## **Announcements**

**Baptized Today:** Eric and Kaitlyn's daughter, Nora Dawn. Godparents: Angela and Kent. Welcome, all Nora's family and friends!

**WAYS TO GIVE AT ZION:** We accept cash, cheques, e-transfers (to <u>zion.office@sasktel.net</u>), pre-authorized debits, and donations through canadahelps.ca. Please fill out the message field on the offering envelope to designate your gift.

**In From the Cold** - Zion is once again supporting this valuable program this winter. Please bring donations of the following to the bins set up in the narthex: Winter outerwear (jackets, pants, toques, scarves and mitts). Please be sure the clothing is clean and all zippers are working; Hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant) that are new and in a sealed package; Blankets; Handwarmers, like HotShots

Knitting Club meets the first and third Tuesdays from 1 pm − 3 pm. All are welcome, even beginner knitters! Please enter through the south entrance.

**Concert for the Unhoused:** Nov 28, 7 PM, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, featuring Stephen Maguire and friends. Admission: items for the unhoused.

**Congregational Visioning Session and potluck** immediately following the service next Sunday, Nov 30.

Wednesday noon hour Bible Study meets in the Narthex - bring your lunch.

`Conversations Across the Church': Sunday, Nov 30 at 5:00 p.m. CST. Please join new ELCIC National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer for an hour online in prayer, reflection, and conversation. When you register, please complete the question: "One thing I would like to ask Bishop Larry as he begins his new ministry as National Bishop is ...." See the poster for registration information.

**November is Stewardship Month!** Pledge cards can be found at the back of the Sanctuary and can be placed in the locked white box when completed.

October	Actual	Budget	October	Actual	Budget
Offering Income	13,833.80	15,270.83	Salaries	16,611.50	15,037.50
Rental Income	8,110.00	9,341.67	Administration	7,458.66	9,620.83
Total Income	21,943.80	24,612.50	Committees	2,252.62	1,996.67
			Total Expenses	26,322.78	26,655.00
Income-Expense	-4,378.98	-2,042.50	LOC Balance	52,136.85	

**WELCOME TO ZION!** If you would like more information about us, please fill in the communion card and give it to an usher. All 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

Andrea; Nandari; Mallory; Don; Louise; Mary; Linda & Steven; Jennifer; Gloria; Kaye; Doreen; Clara; Connie; Marilyn; Fred; Lorna; Betsy; Anne; Maureen; Susan; Ron; Lara, for justice; Carolyn; Alice; Neal; Helen; Ron; Brenda; Mary; Marie; Phyllis; Ina; Gordon; Ted; Dianah; Nora, Kaitlin, Eric, and family.

## **Announcements**

Mark your calendars: Retirement Luncheon and Celebration for Terry Afseth will be held on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 am service.

**Christmas Squircle** will be on Tuesday December 16, at 7:30 in the Richmond room at Luther Heights. Bring a potluck desert type treat to share.

Confirmation: Erik Peters will be confirmed next Sunday, November 30.

**LuMinHoS (Lutheran Ministry in Hospitals of Saskatoon):** The latest issue of the *Caregiver* newsletter is available at <a href="mailto:luminhos.org/Resources/Newsletters">luminhos.org/Resources/Newsletters</a>. We thank our faithful supporters for their prayers and financial donations.

**CLWR Gifts from the Heart** catalogs are available in the Narthex.

The Annual Norwegian Christmas Candlelight Service will be held at Zion Lutheran Church at 3 pm on Sunday November 30, in English and Norwegian. Potluck goodies to follow! Velkommen til Alle.

**The Mitten Tree** has been set up in the Narthex. We are collecting new or gently used mitts, toques, scarves, and socks to donate to an inner-city organization in the new year. Thanks in advance for your donation.

## Order of Service

#### **GATHERING**

Prelude: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Westenkeuhler

Welcome

Confession and Absolution (see screen)
Gathering Hymn: "At the Name of Jesus"

– ELW #416

Kyrie

Glory to God

Prayer of the Day: (see front of bulletin)

**WORD** 

First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 95

**Second Lesson:** Colossians 1:11-20

**Gospel Acclamation** 

Gospel Lesson: Luke 23:33-43

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "O Christ, What Can It Mean

for Us" - ELW #431

Order for Holy Baptism – ELW, p.227

**Prayers of Intercession** (P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.)

#### COMMUNION

The Peace

Offering: Simple Gifts, Solid Rock

The Great Thanksgiving

**Holy Lord** 

The Lord's Prayer

**Lamb of God** 

Communion: "Beautiful Saviour" - ELW #838,

"Crown Him (Majesty)"

**Communion Prayer** 

#### **SENDING**

Benediction

**Announcements** 

Sending Song: "Lift High the Cross"

- ELW #660

Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God!** Postlude: "Lift High the Cross" – Lani Smith

### Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

### Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

### Luke 23:33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Christ the King
November 23, 2025
10:30 am
Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prayer of the Day:

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



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