

## 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.

**2024 OFFERING CONTRIBUTIONS:** Contributions received by Dec. 31 will be counted towards your 2024 offering. Contributions can be left at any time in the locked box accessible through the mail slot outside the office. You can also donate by e-transfer or through Canada Helps.

**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!

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** for the coming year are in your mailboxes. If you didn’t get any – and want some – please contact the office. And if you run out – contact the office. (Envelope-printing problems have been resolved!)

**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; Joe; Helen; WWK as they seek funding; the family of Aaron Froese, the family of Lyla Dalen, Pastor Graham and all travelers during the Christmas season.

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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.

### 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

January 5: 10:30 am services resume at Zion



## Order of Service

### GATHERING

Prelude: “Saviour of the Nations, Come” – J.S. Bach  
Welcome

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

**Gathering Hymn: “Awake! Awake, and Greet the  
New Morn ” – ELW #242**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

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

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

### WORD

**First Lesson:** Micah 5:2-5a

**Psalm 80:1-7**

**Second Lesson:** Hebrews 10:5-10

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 1:39-55

Sermon

**Hymn of the Day: “Saviour of the Nations, Come”  
ELW #263**

**Apostles’ Creed**

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

### COMMUNION

The Peace

**Offering: “He Came Down” – ELW #253**

The Great Thanksgiving

**Holy Lord**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Lamb of God**

**Communion: “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”  
– ELW #265**

Communion Blessing

### SENDING

Benediction and Announcements

**Sending Song: “Joy to the World” – ELW #267**

Go in peace. **“Thanks be to God!”**

Postlude: “Festive Toccata on ‘In Dulce Jubilo”  
– Mark Himmelman

**Micah 5:2-5a**

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.  
Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labour has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.  
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of  
the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth,  
and he shall be the one of peace.

**Hebrews 10:5-10**

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,  
“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body  
you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin  
offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, ‘See, I  
have come to do your will, O God’ (in the scroll of the  
book it is written of me).” When he said above, “You  
have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and  
offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are  
offered according to the law), then he added, “See, I have  
come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to  
establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have  
been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus  
Christ once for all.

**Luke 1:39-55**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a  
Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the  
house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When  
Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her  
womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and  
exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among  
women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why  
has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord  
comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your  
greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And  
blessed is she who believed that there would be a  
fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

And Mary said,  
“My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his  
servant.  
Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name;  
indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their  
hearts.  
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones  
and lifted up the lowly;  
he has filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away empty.  
He has come to the aid of his people Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

10:30 am

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prayer of the Day:

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant  
grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may  
receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with  
the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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