

# Announcements

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**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.

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There is a wheelchair available – please ask the ushers for assistance.

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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!

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## SHARED MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

March 18	Lent 4	King of Glory
March 25	Lent 5	Zion

A light supper will be provided at 6pm followed by a service of Holden Evening Prayer and reflection on Matthew’s Passion story at 6:45pm.

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**The Glory of these Forty Days: A Lenten Organ recital featuring local members of the RCCO will be held on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm at St. John’s Anglican Cathedral.** Admission by donation.

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**One Lord, Many Voices – An Inspirational Lenten Evening of Sacred Music: Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church,** featuring choirs from downtown Saskatoon. A free-will offering will be taken.

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**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.

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## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 2 - Maundy Thursday at Zion at 7:30 pm  
April 3 - Good Friday at Redeemer at 10 am  
April 5 - Easter Sunday at Zion at 10:30 am

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**EASTER BRUNCH:** We will be having an Easter Brunch following the worship service on Easter Sunday. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex of items needed for the brunch. Please sign up if you are able to bring anything listed, or help (especially with clean-up). Thank you!

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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

**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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### 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.”<sup>2</sup> Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’<sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.”<sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?”<sup>5</sup> He said, “Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely his anointed is now before the Lord.”<sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”<sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.”<sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.”<sup>10</sup> Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.”<sup>11</sup> Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.”<sup>12</sup> He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.”<sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

## Order of Service – Setting Three

### GATHERING

Prelude: “Da Jesus an kreuze stand” – J.S Bach  
Welcome

**Confession and Absolution** (see screen)

**Gathering Hymn: “O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate”**  
- ELW #722

**Kyrie – ELW pg. 138**

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

### WORD

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

**Psalm 23 – ELW #780**

Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14

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

Gospel Lesson: John 9:1-41

Sermon

**Hymn of the Day: “Dearest Jesus, at Your Word”**  
- ELW #520

**Apostles’ Creed**

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

### COMMUNION

The Peace

Offering: handbell choir

The Great Thanksgiving – ELW pg. 144

**Holy Lord**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Lamb of God**

**Communion: “Amazing Grace” - ELW #779;**  
**“I want Jesus to Walk with Me” - ELW #325**

Communion Prayer

### SENDING

Benediction

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**Sending Song: “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”**  
- ELW #324

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

Postlude: “If Thou but Suffer” – Paul Manz

**Ephesians 5:8-14**

8 for once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, 9 for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. 10 Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. 11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, 13 but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, 14 for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,  
 "Sleeper, awake!  
 Rise from the dead,  
 and Christ will shine on you."

**John 9:1-41**

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. 4 We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6 When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, 7 saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. 8 The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" 9 Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." 10 But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" 11 He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." 12 They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." The Pharisees Investigate the Healing  
 13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. 14 Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. 15 Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." 16 Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. 17 So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." 18 The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight 19 and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" 20 His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, 21 but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." 22 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. 23 Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." 24 So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." 25 He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." 26 They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" 27 He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" 28 Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. 29 We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." 30 The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. 31 We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. 32 Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. 33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." 34 They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.  
 Spiritual Blindness  
 35 Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" 36 He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." 37 Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." 38 He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. 39 Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind." 40 Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" 41 Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

March 15, 2026

10:30 am

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship****Prayer of the Day:**

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ,  
 and come among us.

By your gracious life and death for us,  
 bring light into the darkness of our hearts,  
 and anoint us with your Spirit,

for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and forever.

Amen.



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