

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.

Saskatoon (and Area) Stephen Ministry is planning a 30 year reunion in June 2026. We are looking for past and present Stephen Ministers, Stephen Leaders and care receivers to contact us. You can like and follow our Facebook Page [@Saskatoon Stephen Ministry 30 year Reunion](#) or message/email me with your current contact information at Fran Seidler, franseidler29@gmail.com 306-280-0549. We also want to remember those who have served but gone before us. Details will come available as they unfold. Looking forward to this!

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!

Thank you very much for all the donations to In From the Cold and to the Mitten Tree. The items have all been delivered to St. Mary’s Church for the overnight warming shelter and the items from the Mitten Tree were given to St. Michael’s School. If any other donations come in they will be taken to St. Mary’s.

There is a wheelchair available – it is located by the lift in the area next to the library. Please ask the ushers for assistance.

We are looking for suggestions – what favorite hymn would you like to include in our worship? Fill out a card at the back of the Narthex with your favorite hymn listed.

Zion Handbells present a concert on Sunday, March 22 at 3 pm. The program will feature a variety of music for handbells and guest musician, Ann Salmon, flute. A free-will offering will be taken.

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

Pastor Sonje’s office hours are Tuesday & Thursday 11 am – 2 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; Mary; Marie; Phyllis; Ina; Gordon; Ted; Dolores; Stan

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SHARED MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

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 Matthew’s Passion story at 6:45pm.

2025 Charitable Receipts have been mailed out. Thanks for your faithful generosity!

Order of Service – Setting Three

GATHERING

Prelude: “Rockingham” – Hubert Parry

Welcome

Confession and Absolution (see screen)

Gathering Hymn: “O God of Mercy, God of Light”

- ELW #714

Kyrie – ELW pg. 138

Prayer of the Day: (see front of bulletin)

WORD

First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121 – LBW #445

Second Lesson: Romans 4:1-5, 12-17

Gospel Acclamation – ELW pg. 142 (return to the Lord)

Gospel Lesson: John 3:1-17

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “God Loved the World”

- ELW #323

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

C: Your mercy is great.)

Apostles’ Creed

COMMUNION

The Peace

Offering: “When We are Tested” – ACS #922

The Great Thanksgiving – ELW pg. 144

Holy Lord

The Lord’s Prayer

Lamb of God – Pulkingham

Communion: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

- ELW #803; “When Peace like a River” - ELW #785

Communion Prayer

SENDING

Benediction

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Sending Song: “Blessed Assurance” - ELW #638

Go in peace. Believe the Good News. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: “Wir danken dir” – J.S. Bach

Genesis 12:1-4a

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Romans 4:1-5, 12-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. ¹²and likewise the ancestor of the circumcised who are not only circumcised but follow the example of the faith that our ancestor Abraham had before he was circumcised.

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. ¹⁶For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind^[e] blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Second Sunday of Lent

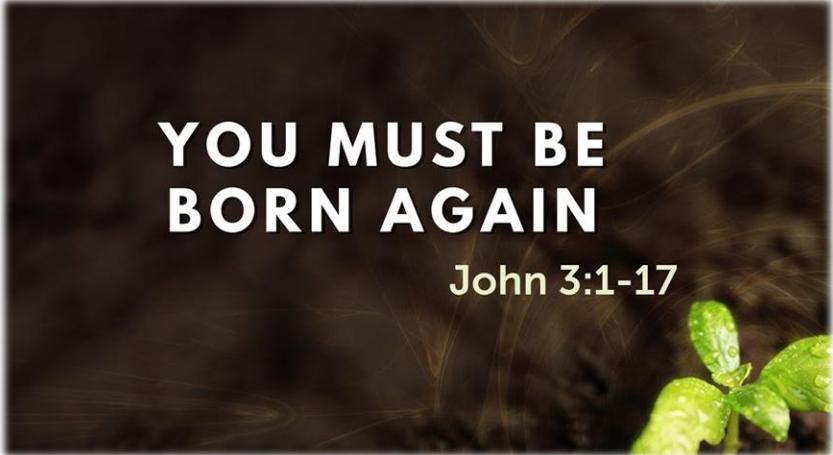
March 1, 2026

10:30 am

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prayer of the Day:

O God, our leader and guide,
in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth
to live as your children.
Strengthen our faith in your promises,
that by your Spirit
we may lift up your life to all the world
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.



**YOU MUST BE
BORN AGAIN**

John 3:1-17

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