

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - Saskatoon

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Order of Service

Prelude – Liebster Jesu (J.S. Bach)

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

Prayer of the Day – **Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Gathering Song – “Dearest Jesus, at Your Word” – ELW #520

Kyrie – pg. 138

Gloria – pg. 139

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: ‘If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.’ Then the LORD replied to me: ‘They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.’

Psalm 111

Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honour and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures for ever.

He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.
They are established for ever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant for ever.
Holy and awesome is his name.
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures for ever.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that ‘all of us possess knowledge.’ Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that ‘no idol in the world really exists’, and that ‘there is no God but one.’ Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ‘Food will not bring us close to God.’ We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling-block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Gospel Acclamation – pg. 142

The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, ‘What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.’ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, ‘Be silent, and come out of him!’ And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, ‘What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.’ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Homily

Hymn of the Day: “Light Shone in Darkness” – ELW #307

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer – pg. 305 (sung)

Benediction

Sending Song: “Rise, Shine, You People!” – ELW #665

Postlude – Prelude in C Major (J.S. Bach)

Announcements:

The Bible “Book of the Month” Club meets Tuesdays from 12:30-2:00 on Zoom. Contact the office for the Zoom link.

Join Pastor Ron for prayer 10:00 am Wednesday morning by Zoom. Contact the church for the Zoom link.

Zion’s Annual General Meeting is scheduled for February 14th at 1 pm. The Zoom Link and the Annual Report were emailed last week. Hard copies can be mailed out upon request. Contact the office for any questions.

If you are interested in receiving the **bulletin, sermon or messenger devotion** by postal mail, contact Kaylyn in the office. You can also receive these by email if you don’t already.

“Dearest Jesus, at Your Word”

Dearest Jesus, at your word
we have come again to hear you;
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
and in glowing faith be near you
as the promises here given
draw us wholly up to heaven.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded
till your Spirit breaks the night,
filling us with light unclouded.
All good thoughts and all good living
come but by your gracious giving.

Radiance of God’s glory bright,
Light of Light from God proceeding,
Jesus, send your blessed light;
help our hearing, speaking, heeding,
that our prayers and songs may please you,
as with grateful hearts we praise you.

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
praise to you and adoration!
Grant us what we need the most;
all your gospel’s consolation
while we here on earth await you,
till in heav’n with praise we greet you.

“Light Shone in Darkness”

Light shone in darkness at the world’s creation,
bathing in beauty nature’s revelation.
All that has being, cry in adoration,
“Praise for the light. Amen!”

Light shone in darkness at the new creation;
Christ rose in glory, won for us salvation.
Sing, earth and heaven, hymns of jubilation,
praise for the light. Amen!

Light shines in the darkness till the full creation;
Christ’s body, groaning, suffers tribulation,
longs for God’s justice, global transformation,
prays for the light. Amen!

“Rise, Shine, You People”

Rise, shine, you people!
Christ the Lord has entered
our human story;
God in him in centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
with grace unbounded.

See how he sends
the pow’rs of evil reeling;
he brings us freedom,
light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
now are forgiven.

Come, celebrate;
your banners high unfurling,
your songs and prayers
against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
of Jesus’ glory.

Tell how the Father
sent the Son to save us.
Tell of the Son,
who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev’ry nation
God’s new creation.

In Our Prayers: Derwin Hall, Andrea Nostbakken, Nandari Swamy, Martin, Weldeyesus family, Mallory Jess, Wally Cubbon, Cecelia Jurgens, Vibes Paulsen, Neil Taylor, Vi Stalwick, Dale Stalwick, Gloria Hamp, Lena & their family, Adam, Betty McManus, Aaron Froese, Glenn Wood, Borgny Lokken, Samhara & Saraq, Brenda Smith, Robert Reid, Slind Family, Arryn Hahn and family, Fisher and LeBlanc families, Thor Kliev