

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.

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

Thank you to Dr. Darren Dahl for preaching this morning and Sonje Finnestad for presiding this morning! Pastor Ron is away until January 6, 2024. For pastoral emergencies, please contact Sonje Finnestad at 306-222-7834

Naomi Bible Study meets Monday, January 8th at 1:30 pm.

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, family of Ione Tysseland on her passing

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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.
Please follow the directions of the ushers when proceeding to the altar.

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

Order of Service

GATHERING
Prelude
Welcome
Thanksgiving for Baptism – ELW pg. 97
Gathering Hymn: “Brightest and Best of the Stars”
– **ELW #303**
Kyrie – ELW pg. 203
Glory to God – ELW pg. 204 (vs. 1 only)
Prayer of the Day: (see front of bulletin)
WORD
First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-13
Psalm 29
Second Lesson: Acts 19:1-7
Gospel Acclamation – ELW pg. 205
Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:4-11
Sermon
Hymn of the Day: “Baptized and Set Free”
– **ELW #453**
Apostles’ Creed
Prayers of Intercession (P: God of grace
C: receive our prayer)
COMMUNION
The Peace
Offering: “Arise, Your Light has Come!” – **ELW #314**
The Great Thanksgiving – ELW pg. 206
Holy Lord – ELW pg. 207
The Lord’s Prayer
Lamb of God – ELW pg. 208 (vs. 3 only)
Communion: “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”
– **ELW #310**
Communion Blessing
SENDING
Blessings & Announcements
Sending Song: “As with Gladness Men of Old”
– **ELW #302**
Go in peace. You are God’s beloved.
“Thanks be to God!”
Postlude

Genesis 1:1-13

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, ‘Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.’ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, ‘Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.’ And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, ‘Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.’ And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, ‘Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?’ They replied, ‘No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.’ Then he said, ‘Into what then were you baptized?’ They answered, ‘Into John’s baptism.’ Paul said, ‘John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.’ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’

The Baptism of Jesus

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’

Baptism of our Lord

January 7, 2024

10:30 am

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prayer of the Day:

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness,
your voice moves over the waters.

Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit,
that we may follow after your Son, 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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