

Announcements

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

Knitting Club meets the first and third Tuesdays from 1 pm – 3 pm. All are welcome, even beginner knitters!

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

There is a sign-up sheet for Sunday morning coffee on the table in the narthex. We are grateful to those who provide coffee and goodies and clean up afterwards. Thank you!

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

Wakati wa Kafrika would like to inform you of the opening of the African Coffee House and Restaurant Pizza and Training Centre, at 505 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. The African Coffee House is open from Monday to Saturday, from 8 am to 5 pm, and serves a range of Coffee tastes and African dishes, for breakfast and lunch. Contact www.wakatiwakafrika.org for more info.

Bishop Ali Tote will be at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 8th at 1 pm for a presentation on “Being a Welcoming Congregation”. All are welcome to attend!

Resurrection Lutheran Church is hosting a musical evening on Friday, February 6th at 7:30 pm with choirs from Augustana, Zion and Resurrection with musical selections from other musicians. Refreshments will follow with a free-will offering for Social Justice needs and new music for Resurrection.

Naomi Bible Study will be this Monday, February 9th at 1:30 in the Cedar Room. Pastor Sonje's office hours are Tuesday & Thursday 11 am – 2 pm.

On Sunday, February 15 you are invited to Zion Lutheran, Saskatoon to celebrate with Pastor Ron Bestvater's retirement from Zion and his more than 40 years of ordained ministry. The service begins at 10:30 am with Bishop Tote in attendance. A potluck lunch will follow the 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 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; Neil; Helen; Ron; Mary; Marie; Phyllis; Ina; Gordon; Ted; Dolores; Stan

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SHARED MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

February 25	Lent 1	Redeemer
March 4	Lent 2	Resurrection
March 11	Lent 3	Trinity
March 18	Lent 4	King of Glory
March 25	Lent 5	Zion

During this season of Lent, we will gather for worship in fellowship with the other ELCIC Lutheran congregations here in Saskatoon on Wednesday nights. A light supper will be provided by the host congregation at 6pm followed by a service of Holden Evening Prayer and reflection on Mathew's Passion story at 6:45pm.

Ash Wednesday Service will be held February 18th at 7:30 pm at Good Shepherd.

Order of Service – Setting Three

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Absolution (see screen)

Gathering Hymn: “Gather Us In” – ELW #532

Kyrie – ELW pg. 138

Hymn of Praise – ELW pg. 139

Prayer of the Day: (see front of bulletin)

WORD

First Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-9a

Psalm 112:1-9

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Gospel Acclamation – ELW pg. 142

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “Lord of Light” – ELW #688

Apostles’ Creed – ELW pg. 105

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

C: Your mercy is great.)

COMMUNION

The Peace

Offering: “As the Deer” - Choir

The Great Thanksgiving – ELW pg. 144

Holy Lord

The Lord’s Prayer

Lamb of God

Communion: “O God of Every Nation” - ELW #712;

“Let us Break Bread Together”- ELW #471

Communion Prayer

SENDING

Benediction

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Sending Song: “This Little Light of Mine” - ELW #677

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shout out; do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments;

they want God on their side.

³ "Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day
and oppress all your workers.

⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them

and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him"—

¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Matthew 5:13-20

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

February 8, 2026

10:30 am

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prayer of the Day:

Lord God, with endless mercy
you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit
show us the things we ought to do,
and give us the grace and power to do them,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



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