS

Take time to read and reflect on these Bible passages as part of your Ascension Day observances.

Thursday	Luke 24:44-53	The ascension of Jesus
	Acts 1:1-11	Jesus is taken up to heaven
	Psalms 47	God rules the nations
	Ephesians 1:15-23	Paul's prayer for the people

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR ASCENSION DAY

"And see, I [Jesus] am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Luke 24:49 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for Ascension Day:

Almighty and living God, we give you our thanks and praise for Jesus' victory over violence and death that we may live with the power of his resurrection and ascension. Amen.

Mealtimes Prayer:

Lord Jesus, ascended above, thank you for your gifts of love. For food and home and all our days, we offer up our prayers of praise. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord Jesus give you power from on high.



MAY 29, 2025

HYMN FOR ASCENSION DAY

Come Holy Spirit, Descend



**taking[†]
faith
home**

ASCENSION DAY 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:

- Have you ever been bullied or seen someone being bullied? Explain.
- How does the Holy Spirit empower Jesus' followers?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Ephesians 1:15-23.

Ascension Day is a time for the church to recognize its true power as followers of Jesus. He had been crucified by the Roman imperial powers, human powers that are a constant challenge and source of concern for followers of Jesus. Jesus' resurrection made clear that earthly powers like violent governments and playground bullies are rendered powerless. Ephesians is an encouraging pep talk to those discouraged by the abuse of earthly powers. To grasp this mystery and deep truth, it takes the *"wisdom and revelation"* of God (v. 17). With this wisdom we are able to give praise for God's greatness and power that is beyond measure, yet very real and very powerful. Ours is not the power to conquer one earthly power with another as the apostles hoped when they asked, *"Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?"* (Acts 1:6). God put all earthly powers under the feet of our Lord Jesus Christ and gave authority for the church to do good and to heal, to forgive, and to give hope through the resurrected and ascended Christ.

Discuss: In what ways have you seen the church do good in the community? in the world?

Pray: **God of power and might, help us to see how your authority on earth leads us to use our powers for good, for healing, and for hope through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Ascension Day Bible Readings and theme for this day, how can you help someone who is feeling bullied?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Celebrate this day with a tradition of serving Ascension Day cookies. Buy or make sugar cookies. After they have cooled, spread sky blue icing on them and place miniature marshmallows on them. Before eating them, think or talk about how the cookies symbolize the sky and the clouds into which Jesus ascended.

Say: ***"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*** (Acts 1:8)



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