

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! **These joint summer worship services will be held at 10 am for the months of July and August. Welcome to Redeemer as they join us for the month of August!**

Parent/Grandparent- led Sunday School starting September 10th at 9:30 am. Please come out for story and craft time for children aged 3-12. Together learning about our Lord and Savior and all of His creation!

Volunteer Fall Scheduling has begun! If you are able and willing to: run powerpoint, help usher, run sound, prepare altar guild, or read Scripture contact Kaylyn in the office (zion.office@sasktel.net) with your availability.

Sunday Morning Coffee Volunteers are needed! The sign-up sheet can be found in the Narthex.

Augustana ELW will be hosting a Joint Summer Bible Study on Tuesday, August 29th at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Deacon Alexa Wallace will be the guest speaker. We extend a warm welcome to all women to join us for this evening of fellowship.

LUMINHOS WALK 2023 – Sat Sept 16th, 10am - Our picturesque walk will start out from Zion Lutheran Church, cross over to Gabriel Dumont park then proceed along the river, through River Landing on to the Chinese Pagoda, approximately a brisk 15 – 20 min walk. From the Pagoda one can turn around and walk back to the church along the same route or one can add to their Cardio workout by walking up to the street side and walking along Spadina Cres., past the “Farmers Market”, east down 19th Street back to Zion. We estimate the walk to take about 35 – 55 minutes depending on what pace one wants to walk. We look forward to seeing you and receiving your pledge sheets at Zion Lutheran Church by 10:00 AM September 16. Thank you for your support and hope you enjoy the walk.

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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 communion wafers available on request.
Ushers will guide congregants to the front for communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers when proceeding to the front.

The Parish Life Committee is hosting a Welcome BBQ on Sunday, September 10 after the 10:30 am service – everything will be provided, and everyone is welcome!

July Financial Update:			
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Offering	\$174,636	\$195,540	(\$20,904)
Line of Credit Balance as of May 1, 2023 - \$2588.35			

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

GATHERING
Prelude
Welcome
Confession & Absolution – ELW pg. 95
Gathering Hymn: “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” – ELW #645
Prayer of the Day: (see front of bulletin)

WORD
First Lesson: Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Second Lesson: Romans 12:1-8
Gospel Acclamation: ELW pg. 151
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 16:13-20
Homily
Hymn of the Day: “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” – ELW #597
Apostles’ Creed
Prayers of Intercession (P: Lord, in your mercy
C: Hear our prayer)

COMMUNION
The Peace
Offering: “We Are an Offering” – ELW #692
The Great Thanksgiving – ELW pg. 152
Holy Lord – ELW pg. 153
The Lord’s Prayer
Lamb of God – ELW pg. 154
**Communion: “This is Christ’s Body” – ACS 967;
“There is a Longing in Our Hearts” – ACS 1078**
Communion Blessing

SENDING
Blessings & Announcements
Sending Song: “O Savior, Precious Savior” – ELW #820
Go in peace. Share the harvest.
“Thanks be to God!”
Postlude

Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

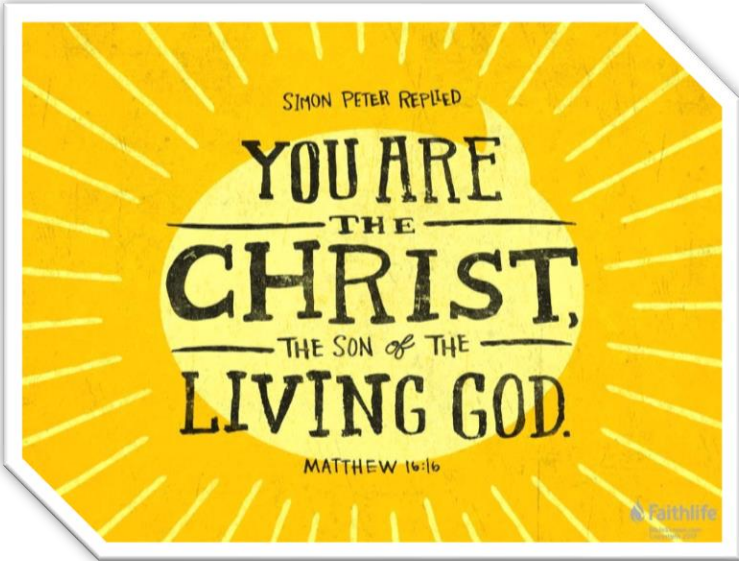
For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 27, 2023
10:00 am
Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prayer of the Day:
O God, with all your faithful followers of every age,
we praise you, the rock of our life.
Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son,
that we may gladly minister to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.



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