

# 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.

**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.

**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!

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

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** 1:00 pm, Friday, March 7, at St John’s Cathedral, 816 Spadina Cres. E. Refreshments will be served. For further information call Eva Shabits: 306-683-0036.

**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; Rick and families as they grieve for Vi; Jeff and Joanne and their families as they grieve for Joe; Ron; Brenda.

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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.

**NAOMI CIRCLE** will meet at 1:30, Monday, Feb 24 in the Cedar Room.

# Order of Service

## GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

**Confession and Absolution – ELW p.94**

**Gathering Hymn: “All Creatures, Worship God Most High!” – ELW #835**

**Kyrie**

**Glory to God**

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

## WORD

**First Lesson:** Genesis 45:3-11, 15

**Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40**

**Second Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 6:27-38

Sermon

**Hymn of the Day: “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” – ELW #707**

**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: “I Come with Joy” – ELW #482;**

**“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” – ELW #708**

Communion Blessing

## SENDING

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**Sending Song: “The Lord Now Sends Us Forth” – ELW #538**

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

**Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.’

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

**1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50**

But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first but the physical and then the spiritual. The first man was from the

earth, made of dust; the second man is from heaven. As one of dust, so are those who are of the dust, and as one of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the one of dust, we will also bear the image of the one of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

**Luke 6:17-26**

“But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany  
February 23, 2025  
10:30 am  
Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prayer of the Day:

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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