

Announcements

WAYS TO GIVE AT ZION – there are many ways to give financially to Zion - along with your offering envelope with cheque or cash inside, we accept e-transfer (sent to zion.office@sasktel.net – it is set up for auto-deposit) and we can set up monthly withdrawals from your bank account. You can also donate to Zion through canadahelps.ca.

Summer Worship Schedule: Zion and Redeemer are participating in a joint summer ministry this year! **Zion’s services for July will be at Redeemer and back at Zion for August. These joint summer worship services will be held at 10 am for the months of July and August. Offering envelopes for Zion will be available at Redeemer for the month of July.**

Thank you to Dr. Darren Dahl, our gospel preacher, and Rev Michael Diegel, our presider today. Dr. Dahl is Associate Professor of Philosophy at Briercrest College and Pastor Diegel is Chaplain at Regional Psychiatric Centre. Pastoral emergencies or support until June 26th can be reached through the office at 306-653-2442.

LuMinHoS Volunteer Recruitment – Looking for a flexible and impactful volunteer opportunity in the wider church? Do you have experience or a desire to lift up those who are not feeling well? Then, prayerfully consider becoming a lay visitor with LuMinHoS – Lutheran Ministry in Hospitals of Saskatoon! LuMinHoS needs volunteers to visit patients in Saskatoon hospitals and residents of Parkridge Center. Previous experience with hospital/care home visitation would be an asset. However, a willingness to learn the ministry of presence, and a desire to share the comfort of Christ with others, are the only prerequisites! For more information, please contact Pastor Richard Engel, Hospital Chaplain, at 306-229-1663 (call or text) or email at chaplain@luminhos.org

Congratulations to our Gr. 12 grads this year – Josh Cameron, Abby Wintermute and Rachel Hahn! Grad quilts are being presented during the service this morning. Many thanks to Margaret Fast, Susan Gossen, Darlene Wilson and Jan Peterson for making the quilts and to Alice Olson for making the labels!

Today is Birthday Sunday! If your birthday is in June, join us after the service for coffee so we can celebrate with you!

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OFFICE HOURS: Mon – Fri 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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WELCOME VISITORS! If you would like more information about us, please fill out a communion card (found in the pew) and give it to an usher. Communing members of Zion are encouraged to fill out a communion card each time they commune. **We invite all who are baptized in the Christian faith to commune.** If you do not commune, we invite you to come forward to receive our Lord’s Blessing from our Pastor. If you wish to receive communion in your pew, please notify your usher. Grape juice (in the middle of the tray) and red wine are available. Gluten free available on request.
Ushers will guide congregants to the front for communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers when proceeding to the front.

Zion Summer Holidays – Kaylyn will be out of the office from July 17 through July 31. Pastor Ron will be away July 10-14 and July 24-28. Pastoral emergencies those weeks can be reached through Redeemer Lutheran Church (306-374-7585).

May Financial Update:			
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Offering	\$153,536	\$160,875	(\$7339)
Line of Credit Balance as of May 1, 2023 - \$2588.35			

In Our Prayers: Derwin, Andrea, Nandari, Weldeyesus family, Mallory, Cecelia, Betty, Aaron, Glenn, Borgny, Samhara & Saraq, Thor, Ivar, Don, Louise, Mary, Linda and Steven, Jennifer, Bereket and family, Alice, Paul, Gloria, Kaye, Maxine, Ione, Keri, Ron & Doreen, Paul, Clara, Connie, Marilyn, Georgia, Fred, Lorna, Shirley, Walter

GATHERING
Welcome
Confession & Absolution – ELW pg. 94
Gathering Hymn: “How Firm a Foundation”
– ELW #796
Kyrie – ELW pg. 147
Prayer of the Day: (see front of bulletin)
WORD
First Lesson: Jeremiah 20:7-13
Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18
Second Lesson: Romans 6:1b-11
Gospel Acclamation: ELW pg. 151
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 10:24-39
Homily
Hymn of the Day: “O God, My Faithful God”
– ELW #806
Apostles’ Creed
Prayers of Intercession (P: Lord, in your mercy
C: Hear our prayer)
COMMUNION
The Peace
Presentation of Quilts
Offering: “Blessed Assurance” – ELW #638
The Great Thanksgiving – ELW pg. 152
Holy Lord – ELW pg. 153
The Lord’s Prayer
Lamb of God
Communion: “Children of the Heavenly Father”
– ELW #781
Communion Blessing
SENDING
Blessings & Announcements
Sending Song: “Praise the Lord! O Heavens”
– ELW #823
Go in peace. Share the harvest.
“Thanks be to God!”

Jeremiah 20:7-13

O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughing-stock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, ‘Violence and destruction!’
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
If I say, ‘I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name’,
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
For I hear many whispering:
‘Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!’
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
‘Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him.’
But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonour
will never be forgotten.
O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.
Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

Romans 6:1b-11

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.
For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 10:24-39

‘So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ‘Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.
‘Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.
For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.
Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2023

10:30 am

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prayer of the Day: Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give as not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



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