

Announcements

Welcome to Zion’s liturgical/contemporary service today! A contemporary 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.

Has your birthday been missing from the Birthday Sunday list? Have you moved recently? Has your primary phone number changed? Some of the records in the office are missing or out of date. Please contact Kaylyn in the office with any possible updates to your personal files.

Redeemer Lutheran Church is seeking to fill the position of Administrative Assistant starting June 1, 2023 or earlier. This is a Monday to Friday half-time position, between 15-20 hours per week, with some schedule flexibility. Duties are varied, and include some answering telephone, word processing, assisting other staff with communications, and other general office duties. Resumes can be submitted in confidence to: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 812 Preston Ave., Saskatoon, SK S7H 2V2 or rlc.admin@sasktel.net.

Starting a relationship with this faith community? Renewing your participation in the church? Experiencing a time of spiritual growth? Zion is planning Affirmation of Faith as part of the service on Pentecost Sunday. Please talk to Pastor Ron or Kaylyn if you would like to be included.

Wakati Wa Kafrika Update: The WWKC is in process of making policies and job descriptions for volunteers. We hope to see the program running by the fall.

L.C.B.I. Chamber Choir Spring Concert – come and join us at Redeemer Lutheran Church on May 29th at 7:30 pm. All are welcome! Freewill offering to support L.C.B.I will be taken.

Summer Bike Club meets Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm at St Andrews Presbyterian Church. Join us for a summer ride together!

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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.

Zion’s Spring Budget Meeting is planned for Sunday, June 4th after the service. Budget drafts are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please plan to stay if you are able.

April Financial Update:			
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Offering	\$134,918	\$143,000	(\$8082)
Line of Credit Balance as of May 1, 2023 - \$2588.35			

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, Marilyn Borch, Georgia Nataraj, Fred Davis, Lorna Stainger, Connie Espenant, Shirley Taylor, Walter Tastad

GATHERING

Prelude
Invocation & Welcome
Confession
Gathering Hymn: “Rejoice, for Christ is King!”
– ELW #430
Prayer of the Day: (see front of bulletin)

WORD

First Lesson: Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47
Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23
Gospel Acclamation: ELW pg. 151
Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:44-53
Homily
Hymn of the Day: “A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing”
– ELW #393
Nicene Creed
Prayers of Intercession (P: Lord, in your mercy
C: Hear our prayer)

COMMUNION

The Peace
Offering: “Beautiful Savior”
The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord’s Prayer
Holy Lord
Lamb of God
Communion: “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”;
“Shout to the Lord”
Communion Blessing

SENDING

Blessings & Announcements
Sending Song: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”
Alleluia! Serve the risen Lord Jesus!
“Thanks be to God!”
Postlude

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Luke 24:44-53

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Ascension of our Lord

May 21, 2023

10:30 am

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



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