

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. We can also set up monthly withdrawals from your bank account or you can donate to Zion through 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.

THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE *CAREGIVER* NEWSLETTER is available on luminous.org. (Look under ‘Resources’.) Thank you for your ongoing faithful prayers and financial support.

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!

NORWEGIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS SERVICE: December 8th, 2:00 pm, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 812 Preston Ave. S. God jul!

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; Luana; Carolyn; Lorna; Alice; Neal; Edith and family, grieving Aaron’s death; Joe; Helen; WWK as they seek funding.

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NAOMI CIRCLE: Monday, December 9 at 1:30, in the Cedar Room. Chapter 4.

AMALGAMATION REPORT APPENDICES are available. Contact the office.

GOOD SHEPHERD VARIETY NIGHT FUNDRAISER: Dec. 15, 7:00, (Doors open at 6:30.) Tickets are \$20., available at Eventbrite.ca.

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

SASKATOON MEN’S CHORUS CONCERT: 2:30 today, at Zion.



Order of Service

GATHERING

Prelude: “Come now Jesus, from heaven to earth”

– J. S. Bach

Welcome

Confession & Absolution – ELW pg. 94

Gathering Hymn: “All Earth Is Hopeful” – ELW #266

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: Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 1:68-79

Second Lesson: Philippians 1:3-11

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Lesson: Luke 3:1-6

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “On Jordon’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” – ELW #249

Apostles’ Creed

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

COMMUNION

The Peace

Offering: “Take Our Gifts”

The Great Thanksgiving

Holy Lord

The Lord’s Prayer

Lamb of God

Communion: “Come Lord Jesus”; “Advent Hymn”

Communion Blessing

SENDING

Benediction and Announcements

Sending Song: “Prepare the Royal Highway”
– ELW #264

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.
“Thanks be to God!”

Postlude: “To God We Give Thanks and Praise”
– J.S. Bach

Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like washers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord, as in the days of old and as in former years.

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and

more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

Second Sunday of Advent

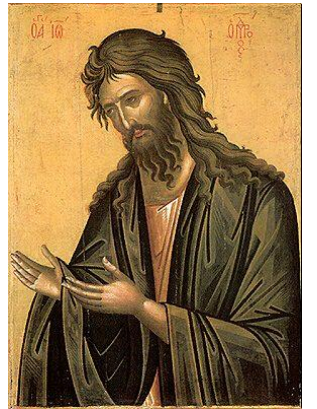
December 8, 2024

10:30 am

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prayer of the Day:

Stir up your power, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son.
By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; 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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