

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.

PIANIST WANTED FOR LUTHER TOWER HYMN SINGS, a few Sunday evenings (7-8 PM) over the summer. Contact the office if interested.

CLINICAL PSYCHOSPIRITUAL EDUCATION: Sept 2025-March 2026 at St Paul’s Hospital. In collaboration with accredited teaching centres, the Canadian Association of Spiritual Care offers clinical psychospiritual internships in which students develop the art and skills of spiritual care. Applications are due July 1, 2025. More information: www.cpe-saskatoon.com, www.spiritualcare.ca

CHURCH PARKING: As a result of the temporary reconfiguration of the parking lot, we have only one space reserved for church business. Sometimes there will be space available in the staff parking area as well, but please check with the office before you use one of these spaces. Thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC UPCOMING: Watch for the announcement!

WE WILL BE HAVING A FESTIVE SERVICE ON JUNE 22 to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Ordination of Pastor Ron Bestvater. Please join us and share this event with anyone you know who may wish to join us. A lunch will follow the service. Everyone welcome!

SUNDAY SERVICES WILL BE AT 10 AM, BEGINNING JUNE 1. Redeemer plans to join us, beginning June 29.

THANK YOU TO DARLENE WILSON for all the work she has done over the past year, helping with financial matters. We are grateful and we thank God for you!

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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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; Jan; Marie.

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THE CHILDREN’S CORNER is a space inside the worship area stocked with art supplies. You are welcome to move between the pews and this space. Share your creativity with everyone by posting to the bulletin board, take it home to cherish, or leave it to finish next Sunday!

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

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

INFORMATION MEETING and COLD POTLUCK: June 8, following the 10 am service. At the information meeting, the results of the amalgamation poll will be presented and there will be time for discussion. Everyone welcome!

Order of Service

GATHERING

Prelude: “Three Preludes” – David McIntyre

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: “Blessing and Honour” – ELW #854

Kyrie

Glory to God

Prayer of the Day: (see front of bulletin)

WORD

First Lesson: Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Lesson: John 17:20-26

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” – ELW #579

Nicene Creed – ELW, p.104

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

COMMUNION

The Peace

Offering: “Take Our Gifts”

The Great Thanksgiving

Holy Lord

The Lord’s Prayer

Lamb of God

**Communion: “Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord”;
“Bread of Life from Heaven” – ELW #474**

Communion Blessing

SENDING

Benediction

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Sending Song: “Go to the World” – ACS #991

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

Postlude: “Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn”

– J.S. Bach

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your

heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

John 17:20-26

'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

Ascension Sunday/Seventh Sunday of Easter

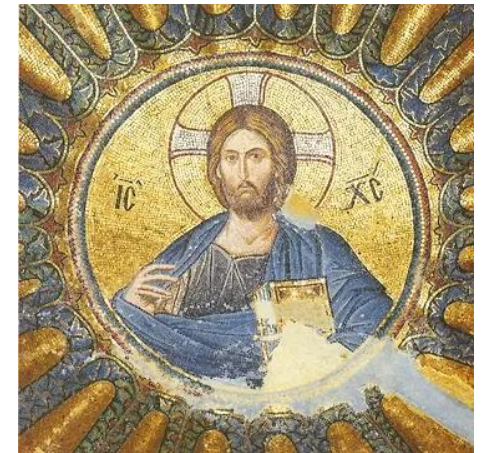
June 1, 2025

10:00 am

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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