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Newsletter

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1. Devotional from Pastor Kyle Eddy: Lenten Warfare

Matthew 4:1-11

My friends,

Matthew 4:1-11 is the account of Christ's temptation in the wilderness. This historical account reminds us that spiritual warfare is real—and so is the devil. Scripture is clear. St. Peter warns: *Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour*" (1 Peter 5:8).

Yet many Christians live as though there's no danger. No enemy. No need to be alert. Perhaps that's because we expect demonic activity to look dramatic—like a scene from a horror movie, far unlike normal life. But when the devil appears in the wilderness, there are no spinning heads or flying objects.

There is only temptation.

The devil tempts Jesus to doubt God's Word, to twist it out of context, to rely on Himself instead of the Father's provision, and to take an earthly kingdom of worldly glory—and no cross.

But Jesus' kingdom is not of this world, and it certainly does not come by the devil's hand. As Luther's Small Catechism explains, 'God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and live godly lives here in time and there in eternity.'

The devil isn't that interested in spinning heads. The devil is much more focused on hindering God's Kingdom. His goal is simple: to keep us from believing and living God's Word.

So demonic activity often looks **ordinary**. It looks like a lack of desire to hear and learn God's Word. It looks like teaching or living contrary to God's Word. It looks like having no hunger for the Sacrament. It looks like temptations to break the Ten Commandments. It looks like constant complaining and criticizing everything in the Church. All these things, ordinary as they are, are deadly.

So what does spiritual warfare look like? Not terribly dramatic. It looks like fearing and loving God so that we gladly hear and learn His Word. It looks like calling upon His name in every trouble—praying, praising, and giving thanks. It looks like praying, "*Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done.*"

For how is God's will done? 'God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.'

So, to be sober-minded and watchful is this: relying on Christ, trusting His promises, and living and praying His holy Word.

Christ defeated Satan for you in the wilderness and on the cross. And He gives you the victory. The victory you receive by faith in His name. Amen.

--Pastor Kyle Eddy

2. Services and Events:

Sunday, March 1st, 2026

- **9:30 a.m.**

Bible Study: Journey Through God's Word – Book of Revelation

This week: **A New Heaven and a New Earth – Part Two**

Everybody is welcome to find comfort and answers to many questions.

- **10:30 a.m.**

Second Sunday in Lent Worship Service.

In Jesus Christ, the offspring of Abraham, the Gospel gives life to the dead, forgives sins, and fixes the eyes of faith on the crucified Son who gives eternal life.

Wednesday, March 4th, 2026

- **4:00 p.m.**

Third Lent Midweek Worship Service.

Lenten Midweek Series 'The Lord's Prayer: A Prayer for all Seasons'

Part Three: **Seasons of Wondering Who's in Control.**

The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also. God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

Soup and bun dinner after the service.

Friday, March 6th, 2026

- 7:00 p.m.

Youth Group for Teenagers Grade 8 to 12
Games, Bible Study, and Fellowship

Sunday, March 8th, 2026

- 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study – A Longer Look at the Lesson

Check your weekly bulletin for the readings planned for this Sunday.

Young or old, everybody is welcome to join us!

- 10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday in Lent Worship Service.

God graciously provided water to His grumbling people from the rock that was struck. Likewise, Christ is struck on the cross and becomes the fount of living water flowing for the life of the world. Through this gift of grace, the Holy Spirit fills God's people with new life, peace with God, and joyful worship in spirit and truth.

Wednesday, March 11th, 2026

- 4:00 p.m.

Fourth Lent Midweek Worship Service.

Lenten Midweek Series 'The Lord's Prayer: A Prayer for all Seasons'

Part Four: **Seasons of Seeking God's Will.**

The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

Soup and bun dinner after the service.

Thursday, March 12th, 2026

- 7:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting of the **LWMLC Prince George Society**

in the downstairs meeting room at ZLCS; all ladies are welcome!

