



Zion Lutheran Church and Christian School

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Newsletter

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1. The Kingdom Hidden in Plain Sight

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

“The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.”

(Matthew 13:24)

God’s kingdom often disappoints human expectations. We expect visible power, immediate victory, and unmistakable success. We want evil removed, suffering ended, and righteousness reigning now. Yet Jesus teaches that His kingdom comes differently.

His kingdom comes humbly, small, and overlooked. A mustard Seed. A little bit of yeast in ten gallons of flour. Wheat in a weed-ridden field.

In the Parable of the Weeds, Jesus describes His kingdom as a field where wheat and weeds grow together until the harvest. For now, the kingdom appears small, hidden, and unimpressive. The Church seems insignificant in a big world that exercises power, influence, and success. Sin still troubles believers, and false teaching, hypocrisy, suffering, and disappointment remain. The weeds are still among the wheat.

Yet Christ assures us that God is at work. His kingdom advances not through coercion or worldly power and politics but through the Gospel—the forgiveness of sins proclaimed in Word and Sacrament. While the world seeks victory through force, Christ rules through His cross, bringing mercy to sinners and hope to the weary.

This truth shapes how we live with one another. Because we ourselves are forgiven sinners, God calls us to extend patience, charity, and forgiveness rather than rushing to judgment. The Church remains a place where Christ continually grants forgiveness and restores broken people.

Consider your own relationships: Who in your life may be needing patience or forgiveness from you? Are there places where you have rushed to judge rather than to show grace? Take a moment to reflect and invite Christ to help you extend His mercy toward others.

The day is coming when the hidden kingdom will be revealed in glory. Christ will return, evil will be judged, and *“the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father”* (Matthew 13:43). The mustard seed will be a mighty tree. The little yeast will be a feast of bread.

Until then, we live by faith, trusting that Christ’s humble kingdom is already here and that His promised victory is certain.

--Pastor Kyle Eddy

2. Services and Events:

Saturday, July 4th, 2026

- **1:00 p.m.**

Committal Service for Karla

At PG Memorial Garden Cemetery

- **2:00 p.m.**

Funeral Service for Karla

At Zion Lutheran Church, PG

Reception at the gym immediately following the service.

Sunday, July 5th, 2026

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

Bible Study – A Longer Look at the Lesson

Young or old, everybody is welcome to join us!

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

Worship Service; Sixth Sunday after Pentecost; Holy Communion.

“Come to Me all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

Sunday, July 12th, 2026

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

Worship Service; Seventh Sunday after Pentecost.

God’s Word accomplishes His saving purpose, bringing forgiveness, joy, and peace while producing the fruits of faith and love in His people.

Sunday, July 19th, 2026

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

Worship Service; Eighth Sunday after Pentecost.

Jesus, the good Seed, brings forth faith and good fruit through the preaching of repentance and forgiveness.

Sunday, July 26th, 2026

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

Worship Service; Ninth Sunday after Pentecost.

Nothing can separate us from Christ’s love.

- **Fellowship Potluck after the Service.**

Enjoy good food in good company and please bring a dish to share if you can.

Sunday, August 2nd, 2026

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

Worship Service; Tenth Sunday after Pentecost; Holy Communion.

Feeding the 5,000; God’s free feast vs. labouring for what can’t satisfy.

Sunday, August 9th, 2026

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

Worship Service; Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost.

Jesus and Peter walking on water; Jesus' divine majesty and power.

Sunday, August 16th, 2026

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

Worship Service; Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost; **Holy Communion.**

Jesus' mercy for the Canaanite woman; salvation for all tribes, peoples, and nations.

Sunday, August 23rd, 2026

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

Worship Service; Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

Peter's confession: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.'

The building of the Church, the Office of the Keys (Pastoral Office).

Sunday, August 30th, 2026

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

Worship Service; Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost; **Holy Communion.**

Take up your cross and follow Jesus.

- **Fellowship Potluck after the Service.**

Enjoy good food in good company and please bring a dish to share if you can.

