

Announcements

Welcome to Zion's contemporary service today! A liturgical service is planned for next Sunday. For more details about Zion's worship planning, please check out the Worship Task Force report on our website (zionsaskatoon.com)

Upon recommendation from the worship committee, Zion Council has passed a motion to remove the bottom of the cross that interferes with the powerpoint. The plan is to shorten the cross to accommodate the ease of viewing the powerpoint but will also be re-attachable as needed.

WAYS TO GIVE AT ZION – did you know there are many ways to give financially to Zion? Along with your offering envelope with cheque or cash inside, there are other ways to give at Zion. We accept e-transfer (sent to zion.office@sasktel.net – it is set up for auto-deposit) and we can set up monthly withdrawals from your bank account. You can also donate to Zion through canadahelps.ca.

December Financial Update:

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Offering	81,058	71,500	9,558
Line of Credit Balance as of January 17, 2023 - \$6400.79			

HILLTOPPERS – plan to meet Friday, February 10th at 6 pm in the Cedar Room for a potluck supper followed by games.

LUTHERCARE STAIRCLIMB is scheduled for February 10 (registration has to be in by February 3). Are you interested in joining a team or being a sponsor? If you want to be a sponsor, you can designate your offering to LutherCare StairClimb 2023. Talk to Pastor Ron if you are interested in joining a team!

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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.

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

Zion's AGM is scheduled for next Sunday, February 5th at 12:30 pm. Lunch will be provided after the 10:30 am service. Booklets are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please plan to attend if you are able.

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, Connie Friggstad, Allan Grundahl, Darren Stephenson, Margaret Fast

GATHERING

Instrumental Music & Centering Prayer

Welcome

Confession & Absolution

**Songs of Invocation & Praise: "I Surrender All";
"Jesus, All for Jesus"**

Prayer of the Day: (see front of bulletin)

WORD

The Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Homily

**Song of Inspiration & Reflection: "Will you Come
and Follow Me" – ELW #798**

Apostles' Creed

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

MEAL

Offertory: "Blessed are the Poor"

The Lord's Prayer (contemporary version)

Words of Institution

**Communion: "All the Way my Savior Leads Me";
"God of Justice"**

SENDING

Community News & Notes

**Sending Song: "The Lord Now Sends us Forth"
– ELW #538**

"Go in peace. Follow in the way of Jesus."

"Thanks be to God!"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, ‘Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.’

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Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 2023

10:30 am

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prayer of the Day: Holy God, you confound the world’s wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



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