

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.

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. We are looking for past and present Stephen Ministers, Stephen Leaders and care receivers to contact us 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. 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!

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

There is a wheelchair available – 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!

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.

SHARED MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

March 11	Lent 3	Trinity
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.

The Glory of these Forty Days: A Lenten Organ recital featuring local members of the RCCO will be held on Sunday, March 15th at 2 pm at St. John’s Anglican Cathedral. Admission by donation with proceeds going towards Alongside Hope’s Solar Suitcase Project.

Naomi will meet March 9th at 1:30 in the Cedar Room.

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

Exodus 17:1-7

17 From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

Order of Service – Setting Three

GATHERING

Prelude: “Jesus Keep me Near the Cross” – Dale Wood
Welcome

Confession and Absolution (see screen)

Gathering Hymn: “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”
- ELW #533

Kyrie – ELW pg. 138

Prayer of the Day: (see front of bulletin)

WORD

First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-11

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

Gospel Lesson: John 4:5-42

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “Jesus Keep me Near the Cross”
- ELW #335

Apostles’ Creed

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

COMMUNION

The Peace

Offering: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” - choir

The Great Thanksgiving – ELW pg. 144

Holy Lord

The Lord’s Prayer

Lamb of God

Communion: “Come to the Table” - ELW #481;
“O Bread of Life from Heaven” - ELW #480

Communion Prayer

SENDING

Benediction

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Sending Song: “Guide me Ever, Great Redeemer”
- ELW #618

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

Postlude: “God of Grace” – Paul Manz

Romans 5:1-11

5 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹ But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

John 4:5-42 ⁵ So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³ So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴ Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

10:30 am

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

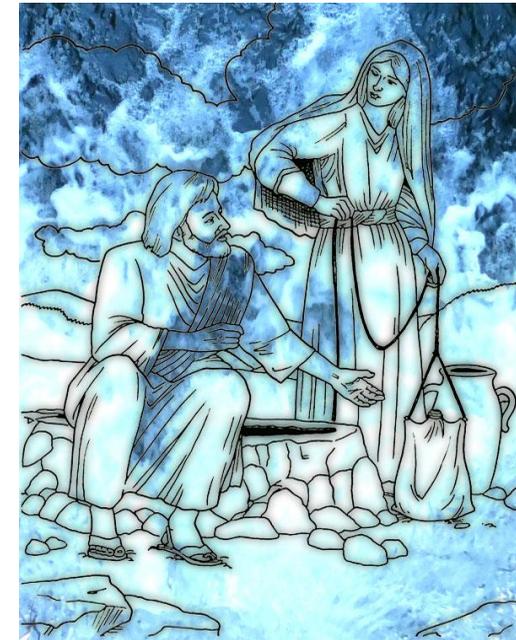
Prayer of the Day:

Merciful God, the fountain of living water,
you quench our thirst and wash away our sin.

Give us this water always.

Bring us to drink from the well that flows
with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



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