3. Notices:

- * **Bible Study will be paused until September!**

- * **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. Prayers of the Church and Prayer Chain

Let us pray:

**Father in heaven, strengthen us by Your Spirit in life and in death,
in times of joy and in times of sorrow.**

Teach us to put aside our own wills and to trust in Your good and gracious will.

We commend to Your mercy all who have asked for our prayers.

Be with them and with all who are in need. Hear our prayer, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Prayers of the Church will be shared with the congregation.

Please continue to keep Lily, Gerald, Michelle, Margaret, Robert, Joan, Doug, Paul, Lily, Juana, Tom, Cheryl, Rae, Gertie, Lillian, Anneliese, the Arp family, and the Schroeder family 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.

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."
(Galatians 6:2). Please let us know if we can help carry your burden in any way.

The **Prayer Chain** is a line of communication among Christians who are willing to be 'On Call' and will pray immediately 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 have specifically requested they also be shared in the prayers of the Church!

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

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



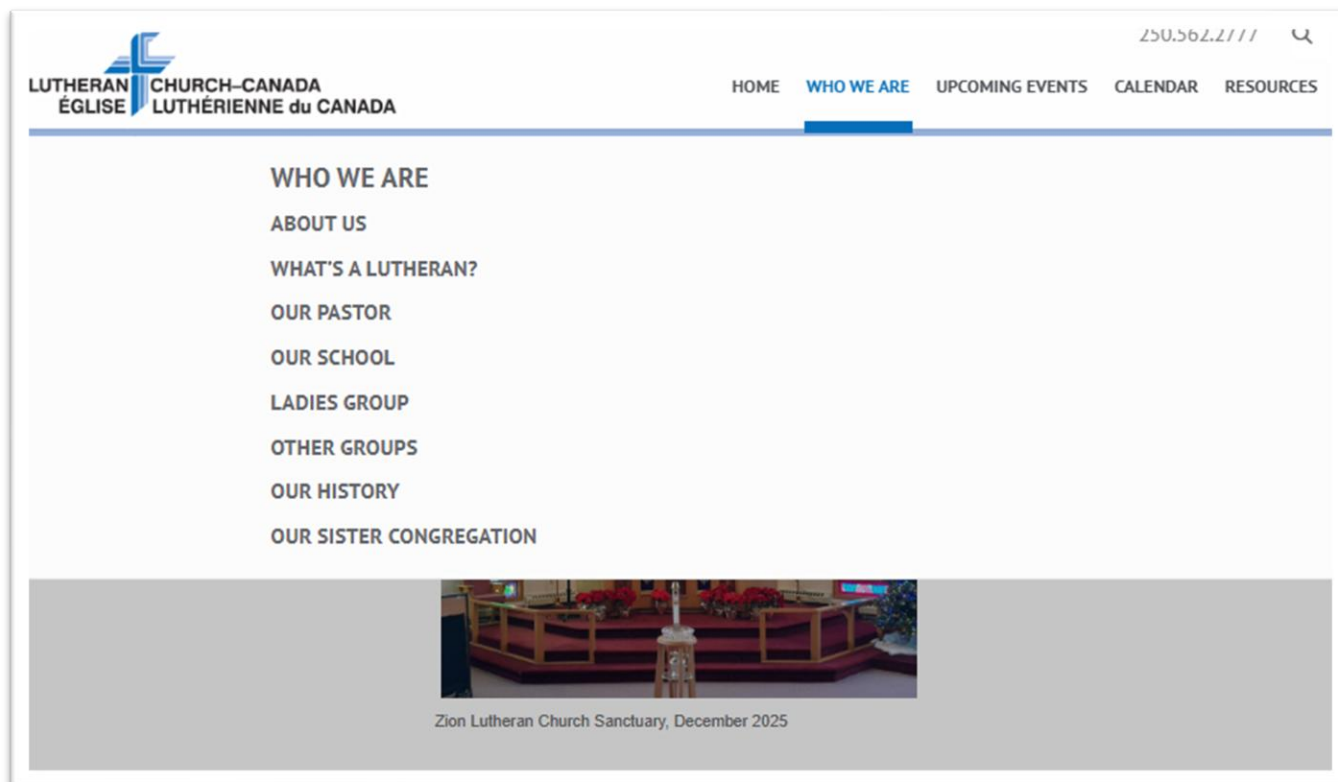
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from the Prince George
Heritage Commission
on our front lawn?

