

## Announcements

**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](mailto:zion.office@sasktel.net) – it is set up for auto-deposit) and we can also set up monthly withdrawals from your bank account. You can also donate to Zion through [canadahelps.ca](http://canadahelps.ca).

**Canadian Parish Nursing Conference will be held April 30-May 2, 2024 at Queen's House Retreat and Renewal Center.** See poster at the back bulletin board for more information.

**Parish Life Committee is looking for another member to join! Talk to Judy Brown if you are willing to be a part of this team.**

**You are invited to participate in Micah Mission's *Remember Me* Campaign today, April 28<sup>th</sup>.** This fundraising campaign provides an opportunity for the faithful to reflect about those in our midst who are often ignored but who we are called to remember, as Jesus did. Please consider contributing \$5 towards our ministry so that we can continue providing our programs and services. Donations may be made at your local place of worship or online at [themicahmission.org](http://themicahmission.org). Thank you for your generosity!

**In Our Prayers:** Derwin, Andrea, Nandari, Weldeyesus family, Mallory, Aaron, Samhara & Saraq, Thor, Ivar, Don, Louise, Mary, Linda & Steven, Jennifer, Bereket & family, Alice, Gloria, Kaye, Maxine, Ron & Doreen, Clara, Connie, Marilyn, Fred, Lorna, Walter, Betsy, Anne, Maureen, Gail, Illa & Gordon, Susan, Lara, Luana, Brenda, Marilyn and family

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OFFICE HOURS: Mon – Fri 9:00 am – 3:00 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. **Members of Zion are encouraged to fill out a communion card each time they commune. All who are baptized in the Christian faith are invited 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 communion wafers available on request. **Please follow the directions of the ushers when proceeding to the altar.**

**The Food bins in the Narthex have been re-organized for emergency food donations. They are labeled at the back of the Narthex beside the CLWR bulletin board. Thank you to Naomi Circle for their attention to this project!**

**Thank you to the Saskatoon Men's Chorus for joining us in our worship service today. The music you sing today will bless us in many ways.**

**LTS is pleased to announce that Bishop Allan Grundahl will be receiving an honorary degree at Convocation, which takes place May 10, 2024, 7 pm at Knox United Church.** We invite you to join us as we celebrate this noteworthy event. The Convocation service will also be livestreamed for those who may not be able to attend in person.

## Order of Service

### GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

**Invocation: "The Word was God"** arr. William Powell

**Confession & Absolution** - ELW pg. 94

**Gathering Hymn: "We Know that Christ is Raised"**  
– ELW #449

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

### WORD

**Psalm 23 (The Lord is my Shepherd)** – Howard Goodall

**First Lesson:** Acts 8:26-40

**Second Lesson:** 1 John 4:7-21

Gospel Acclamation – ELW #174

**Gospel Lesson:** John 15:1-8

Sermon

**Hymn of the Day: "He Lives"** – HFG #299

**Nicene Creed**

**Prayers of Intercession** (P: God of grace

C: receive our prayer)

### COMMUNION

The Peace

**Offering: "Lord of the Small"** – Dan Forest

Words of Institution

**Communion Hymns: "Come Thou Fount";**

**"Change my Heart"** – ELW #801

Communion Blessing

### SENDING

Benediction

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**Sending Song: "Shall We Gather at the River"**

– arr. Alice Parker

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**"Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

Postlude

**Acts 8:26-40**

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

**1 John 4:7-21**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

**John 15:1-8**

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

April 28, 2024

10:30 am

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**

Prayer of the Day:

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live.

Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy,

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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