

# Announcements

**WAYS TO GIVE AT ZION:** We accept cash, cheques, e-transfers (to [zion.office@sasktel.net](mailto:zion.office@sasktel.net)), pre-authorized debits, and donations through [canadahelps.ca](http://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. **Knitting will pause until the New Year – next meetings are January 6 and 20.**

**Congregational Vote will be held today after the service.**

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

**You are Invited to A Candlelight Service of Remembrance and Healing** on Thursday, December 18, at 7:30 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church - Christmas without a loved one can be a difficult time for those left behind. Other losses, such as the loss of a relationship, health or job can be the cause of loneliness in the midst of Christmas celebrations. Please join us in a service of prayer, scripture, communion and music knowing that God is present. May we find hope and comfort in knowing that we are not alone at this time. Refreshments to follow hosted by Saskatoon Lutheran Stephen Ministers.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE:

**December 24<sup>th</sup> Candlelight Service at 7:00 pm**

**December 25<sup>th</sup> Communion Service at 11:00 am**

We are in need of more members for the Parish Life Committee and for Sunday School. If you are interested in helping in these areas, please contact Kaylyn in the office.

**Annual Reports are due December 31, 2025.** Please ensure your report is sent in to the office in a word processing document by the end of the year.

**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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OFFICE HOURS: Mon – Fri, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

## 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; Neil; Helen; Ron; Brenda; Mary; Marie; Phyllis; Ina; Gordon; Ted; Dianah; Dolores

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**Retirement Luncheon and Celebration for Terry Afseth will be held today after the 10:30 am service. All are welcome to join and celebrate with us!**

**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.

**LuMinHoS (Lutheran Ministry in Hospitals of Saskatoon):** The latest issue of the *Caregiver* newsletter is available at [luminhos.org/Resources/Newsletters](http://luminhos.org/Resources/Newsletters). We thank our faithful supporters for their prayers and financial donations.

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

**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.

2026 contribution envelopes are in your mailbox. Let Kaylyn know when you need more.

## Order of Service – Setting Three GATHERING

Prelude: Nun Komm, der heiden Heiland – J.S. Bach  
Welcome

**Confession and Absolution** (see screen)

**Gathering Hymn: “Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn” – ELW #242**

Kyrie – ELW pg. 138

Hymn of Praise – ELW pg. 139

**Prayer of the Day:** (see front of bulletin)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Children's Time

**Candle-Lighting Hymn: “We are Waiting for Jesus” – ACS #905**

## WORD

**First Lesson:** Deuteronomy 16:1-8

**Psalm 17**

**Second Lesson:** 1 Peter 1:10-21

Gospel Acclamation – ELW pg. 142

**Gospel Lesson:** John 1:35-42

Sermon

**Hymn of the Day: “Savior of the Nations, Come” – ELW #263**

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

## COMMUNION

The Peace

Offering: “A Star Will Soon Shine” - Choir

The Great Thanksgiving – ELW pg. 144

**Holy Lord**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Lamb of God**

**Communion: “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” – ELW #254; “Wait for the Lord” – ELW #262**

Communion Prayer

## SENDING

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**Sending Song: “He Came Down” – ELW #253**

Go in peace. Keep awake. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: Nun Komm, der heiden Heiland – J.S. Bach

**Deuteronomy 16:1-8**

Observe the month of Abib by keeping the passover to the Lord your God, for in the month of Abib the Lord your God brought you out of Egypt by night. <sup>2</sup>You shall offer the passover sacrifice to the Lord your God, from the flock and the herd, at the place that the Lord will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You must not eat with it anything leavened. For seven days you shall eat unleavened bread with it—the bread of affliction—because you came out of the land of Egypt in great haste, so that all the days of your life you may remember the day of your departure from the land of Egypt. <sup>4</sup>No leaven shall be seen with you in all your territory for seven days; and none of the meat of what you slaughter on the evening of the first day shall remain until morning. <sup>5</sup>You are not permitted to offer the passover sacrifice within any of your towns that the Lord your God is giving you. <sup>6</sup>But at the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name, only there shall you offer the passover sacrifice, in the evening at sunset, the time of day when you departed from Egypt. <sup>7</sup>You shall cook it and eat it at the place that the Lord your God will choose; the next morning you may go back to your tents. <sup>8</sup>For six days you shall continue to eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a solemn assembly for the Lord your God, when you shall do no work.

**1 Peter 1:10-21**

<sup>10</sup>Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that was to be yours made careful search and inquiry, <sup>11</sup>inquiring about the person or time that the Spirit of Christ within them indicated, when it testified in advance to the sufferings destined for Christ and the subsequent glory. <sup>12</sup>It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in regard to the things that have now been announced to you through those who brought you good news by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look! <sup>13</sup>Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. <sup>14</sup>Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. <sup>15</sup>Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; <sup>16</sup>for it is written, ‘You shall be holy, for I am holy.’ <sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

**John 1:35-42**

<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ <sup>39</sup>He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter).

**Third Sunday of Advent****December 14, 2025****10:30 am****Evangelical Lutheran Worship****Prayer of the Day:**

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, O Lord,  
and set our hope on the grace  
that Jesus Christ brings when he is revealed,  
that we may come and see and stay where he dwells,  
for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
Amen.



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