

Announcements

Welcome to Zion's liturgical service today! A liturgical service is also 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)

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.

Confirmation Small Groups Session this evening with Augustana at Augustana. Session begins at 6:30 pm and is wrapped up by 8:15 pm.

All-Ages Youth Night is coming up – Sunday, March 19th with RRAGSZ+Andy and friends! Join us from 5:30-8:30 pm; all are welcome!

Thank you to all who supported the Lenten service at Zion this past week – technicians, hospitality, worship assistants, choir and bellchoir, organ and piano. God bless you ministries! Augustana hosts the next service on March 8th at 7:30 pm. The theme is Perseverance with Endurance;

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, Keri Schaffel, Ron & Doreen Boldt, Paul Hansen, Clara Davidson, Connie Friggstad, Allan Grundahl, Darren Stephenson, Margaret Fast, Marilyn Borch, Pat Rogal and family on the loss of Gertie Lofstrom, Roger Uitti

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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.

MUSIC FOR LENT – please join us for a series of recitals on the Walker organ in the Heritage Hall. The concerts will be held Sundays in Lent (March 12, 19 and 26) at 3 pm. They will feature some of the finest organists in Saskatoon. See poster on bulletin board for more details.

7 Churches Lenten Service Schedule: (all services at 7:30 pm)

Date	Host	Preacher
Feb 22 (Ash Wednesday)	Trinity	Redeemer
March 1	Zion	Augustana
March 8	Augustana	King of Glory
March 15	Resurrection	Good Shepherd
March 22	Good Shepherd	Zion
March 29	Redeemer	Resurrection

ORDER OF SERVICE – Setting Four

GATHERING

Prelude

Invocation & Welcome

Confession

Gathering Hymn: “This is the Spirit’s Entry Now”

– ELW #448

Kyrie – ELW pg. 147

Prayer of the Day: (see front of bulletin)

WORD

First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121

Second Lesson: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Gospel Acclamation: ELW pg. 151

Gospel Lesson: John 3:1-17

Homily

Hymn of the Day: “God Loved the World”

– ELW #323

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of Intercession (P: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer)

MEAL

The Peace

Offering: “We are Baptized in Christ Jesus” (451)

“Create in Me a Clean Heart” (186)

The Great Thanksgiving – ELW pg. 152

The Lord’s Prayer (contemporary version)

Holy Lord

Lamb of God – ELW #195

Communion:

Communion Blessing

SENDING

Blessings & Announcements

Sending Song: “How Firm a Foundation”

– ELW #796

Go in peace. Serve in love. **“Thanks be to God!”**

Postlude

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Genesis 12:1-4a

Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Second Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2023

10:30 am

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prayer of the Day: O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, 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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