

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. (Please fill out the ‘message’ field so we know where your donation should go. Thank you!) 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, please contact the church office.

DOWNTOWN YOUTH: No gathering in April. See you May 18th!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, TODAY, APRIL 27, immediately after the 10:30 service. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the preferred physical location of a potential amalgamated congregation. There will be an opportunity to indicate your preferences, through a non-binding vote. Everyone is welcome at the meeting.

CELEBRATING A 100TH BIRTHDAY

Some Zion congregation members may remember Sylvia Nelson, who was a longtime member of Zion congregation. Sylvia moved from Saskatoon to Oakville, Ontario 10 years ago to be closer to her daughter and family. Sylvia will be celebrating her 100th birthday on April 29th, 2025. God’s blessings, Sylvia, as you celebrate this milestone birthday!

AUGUSTANA-ST. TIMOTHY’S CHOIR CONCERT: “Walk with Me”, with special guest instrumentalists Cherie Jarock, Tollef & Ruari Tastad. May 15, 7:30 PM. A coffee reception will follow. A freewill offering will be collected, with gifts divided between the cost of repairs to Augustana’s organ and *Journey Home*. Journey Home is a non-profit housing initiative to provide adequate and affordable housing for people with complex needs who have been chronically homeless. Learn more: saskatooncrisis.ca/intensive-community-support.

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; Don; Louise; Mary; Linda & Steven; Jennifer; Gloria; Kaye; Doreen; Clara; Connie; Marilyn; Fred; Lorna; Walter; Betsy; Anne; Maureen; Susan; Ron; Lara, for justice; Carolyn; Alice; Neal; Helen; WWK as they seek funding; Jeff and Joanne and their families as they grieve for Joe; Ron; Brenda; Mary; Sylvia.

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MICAH MISSION is excited to announce the second annual Remember Me Campaign on Sunday, May 4, to raise funds for Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSA). CoSA plays a vital role in creating supportive environments for individuals reintegrating into society after incarceration. You’re invited to donate \$5.00 on May 4 to help restore lives and build stronger, safer communities. Learn more: themicahmission.org/index.php/events/

COFFEE IS AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. You are welcome to pick up a cup before the meeting. Our regular coffee time will resume next Sunday.

THANKS TO THE SASKATOON MEN’S CHORUS, with director Deborah Buck, for singing for us today.

THE WORDS AND MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY we are singing today may be found in the blue binders that are in the pew racks.

Order of Service

GATHERING

Prelude: “Lasst uns erfreuen”

Welcome: “The Gift”

Introit: “Cantate Hodie” (Sing Today!)

Gathering Hymn: “Resurrection Hymn” – Binder Kyrie

Glory to God

Prayer of the Day: (see front of bulletin)

WORD

First Lesson: Acts 5:27-32

Psalm 118

Second Lesson: Revelation 1:4-8

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:13-35

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” – ELW #367 (verse 2: Men’s Chorus)

Nicene Creed – ELW, p.104

Prayers of Intercession (P: Hear us, O God,
C: your mercy is great.)

COMMUNION

The Peace

Offering: “Come Tender Spring” – Haydn

The Great Thanksgiving

Holy Lord

The Lord’s Prayer

Lamb of God

Communion: “Beautiful Saviour” – ELW #838;

“Let Us Break Bread Together” – ELW #471;

“This is Christ’s Body” – ACS #967

Communion Blessing

SENDING

Benediction

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Sending Song: “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia” – ELW #364

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **“He is risen indeed. Alleluia!”**

Postlude: “The Blessed Christ is Risen Today” - Bach

Acts 5:27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will
wail.
So it is to be. Amen

Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was

Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

10:30 am

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal, 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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