

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 also set up monthly withdrawals from your bank account. You can also donate to Zion through canadahelps.ca.

Social Outreach- This year's Christmas focus is going to be CLWR Gifts from the Heart. You are able to purchase specific gifts with prices starting at \$10.00 or make general donations which are distributed to areas of the world in most need. Donations can be made through Zion or directly on the CLWR website. Information is available on the CLWR bulletin board in the narthex. **The Mitten Tree** will also be set up to collect new or gently used mitts, toques and socks which will be distributed to an inner-city school in the New Year. Thanks so much for your support!

Christmas Eve Loose Offering is designated towards Haven Kids House (formerly the Crisis Nursery). Any loose offering will be donated to Haven Kids House. You can also designate your envelopes by writing "Loose Offering" or "Haven Kids House"

OFFICE HOURS: The Zion office will be closed from Monday, December 25 through Tuesday, January 2. Normal office hours will resume Wednesday, January 3.

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE by December 31. Please email them to Kaylyn (in word format) at zion.office@sasktel.net

Happy 100th Birthday to Walter Tastad! A come and go birthday tea is planned for January 1 from 2-4 pm at the Luther Special Care Home – more details can be found on the poster on the bulletin board.

Squirrel is planning a Christmas dessert potluck event on Tuesday December 19, 7:30 pm in the Richmond room, Luther Heights. Contact Obert Friggstad for more info.

In Our Prayers: Derwin, Andrea, Nandari, Weldeyesus family, Mallory, Betty, Aaron, Borgny, Samhara & Saraq, Thor, Ivar, Don, Louise, Mary, Linda & Steven, Jennifer, Bereket & family, Alice, Gloria, Kaye, Maxine, Ione, Ron & Doreen, Clara, Connie, Marilyn, Fred, Lorna, Walter, Betsy, Anne, Maureen, Gail, Gordon, Susan

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OFFICE HOURS: Mon – Fri 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
WWKC HOURS: Tues – Thurs 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. **Please follow the directions of the ushers when proceeding to the altar.**

PLEASE NOTE: charitable contributions for 2023 must be placed in the locked white box by the office by the end of the day December 31 to be counted towards 2023. The box is accessible outside the office using the mail slot.

2024 offering envelopes are now in your mailboxes; please contact Kaylyn in the office if you need more.

Donations are needed for the Food Bin – most wanted items are: fruit cups, powdered milk, cereal, granola bars, easy-open canned items, etc. Thanks for your generosity!

Christmas Services Schedule:

December 24, 4th Sunday of Advent Worship – 10:30 am
December 24, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 7:00 pm
December 25, Christmas Day Communion Service – 10:30 am
December 31 Sunday Worship – 10:30 am

Order of Service

Prelude: "O Come Emmanuel"

Gathering Hymn: "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn" – ELW #242

Lighting of the Advent Candle: "We are Waiting for Jesus" ACS #905

Prayer of the Day (printed on the front of the bulletin)

Introduction to Children's Christmas Service

Carol: "O Come All Ye Faithful" – ELW #283

Reading: Luke 2:1-7

Procession of the Holy Family: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Song: "Away in a Manger" – Sunday School children

Reading: Luke 2:8-14

Procession of the Angels: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Carol: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" ELW #270

Reading: Luke 2:15-19

Procession of the Shepherds: "The First Noel"

Carol: "What Child is This?" – ELW #296

Song: "Jesus Loves Me" – Sunday School children

Reading: Matthew 2:1-11

Procession of the Magi: "March of the Three Kings"

Carol: "We Three Kings"

Reading: John 1:1-5, 9-14

Interlude: "Joy to the World"

Carol: "Joy to the World" – ELW 267

Peace

Offering & Prayers – "Christmas Offering"

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Sending Song: "He Came Down" – ELW 253

Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver the child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Luke 2:8-14

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then the angel of the Lord stood before them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this way in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

Luke 2:15-19

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

Matthew 2:1-11

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priest and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” The Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

John 1:1-5, 9-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. The true light, which enlightens everything, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become the children of God, who were born, not of blood or the will of the flesh or the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

Third Sunday in Advent

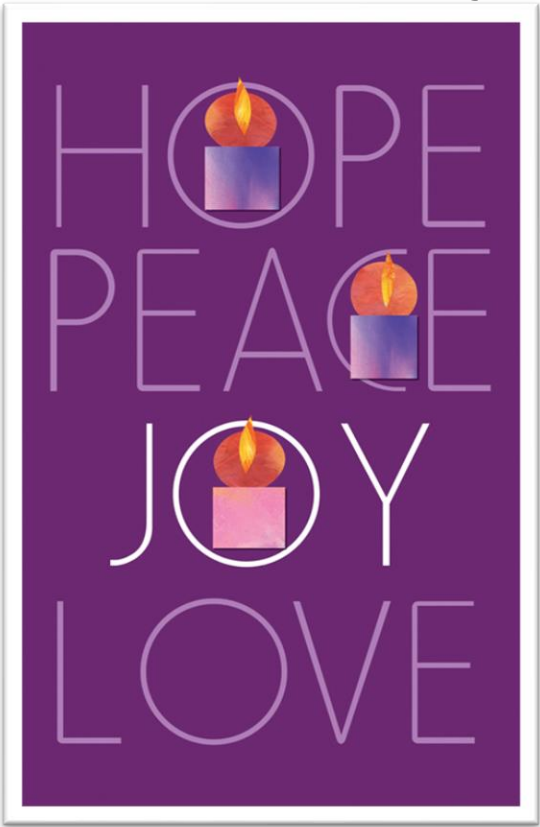
December 17, 2023

10:30 am

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prayer of the Day:

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God,
and open our ears to the words of your prophets,
that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.



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