

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets from 9:30 to 10:15, by arrangement through WhatsApp. If you would like to be part of this children’s ministry, let the office know. (Sunday School is paused until March 2 for winter break.)

KINSMEN TELEMIRACLE 2025, MARCH 1 & 2: In the spirit of giving, the Sask Synod, LutherCare Communities and St. Paul Lutheran Home, Melville are working together on a joint initiative to give back to our communities throughout Saskatchewan. Members of the three communities are invited to participate in Kinsmen TeleMiracle 2025 by purchasing Helping Hands. If you would like to participate, you can get your Telemiracle Helping Hands for \$2 (minimum) by checking with the church office.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH BENEFIT CONCERT in support of the unhoused. Saturday, February 1, at Good Shepherd, 1215 McKercher Drive. Concert features Stephen Maguire and Friends. Doors open 6:30, concert at 7:00. Admission is new or gently used blankets, winter clothing, etc.

IN FROM THE COLD: Please leave donations on the back table. Thank you!

ZION CHOIR PRACTICE: Sundays, in the Heritage Hall, at 9:30 am.

ANNUAL REPORTS are available on the tables in the narthex. Contact the office for digital copies.

VALENTINE’S DAY BANQUET: 5 - 7 pm, February 14 at Zion in the Heritage Hall. Tickets (\$30) are available on Sundays at Zion and Redeemer or through the Zion Office. Cash, cheques, and e-transfers accepted.

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; 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; Helen; WWK as they seek funding; Vi, Rick, and family; Jeff and Joanne and their families as they grieve for Joe; Ron.

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SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES DURING EPIPHANY

Tuesdays at Noon: Bible Study

Discuss the upcoming Sunday Lessons and help shape the sermon. Bring lunch. In the Narthex.

Wednesdays at 5:00: Evening Prayer

Pray with the ancient Service of Light and the Great Litany. Meet at the Font.

Thursdays at 11:00: Cross and Culture.

Connect what you are reading, watching, crafting, singing, or playing with Christ in gentle pastoral conversation. In the Library.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME FOR KIRKEKAFFE TODAY. Thanks to our sponsors and hosts.

ZION ANNUAL MEETING: February 9, after the service. The meeting will be preceded by a lunch of soup and buns.

Order of Service

GATHERING

Prelude: “Lord God, Now Open the Heavens”

– J. S. Bach

Welcome

Confession and Absolution – ELW p.94

Gathering Hymn: “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

– ELW #275

Kyrie

Glory to God

Prayer of the Day: (see front of bulletin)

WORD

First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

Psalms 84

Second Lesson: Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:22-40

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

– ELW #295

Nicene Creed

Prayers of Intercession (P: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.)

COMMUNION

The Peace

Offering: “Take Our Gifts”

The Great Thanksgiving

Holy Lord

The Lord’s Prayer

Lamb of God

Communion: “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

– ELW #490; “Holy, Holy, Holy” – ELW #473

Communion Blessing

SENDING

Benediction

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Sending Song: “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

– ELW #815

Go in peace. Live in hope. **“Thanks be to God!”**

Postlude

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.

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had

been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favour of God was upon him.

Presentation of Our Lord
February 2, 2025
10:30 am
Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prayer of the Day:
Almighty and ever-living God, today we remember the presentation of your only-begotten Son in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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