Please contact Penny if you need a ride.



Sunday, March 15th, 2026

- **9:30 a.m.**

Bible Study – A Longer Look at the Lesson

Check your weekly bulletin for the readings planned for this Sunday.

Young or old, everybody is welcome to join us!

- **10:30 a.m.**

Fourth Sunday in Lent Worship Service, Holy Communion.

By His Word of the Gospel, Jesus calls us out of the darkness into His marvellous light. By our Baptism into Christ, we live in the eternal day of His resurrection, wherein He shines upon us. As often as we fall back into the darkness of sin, He calls us by the Gospel to “awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead” (Eph. 5:14).

Wednesday, March 18th, 2026

- **4:00 p.m.**

Fifth Lent Midweek Worship Service.

Lenten Midweek Series ‘The Lord’s Prayer: A Prayer for all Seasons’

Part Five: **Seasons of Thanking God for Simple Things.**

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

Soup and bun dinner after the service.

Friday, March 20th, 2026

- **7:00 p.m.**

Youth Group for Teenagers Grade 8 to 12

Games, Bible Study, and Fellowship

Sunday, March 22nd, 2026

- **9:30 a.m.**

Bible Study – A Longer Look at the Lesson

Check your weekly bulletin for the readings planned for this Sunday.

Young or old, everybody is welcome to join us!

- **10:30 a.m.**

Fifth Sunday in Lent Worship Service.

Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Just as He called Lazarus from the tomb, Jesus calls us out of sin and death by condemning sin in His flesh and fulfilling the law for us. Through the Gospel, His life-giving Word and Spirit dwell in us, raising us now and promising eternal life.

Wednesday, March 25th, 2026

- **4:00 p.m.**

Sixth Lent Midweek Worship Service.

Lenten Midweek Series 'The Lord's Prayer: A Prayer for all Seasons'

Part Six: **Seasons of Standing Up to Evil.**

We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

Soup and bun dinner after the service.

Sunday, March 29th, 2026

- **9:30 a.m.**

Bible Study – A Longer Look at the Lesson

Check your weekly bulletin for the readings planned for this Sunday.

Young or old, everybody is welcome to join us!

- **10:30 a.m.**

Palm Sunday Worship Service.

"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming." He comes in gentle humility, His royal glory is faithful obedience and self-sacrificing service "to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:8)

Thursday, April 2nd, 2026

- **7:00 p.m.**

Holy Thursday Worship Service.

Commemorating the Last Supper of Jesus with his Disciples.

Friday, April 3rd, 2026

- **10:30 a.m.**

Good Friday Worship Service.

Commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary.

Sunday, April 5th, 2026

- **9:30 a.m.**

Bible Study – A Longer Look at the Lesson

Check your weekly bulletin for the readings planned for this Sunday.

Young or old, everybody is welcome to join us!

- **10:30 a.m.**

The Resurrection of our Lord Worship Service.

The victory of Christ Crucified is given to you in the preaching of His resurrection.

Thursday, April 9th, 2026

- 7:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting of the **LWMLC Prince George Society**
in the downstairs meeting room at ZLCS; all ladies are welcome!
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Sunday, April 12th, 2026

- 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study – A Longer Look at the Lesson

Check your weekly bulletin for the readings planned for this Sunday.

Young or old, everybody is welcome to join us!

- 10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday in Easter Worship Service, Holy Communion.

The crucified and risen Jesus gives His spirit and peace to the Church through the ordained ministry of the Gospel. By this preaching and absolution, He grants repentance, forgiveness of sins, and new life in His name. Through faith in the risen Christ, we live in joyful hope, guarded by God for the salvation to be revealed on the last day.

Friday, April 17th, 2026

- 7:00 p.m.

Youth Group for Teenagers Grade 8 to 12

Games, Bible Study, and Fellowship

3. Notices:

- * **Details of events can change on short notice.**

Please check out our website for Updates and for more information.

