

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 your contact information.

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 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:

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

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR GARY CHELSBERG, Zion member who died in January of 2023, will be held today, January 26, in the Heritage Hall after the 10:30 service. Lunch to follow.

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

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; 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

Welcome

Confession and Absolution – ELW p.94

Gathering Hymn: “Arise, Your Light Has Come”
– ELW #314

Kyrie

Glory to God

Prayer of the Day: (see front of bulletin)

WORD

First Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalms 19

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:14-21

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “Let Streams of Living Justice”
– ELW #710

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: “One Bread, One Body” – ELW #496
“Open Our Eyes”

Communion Blessing

SENDING

Benediction

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Sending Song: “Christ, Be Our Light” – ELW #715

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

Postlude: “Christ Be Our Light” – Phillip Cook

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

[All] the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand, and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people, and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord, and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body— Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he

chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Luke 4:14-21

Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 2025

10:30 am

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prayer of the Day:

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.



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