

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.

WAYS TO GIVE AT ZION – there are many ways to give financially to Zion - along with your offering envelope with cheque or cash inside, 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.

LuMinHos is hosting KatieLu’s Café today - Sunday, March 26 from 2-3:30 pm. A suggested donation fee of \$20 includes beverage and dessert with live auction. See the poster on the back bulletin board for more information.

FORWARD PLANNING MEETING PART TWO – is today, Sunday, March 26th at 5:30 pm. Supper will be provided. Please plan to join if you are able. Discussion sheets are available at the back of the sanctuary.

MUSIC FOR LENT –The last concert on the Walker-Tracker Organ will be held today at 3 pm; Diane Bestvater is the organist.

You are invited to a Spring Hymn Sing featuring local Lutheran parish choirs and musicians, Thursday, April 20th at 7:30 p.m. at Augustana Lutheran Church. Come to enjoy choral anthems for the Easter season, presented by Augustana, Resurrection, and other choirs--but come ready to sing, too! Together we’ll be getting acquainted with a variety of beautiful hymns from a promising new resource, the latest supplement to our Lutheran hymnals, called *All Creation Sings*. A coffee reception will follow, hosted by Augustana Choir. Proceeds from the evening’s offering will go towards Augustana’s purchase of *All Creation Sings* worship resources, as well as the Queen Elizabeth School Breakfast Program. For more information, contact Deborah Buck at dbuck@sasktel.net or 306-652-0379.

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 Kliiev, 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, Keri Schaffel, Ron & Doreen Boldt, Paul Hansen, Clara Davidson, Connie Friggstad, Allan Grundahl, Marilyn Borch

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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 available on request.

Hilltoppers meets Friday, April 14th in the Cedar Room. Bring food to share and a game to play.

The final mid-week Lenten service for this year is being held at Redeemer at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, March 29.

SOCIAL OUTREACH UPDATE: We delivered the following to the Crisis Nursery and the Salvation Army: 15 children’s quilts, 9 large quilts, 6 backpacks with toiletry items, 10 baby bundles, 6 receiving blankets, 4 other blankets. A huge thank you to all who continue to sew and gather supplies! There continues to be a great need in Saskatoon for these items. Any questions can be directed to Jackie Smith, Lori Farmer or Judy Jahnke. Many thanks to Linda Jarock for all her years of service to this committee.

Easter Week Service Schedule:

Palm Sunday	April 2	10:30 am
Maundy Thursday	April 6	TBA
Good Friday	April 7	11:00 am
Easter Saturday Prayer	April 8	11:00 am
Easter Sunday Service	April 9	10:30 am

ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERING

Welcome
Confession & Forgiveness
Songs of Praise: “Glorious Day”;
“Amazing Love (I’m Forgiven)”
Prayer of the Day: (see front of bulletin)

WORD

The Lesson: Romans 8:6-11
The Gospel: John 11:1-45
Sermon
Response to the Sermon: “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
Apostles’ Creed
Prayers of the People (P: Lord, in your mercy C: Hear our prayer)

MEAL

Offertory: Zion Choir
Words of Institution
The Lord’s Prayer
Communion: “O Praise the Name”

SENDING

Community News & Notes
Sending Song: “The Wonderful Cross”
“Go in peace. Serve in love.”
“Thanks be to God!”

Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2023

10:30 am

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prayer of the Day: Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



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