

# 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](mailto: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](http://canadahelps.ca).

**Parent/Grandparent- led Sunday School is on Sunday mornings 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!

**Are you enjoying the coffee hour after the service? Would you consider helping in the morning?** We are in need of Sunday Morning Coffee Volunteers; the sign-up sheet can be found the Narthex.

**Lutheran Campus Ministry Fundraiser supper is set for Saturday evening, September 23rd at 6:00pm at Zion Lutheran Church.** Come to hear how the ministry of post-Secondary students has navigated COVID, evolved and grown. You can enjoy a great meal catered by Mulberry’s, fellowship, entertainment and have the opportunity to offer your prayers, stewardship and support. Contact Margaret Fast for tickets before September 19. Tickets will not be available at the door.

Handbells will meet for practice on Thursdays at 10 am in the chapel. Anyone interested is very welcome.

**Today is Birthday Sunday – if you celebrate a birthday in September, please join us for coffee after the service so we can celebrate with you!**

**Choir practice is on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am – all are welcome!**

First Mennonite Church has received notice that their administrative secretary is retiring effective September 28, 2023. This is a part-time position, with the possibility of flexible hours. If you are interested, please contact Ethel Classen by e-mail at: [classen@sasktel.net](mailto:classen@sasktel.net) or 306-292-7886 for more information.

Our Emergency Food Bin is running low on items. Most used items are: granola bars, easy open soups, pastas and sauces, beans and crackers. Thanks for your generosity!

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OFFICE HOURS: Mon – Fri 9:00 am – 3:00 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. **All who are baptized in the Christian faith are invited 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.**

**Congregational Supper Meeting on the Worship Task Force is going to be held on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.** Worship Task Force reports are available at the back of the sanctuary and on our website. More details to come.

**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, Betsy, Shirley, Kaye

## GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

**Confession & Absolution** – ELW pg. 95

**Gathering Hymn: “Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death”**  
– ELW #452

**Kyrie** – ELW pg. 147

**Glory to God** – ELW pg. 148

**Prayer of the Day:** (see front of bulletin)

## WORD

**First Lesson:** Genesis 50:15-21

**Psalm 103:8-13 (sung, words on screen)**

**Second Lesson:** Romans 14:1-12

**Gospel Acclamation:** ELW pg. 151

**Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 18:21-35

**Homily**

**Hymn of the Day: “Before the Waters Nourished the Earth”** – ACS #1049

**Apostles’ Creed**

**Prayers of Intercession** (P: Lord, in your mercy  
C: Hear our prayer)

## COMMUNION

The Peace

**Offering: “Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand”**  
– ACS #1024

The Great Thanksgiving – ELW pg. 152

Holy Lord – ELW pg. 153

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Lamb of God – ELW pg. 154

**Communion: “Here is Bread”** – ELW #483; **“All in All”**  
Communion Blessing

## SENDING

**Blessings & Announcements**

**Sending Song: “Praise the Lord, Rise up Rejoicing”**  
– ELW #544

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

**“Thanks be to God!”**

Postlude

**Genesis 50:15-21**

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, ‘What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?’ So they approached Joseph, saying, ‘Your father gave this instruction before he died, “Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.” Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.’ Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, ‘We are here as your slaves.’ But Joseph said to them, ‘Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.’ In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

**Romans 14:1-12**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, ‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.’ So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

**Matthew 18:21-35**

Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 17, 2023

10:30 am

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prayer of the Day:  
O Lord God, merciful judge,  
you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness.  
Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you,  
that we may delight in doing your will,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.



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