

# Announcements

**NORWEGIAN CHRISTMAS SERVICE** – will be held today at 2 pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (1215 McKercher Dr). Everyone is invited to bring a treat to share after the service. The service is open to all.

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.

<b>Budget Update – October 2022</b>			
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Offering	22,377	35,750	-13,373

**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, Ione Tysseland, Patti Pfeifer, Keri Schaffel, Neil Shantz, Ron & Doreen Boldt, Dick Hall, Paul Hansen, Clara Davidson

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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.

## Holden Evening Prayers will be held Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm

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](mailto:zion.office@sasktel.net)

**ADVENT ORGAN RECITALS** will be held Sunday, December 11 and 18<sup>th</sup> 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: “Puer nobis natur” – Nicolas le Begue  
Invocation & Welcome

### Confession & Absolution

**Gathering Hymn: “On Jordan’s Bank” – ELW #249**

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

**Lighting of the Advent Candle: “We are Waiting for Jesus” – ACS #905**

**Handbells – “O Come Emmanuel”**

### WORD

**First Lesson:** Isaiah 11:1-10

**Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19**

**Second Lesson:** Romans 15:4-13

Gospel Acclamation: ELW pg. 151

**Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 3:1-12

### Homily

**Hymn of the Day: “Prepare the Royal Highway” – ELW #264**

### Nicene Creed

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

### MEAL

The Peace

**Offering: “Even So Lord Jesus Come”**

The Great Thanksgiving – ELW pg. 152

**The Lord’s Prayer (contemporary version)**

Lamb of God – ELW pg. 154

**Communion: “Christ the Lord”; “Come to Us”**

Communion Blessing

### SENDING

**Blessings & Announcements**

**Sending Song: “All Earth is Hopeful” – ELW #266**

*“Go in peace. Christ is near.”*

**“Thanks be to God!”**

Postlude: “Gottes Sohn ist kommen” – J.S. Bach

### 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

## **SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

### **Isaiah 11:1-10**

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.  
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.  
The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.  
The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.  
They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples;  
the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

### **Romans 15:4-13**

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,  
and sing praises to your name';  
and again he says,  
'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people';  
and again,  
'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him';  
and again Isaiah says,  
'The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him the Gentiles shall hope.'  
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **Matthew 3:1-12**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,  
'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight." '

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

## Second Sunday of Advent

### December 4, 2022

### 10:30 am

## Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prayer of the Day: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; 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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