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 ARE RUNNING LOW: Please donate when you can.

SQUIRCLE: Tuesday, May 20, 7:30 PM, in the Richmond Room, Luther Heights. New members are welcome!

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

THE BROADWAY BRIDGE and streets around Zion will be closed until autumn. Maps are available at the back of the church and from the office.

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!

LCBI CHAMBER CHOIR CONCERT: Saturday, May 31, 7 pm, here at Zion. Come and share in the joy of music. Donations gratefully received. If you are willing to billet one or more of the 13 students and 2 adults, please contact the office.

SUNDAY SERVICES WILL BE AT 10 AM beginning June 29.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to discuss and vote on the Sept 1, 2025 – Aug 31, 2026 church budget, on May 25, immediately after the 10:30 service.

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; Sylvia.

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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.

GARAGE SALE: Trinity Lutheran Church (419 Ave E N), Saturday, May 24, 9 AM to 3 PM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE THIRD WWK ANNUAL MEETING: May 24th, 11:30-1:30, at 1403 9th Avenue North.

Order of Service

GATHERING

Prelude: "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" – Sawatsky

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: "Christ is Living"

- ACS #934

Kyrie

Glory to God

Prayer of the Day: (see front of bulletin)

WORD

First Lesson: Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Lesson: John 13:31-35

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "I Come with Joy" – ELW #482

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: "Baptized and Set Free" – ELW #453; "Lamb of God" – ELW #336

Communion Blessing

SENDING

Benediction

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Sending Song: "Oh, Praise the Gracious Power"

– ELW #651 (verses 1-5)

Alleluia! Christ is risen. "He is risen indeed. Alleluia!"

Postlude: "Prelude in G Major" - J.S. Bach

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw fourfooted animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18, 2025
10:30 am
Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prayer of the Day:

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through 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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