

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.

MUSIC FOR LENT ON THE WALCKER ORGAN at Zion. Diane Bestvater will be our next performer, on March 23, at 3 pm. Admission by donation.

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, please contact the church office.

PIPE ORGAN CONCERT: Today, March 16, 7 pm at Knox United Church. Montreal organist Jean-Willy Kunz is well-known throughout Canada. He is organist-in-residence for the Montreal Symphony Orchestra, professor of organ for the Conservatory of Music in Montreal, artistic director for the Canadian International Organ Competition, and titular organist for the church of Saint-Jean-Baptiste de Montreal. We are privileged to be hearing Mr. Kunz in Saskatoon and would like to welcome him with an enthusiastic audience. Please join us! Admission is by donation. Suggested: \$25/adult, \$15/student

IN FROM THE COLD: We are still making hygiene kits for women using the warming shelter. GENTLY used winter wear is also needed. Thank you!

NUTANA PARK MENNONITE CHURCH invites you to join us for a worship service and potluck meal on March 23. This year our congregation is commemorating 500 years since the birth of the Anabaptist movement. As part of this commemoration, we have invited Gordon Jensen from Lutheran Theological Seminary to speak on the theme of reconciliation between Lutherans and Mennonites. The worship service begins at 11:00 at 1701 Ruth St. East, with a potluck to follow.

LYELL GUSTIN RECITAL SERIES presents brilliant young pianist Kevin Chen in recital, Tuesday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m., St. John’s Anglican Cathedral, 816 Spadina Cres. E. Tickets: St. John’s Music, Saskatoon Academy of Music, Gustin Committee, at the door, or online at www.gustinhouse.ca. (Child, 12 or under, free if accompanied by an adult.)

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; Carolyn; 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; Dane and Daryl as they grieve for Luana.

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SHARED MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

March 19	Lent 2	Resurrection
March 26	Lent 3	Good Shepherd
April 2	Lent 4	Trinity
April 9	Lent 5	Redeemer

Each evening will begin with soup at 5:30. The service will follow at about 6:15.

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

SQUIRCLE: March 18, 7:30 PM in the Luther Heights Richmond Room. New people welcome!

YOUTH NITE TONIGHT: supper at 5 pm, activities and discussion till 8 pm.

Order of Service

GATHERING
Prelude: “Martyrdom” – Hubert Parry
Welcome
Confession and Absolution – ELW p.94
Gathering Hymn: “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” – ELW 597
Kyrie
Prayer of the Day: (see front of bulletin)

WORD
First Lesson: Genesis 15:1-13, 17-18
Psalms 27
Second Lesson: Philippians 3:17 – 4:1
Gospel Acclamation – ELW p.151
Gospel Lesson: Luke 13:31-35
Sermon
Hymn of the Day: “Thy Holy Wings” – ELW #613
Apostles’ Creed
Prayers of Intercession (Bow down your ear, O Lord.)

COMMUNION
The Peace
Offering: “Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord” – Choir
The Great Thanksgiving
Holy Lord
The Lord’s Prayer
Lamb of God
Communion: “Around You, O Lord Jesus” – ELW #468; “O God, We Call” – ACS #1075
Communion Blessing

SENDING
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Sending Song: “God of Grace and God of Glory” – ELW #705
Go in peace. Live in God’s love. **“Thanks be to God!”**
Postlude: “If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee”

Genesis 15:1-13, 17-18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other, but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. Then the Lord said to Abram, ‘Know this for certain, that your offspring shall be aliens in a land that is not theirs, and shall be slaves there, and they shall be oppressed for four hundred years

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land,

from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates.

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025

10:30 am

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prayer of the Day:

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, 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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