5. Did you know... You can find all kinds of interesting things on our website?

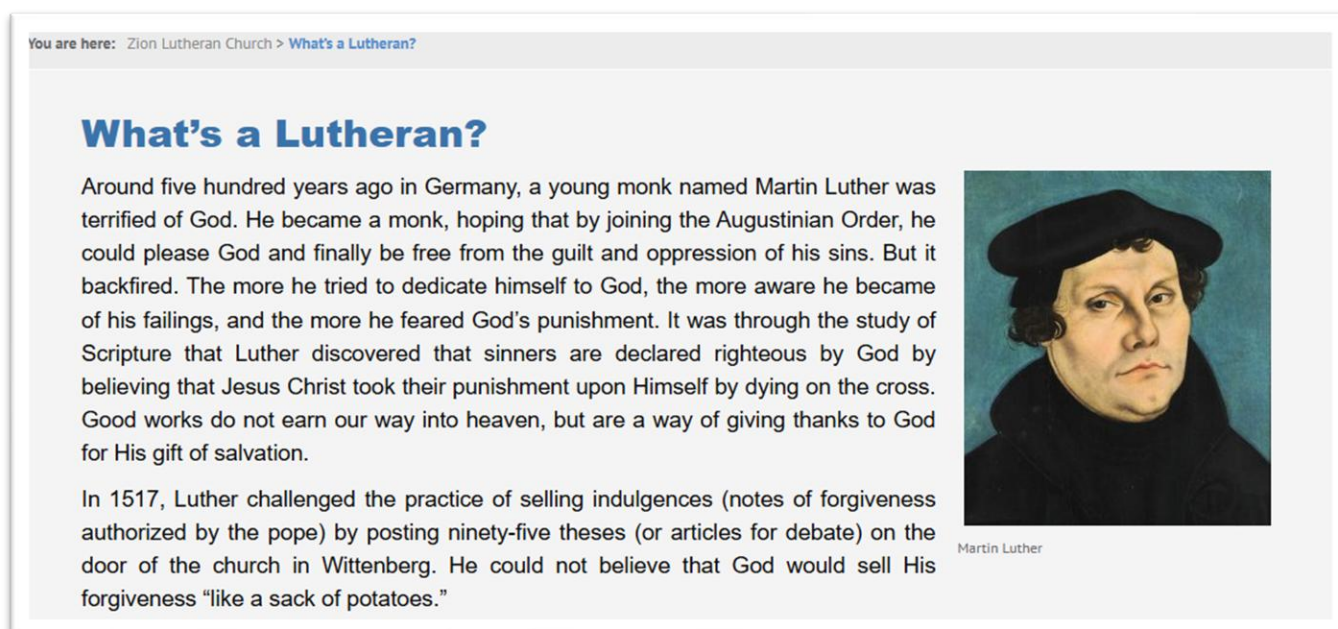
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- About Us: <https://zionpg.lutheranchurchcanada.ca/about-us-zlcs-zion-lutheran-church/>



- What's a Lutheran: <https://zionpg.lutheranchurchcanada.ca/whats-a-lutheran/>



- **Written Sermons:** <https://zionpg.lutheranchurchcanada.ca/written-sermons>

Written Sermons

Please click to access a Written Sermon in PDF format.

» **May 24, 2026: Day of Pentecost ... Coming Soon ...**

» **May 17, 2026: Ascension of Our Lord**

(Ephesians 1:15-23) After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples and the ascended to the Father, filling all things and giving gifts to His Church. Though hidden from sight, He remains with His people through His Gospel and Sacraments, continuing to bring repentance and forgiveness to the ends of the earth.

» **May 3, 2026: Fifth Sunday of Easter**

(John 14:1-13(v.1-3)) The Risen Lord Jesus alone is “the way and the truth and the life,” an we come “to the Father” only through Him (John 14:6). God is thus “glorified in the Son,” and those who believe in Him will do the works of Christ because He goes to the Father for us (John 14:12-14).