<https://zionpg.lutheranchurchcanada.ca/>

- * Find us on **You-Tube:** <https://www.youtube.com/@zion-vanderhoof-lutheran>
if you are unable to attend in person and want to watch our **live-streamed worship services**, or if you want to rewatch a previously recorded service.

4. Prayer Requests and Praise Reports

**O God of mercy and comfort, You are our help in every need.
Look with kindness on those who have asked for our prayers.
Guard them from the evil one. Give them patience in sickness and in trouble.
If it pleases You, grant them healing and relief.
At all times, give them grace to endure with faith and hope.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Please continue to keep your brothers and sisters in Christ in your prayers.

If you have prayer requests you would like to share with the congregation, please call the office at 250-562-2777 or send an email to zion@zlcs.com.

The **Prayer Chain** is a line of communication among Christians who are willing to be 'On Call' and will pray for any specific need for anyone who requests their prayers.

The members of the prayer chain will keep your prayer requests **strictly confidential** unless you explicitly allow us to share them with the congregation!

If you would like to participate in the prayer chain, or want to know more about it, please contact Penny Bobier or the church office.

If you are in need of prayer, please don't hesitate to call the office at 250-562-2777 or Shirley at 250-964-3411.

We don't want anyone to be in need or suffering, so, please let us know if we can help in any way.

5. Did you know – The Seasons of the Church Year –

Part 3: Pentecost

The Christian year includes six seasons and four key holy days: Christmas Day, Epiphany, Easter, and Pentecost.

Each holy day marks a transition between seasons, and each season is associated with a liturgical colour that symbolizes the spirit of the time. These colours adorn sanctuaries and worship spaces as visible reminders of the Church's journey through the Christian year.

Here is a brief look at the season of Pentecost and the holy days that accompany it.

Pentecost

The **Day of Pentecost**, from the Greek for “fiftieth,” falls on the eighth Sunday after Easter.

Pentecost celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, enabling them to speak in various languages (Acts 2). It is a time to reaffirm the Church’s mission to “make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19–20) and to celebrate unity in Christ. The liturgical colour is red, recalling the flames of the Holy Spirit and foreshadowing the blood shed by the martyrs.

The ‘**Ordinary Time**’ after Pentecost runs from the day after Pentecost until the end of the church year, the Saturday before the first Sunday in Advent.

This season in the Church Year is marked for reflection and mission opportunity. As the Church enters into a long period of time where few large festivals are celebrated, members throughout the Church are able to focus on the missional efforts that our Lord commands of us as His children.

Pentecost is a wonderful time in the life of the Church to be renewed with the saving message of Jesus Christ and His love for His Church.

The colour green symbolizes this time of growth and new life on the Sundays after Pentecost.

The first Sunday after Pentecost is **Trinity Sunday**, when the Church celebrates the holy mystery of the Trinity and recites the Athanasian Creed.

It uses the colour white as a symbol of God’s purity and forgiveness of sins.

Reformation Celebration and All Saints’ Day

Towards the end of the Church Year, we celebrate specific Church festivals.

The first of these is **Reformation Day**, a celebration about freedom in the Gospel. Freedom in forgiveness sets the tone for this celebration and sets the tone for this Church festival.

Reformation Day uses the colour red, remembering the strife of the Church during the time of the Reformation.

Immediately following the celebration of the Reformation is **All Saints Day**, a day on which we commemorate the lives of those who go before us in faith.

This festival celebrates the rest we have in forgiveness as soldiers of the faith.

All Saints’ Day uses the colour white as a symbol of God’s purity and forgiveness of sins.

The linking of these two Church celebrations shows the true picture of our God and King through the forgiveness of sin, life and salvation.



7. Zion Lutheran Church and Christian School Contact Information:

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, except statutory holidays.

School Hours: 8:40 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. on school days (Office closes at 12:30 p.m.!))

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