

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.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held Sunday, February 11th. Lunch will be provided after the service with the meeting to follow at 12:30 pm. Report Books are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Social Outreach - Thank you to everyone who supported Gifts from the Heart this Christmas and to those who contributed to the mitten tree. We will continue to accept monetary donations throughout the year which are used for more immediate needs for the folks who stop into the church.

VALENTINE’S DINNER on FEBRUARY 9, 2024 – tickets are \$25. Contact Judy Brown for more information or to buy a ticket.

James Lokken is gathering a team for the LutherCare Stairclimb Fundraiser – talk to James if you are interested in joining a team! Monetary donations can be given to support the team through your offering – simply designate your envelope “LutherCare Stairclimb” – thanks for your support!

7 Churches Lenten Service Schedule: (all services at 7:30 pm)

Date	Host	Preacher
Feb 13 (Ash Wednesday)	Zion	Resurrection
February 21	Redeemer	Trinity
February 28	Good Shepherd	King of Glory
March 6	Trinity	Augustana
March 13	Resurrection	Good Shepherd
March 20	Augustana	Zion

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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. Communion cards are used to track attendance for voting members. **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.**

A Special Congregational Meeting is being held right after the service today, Sunday, January 28th.

A report from the October 15th congregational meeting is now available. You can find a copy at the back of the sanctuary or a PDF on our website.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held at Zion on Tuesday, February 13th.

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

Order of Service

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome
Confession & Forgiveness – ELW pg. 94
Gathering Hymn: “Faith Begins by Letting Go”
– ACS #1004
Prayer of the Day: (see front of bulletin)

WORD

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Gospel Acclamation – ELW #174
Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:21-28
Sermon
Hymn of the Day: “Rise, Shine, You People”
– ELW #665
Apostles’ Creed
Prayers of Intercession (P: God of grace
C: receive our prayer)

COMMUNION

The Peace
Offering: “We are an Offering” – ELW #692
Holy Lord (Steve Bell)
The Lord’s Prayer
Lamb of God – ELW #195
Communion: “Thy Word”; “There is a Balm in Gilead” – ELW #614
Communion Blessing

SENDING

Blessings & Announcements
Sending Song: “We Are Called” – ELW #720
Go in peace. You are God’s beloved.
“Thanks be to God!”
Postlude

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: ‘If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.’ Then the LORD replied to me: ‘They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.’

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that ‘all of us possess knowledge.’ Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that ‘no idol in the world really exists’, and that ‘there is no God but one.’ Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ‘Food will not bring us close to God.’ We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling-block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Mark 1:21-28

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, ‘What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.’ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, ‘Be silent, and come out of him!’ And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, ‘What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.’ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
January 28, 2024
10:30 am
Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prayer of the Day:
Compassionate God,
you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence
and continually reveal your Son as our Savior.
Bring wholeness to all that is broken
and speak truth to us in our confusion,
that all creation will see and know your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and lord.
Amen.



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