

Announcements

NAOMI BIBLE STUDY will meet on Monday, December 12th at 1:30 pm.

People in Saskatoon are hungry! Food Bank has diminished supplies. We can help with donations to our Food Bank box in the narthex or gifts of money given either directly to the Food Bank or through your Zion offering. Designate your gifts for the Food Bank and the church office will forward it directly. Check the bulletin board for the most needed items.

A Word from our Social Ministry Committee: Our project this year for Christmas Outreach will be focused on CLWR's "Gifts from the Heart." Please check the table in the narthex for a catalogue. The catalogue explains how to give a gift and offers several choices for gifts. Your gift of money will provide items (food, shelter, seeds, garden tools) all sourced locally. Some gifts will provide basic health care. Other gifts will provide care for refugees. If you have any questions, please ask Linda Jarock or Jackie Smith or Kaylyn in the church office.

PLEASE NOTE: charitable contributions for 2022 must be placed in the locked white box by the office by the end of the day December 31 to be counted towards 2022. The box is accessible outside the office using the mail slot. **2023 offering envelopes** are now in your mailboxes. Stewardship cards can still be handed in at the main office. These pledge sheets assist when preparing the annual budget.

Christmas Services Schedule:

Christmas Eve – December 24 at 7:00 pm
Christmas Day – December 25 at 11:00 am
Boxing Day – December 26 at 11:00 am
New Years Day – January 1 at 10:30 am

In Our Prayers: Derwin Hall, Andrea Nostbakken, Nandari Swamy, Weldeyesus family, Mallory Jess, Cecelia Jurgens, Betty McManus, Aaron Froese, Glenn Wood, Borgny Lokken, Samhara & Saraq, Thor Kliev, Ivar Moen, Don Peterson, Louise Dahlen, Mary Kamineski, Linda and Steven, Jennifer Finstad, Bereket and family, Alice Olson, Paul Nostbakken, Gloria Hamp, Kaye Senum, Maxine Olson, lone Tysseand, Patti Pfeifer, Keri Schaffel, Neil Shantz, Ron & Doreen Boldt, Dick Hall, Paul Hansen, Clara Davidson, Al Anderson and family

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OFFICE HOURS: Mon – Fri 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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WELCOME VISITORS! If you would like more information about us, please fill out a communion card (found in the pew) and give it to an usher. Communing members of Zion are encouraged to fill out a communion card each time they commune. **We invite all who are baptized in the Christian faith to commune.** If you do not commune, we invite you to come forward to receive our Lord's Blessing from our Pastor. If you wish to receive communion in your pew, please notify your usher. Grape juice (in the middle of the tray) and red wine are available. Gluten free wafers available on request.

Saskatoon Lutheran Stephen Ministers are hosting a **Service of Remembrance and Healing on Thursday, December 15 at 7:30 pm at Zion.** Please join them in a service of prayer, scripture, communion and music knowing that God is present.

REMINDER – please do not leave valuable inside coats that are hung in the entry or by the washrooms. There are also coat racks in Heritage Hall if that is a preferred location for hanging your jacket.

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE by December 31. Please email them to Kaylyn (in word format) at zion.office@sasktel.net

ADVENT ORGAN RECITALS will be held Sunday, December 11 and 18th at 3 pm in Heritage Hall on the Walker-Tracker organ. Vesper services will follow at 4 pm. All are welcome.

New hearing assist headsets are here! Talk to an usher or sound tech.

ORDER OF SERVICE – Setting Four

GATHERING

Prelude: "Veni Emmanuel"

Invocation & Welcome

Confession & Absolution

Gathering Hymn: "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

– ELW #241

Kyrie – ELW pg. 147

Glory to God – ELW pg. 148

Prayer of the Day: (see front of bulletin)

Lighting of the Advent Candle: "We are Waiting for Jesus" – ACS #905

WORD

First Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalms 146:5-10

Second Lesson: James 5:7-10

Gospel Acclamation: ELW pg. 151

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 11:2-11

Homily

Hymn of the Day: "Hark, the Glad Sound!" – ELW #239

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Prayers of Intercession (P: Lord, in your mercy
C: Hear our prayer)

MEAL

The Peace

Offering: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" - Choir

The Great Thanksgiving – ELW pg. 152

The Lord's Prayer (contemporary version)

Lamb of God – ELW pg. 154

**Communion: "Come Lord Jesus"; "Emmanuel";
"Prepare the Way"**

Communion Blessing

SENDING

Blessings & Announcements

Sending Song: "People, Look East" – ELW #248

"Go in peace. Christ is near."

"Thanks be to God!"

Postlude: "The Only Son from Heaven"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;

the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;

the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you."

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

10:30 am

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prayer of the Day: Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; 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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