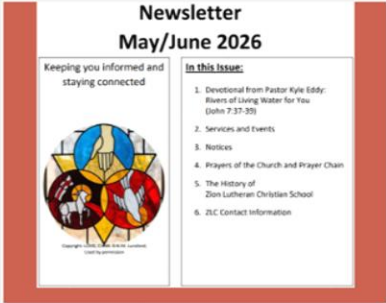
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Please feel free to share your ideas with us. Email: zion@zlcs.com

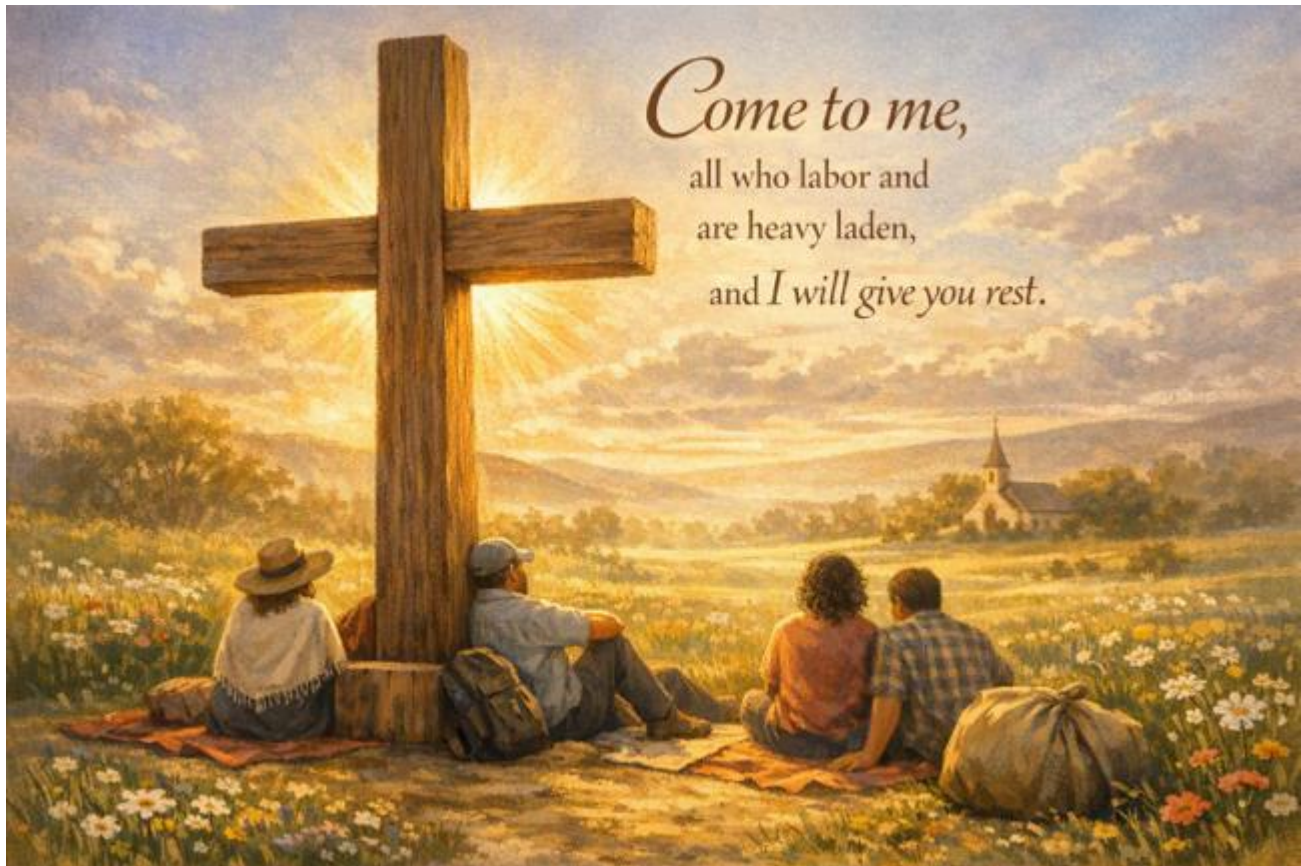


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6. Zion Lutheran Church Contact Information:

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