

# Announcements

**WAYS TO GIVE AT ZION:** Along with your offering envelope with cheque or cash inside, we accept e-transfers to [zion.office@sasktel.net](mailto:zion.office@sasktel.net). We can also set up monthly withdrawals from your bank account or you can donate to Zion through [canadahelps.ca](http://canadahelps.ca).

**EMERGENCY FOOD BINS:** Please donate when you can.

**TWO WAYS TO SUPPORT THE FAITH OF YOUNG PEOPLE:** Designate your contributions to the Kinasao Campership Fund or the Student Aid Fund.

**SHARING THE JOY OF NATIVITY SETS** is an Advent tradition at Zion. Share yours with a note telling its history.

**CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND HEALING:** Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm, at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 210 Lenore Drive. Christmas is difficult for many (and for many reasons) – all are welcome.

**SOCIAL OUTREACH:** The mitten tree is set up in the narthex to collect new or gently used mittens, scarves, toques and socks to donate to our inner-city neighbours in need of warm clothes. Monetary donations are also accepted – please indicate ‘Social Outreach’.

**CANADIAN LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF:** Copies of the CLWR gift-giving guide, *Gifts from the Heart*, can be found on coffee tables in the narthex. Thank you in advance for your generous gift-giving!

**IN FROM THE COLD:** We will be making hygiene kits for women using the warming shelter. To donate a kit, please put it in a zip lock bag. Individual items are welcome, too. Please donate only NEW items, sealed in the original packaging if possible. Items for one kit: washcloth, hand towel, toothpaste, toothbrush, wide-tooth comb or hairbrush, small package Band-Aids, small Vaseline or lotion, nail clippers, emery board, bar of soap in plastic storage container with lid, deodorant. GENTLY used winter wear (jackets, hats, mitts, scarves) are also needed. Please only donate items that are in wearable and clean condition, with working zippers. Blankets are also needed. Thank you for your generosity!

**SQUIRCLE** meets for a Christmas potluck desert party Tuesday Dec 17, 7:30 pm in the Luther Heights Richmond Room. Newcomers welcome. Any time is a good time to join this fellowship group.

**WELCOME TO ZION!** If you would like more information about us, please fill in the communion card and give it to an usher. **All baptized Christians are welcome to commune.** If you do not commune, please come forward to receive the Lord’s Blessing. If you receive communion in your pew, notify the usher. Grape juice is available in the middle of the tray. Gluten free wafers are available on request. Ushers will direct you to the altar.

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OFFICE HOURS: Mon – Fri, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Derwin; Andrea; Nandari; Weldeyesus family; Mallory; Samhara & Saraq; Don; Louise; Mary; Linda & Steven; Jennifer; Bereket & family; Gloria; Kaye; Doreen; Clara; Connie; Marilyn; Fred; Lorna; Walter; Betsy; Anne; Maureen; Susan; Lara, for justice; Luana; Carolyn; Lorna; Alice; Neal; Edith and family, grieving Aaron’s death; Joe; Helen; WWK as they seek funding.

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**AMALGAMATION REPORT APPENDICES** are available. Contact the office.

**NORWEGIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS SERVICE:** Dec. 22, 2:00 pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 812 Preston Ave. S.

**ANNUAL REPORTS** should be submitted to the office by December 31.

**SASKATOON MEN’S CHORUS CONCERT:** December 17, 7:30 pm, at Zion.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve: 7:00 pm at Zion

Christmas Day: 10:30 am at Augustana or  
10:00 am at Resurrection

December 29: 10:00 am at Redeemer or Resurrection

January 5: 10:30 am services resume at Zion



# Order of Service

## GATHERING

Prelude: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Welcome

**Confession & Absolution – ELW pg. 94**

**Gathering Hymn: “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”**  
– ELW #254

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

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

**Candle-Lighting Song: “We Are Waiting for Jesus”**  
– ACS #905

## LESSONS AND CAROLS

**First Lesson:** Zephaniah 3:14-20

**Carol: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” – ELW #257**

**Second Lesson:** Isaiah 12:2-6

Choir: “Prepare the Way, O Zion”

**Third Lesson:** Philippians 4:4-7

Sunday School Songs

**Fourth Lesson:** Luke 1:26-38

Choir: “Advent Hymn”

**Fifth Lesson:** Luke 3:7-18

**Carol: “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” – ELW #311**  
Sermon

**Offering: “Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”**

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

## COMMUNION

The Peace

The Great Thanksgiving

**Holy Lord**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Lamb of God**

**Communion: “Christ the Lord”; “Prepare the Way”**

Communion Blessing

## SENDING

Benediction and Announcements

**Sending Song: “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”**  
– ELW #272

Go in peace. **“Thanks be to God!”**

Postlude: “Wachet auf” – D.A. Millar

**Zephaniah 3:14-20**

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!  
The Lord has taken away the judgements against you;  
he has turned away your enemies.  
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.  
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.  
The Lord, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.  
I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.  
I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.  
And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.  
At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

**Isaiah 12:2-6**

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,  
for the Lord God is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.  
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.  
And you will say on that day:  
Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;  
make known his deeds among the nations;  
proclaim that his name is exalted.  
Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be known in all the earth.  
Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

**Philippians 4:4-7**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Luke 1:26-38**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.’ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.’ Mary said to the angel, ‘How can this be, since I am a virgin?’ The angel said to her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.’ Then Mary said, ‘Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.’ Then the angel departed from her.

**Luke 3:7-18**

John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

And the crowds asked him, “What, then, should we do?” In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none, and whoever has food must do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

So with many other exhortations he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Third Sunday of Advent

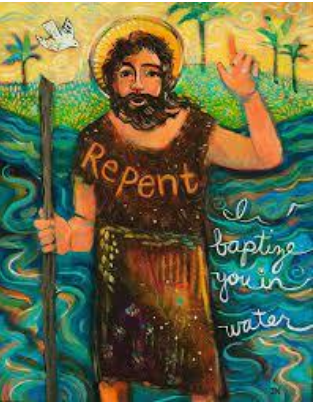
December 15, 2024

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 preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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