



Zion Lutheran Church

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Newsletter

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Keeping you informed and
staying connected



Matthew 18:20

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1. The Kingdom of the Cross (Matthew 16:21–28)

What kind of King chooses a cross? What kind of King wears a crown of thorns?
What kind of King wins by dying?

Jesus.

And His disciples didn't understand it. Jesus told them *"that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised."* (Matthew 16:21, ESV). **Must.** Not might.
Not perhaps. **Must.**

The cross was not a detour. It was not a tragedy that interrupted His mission.
The cross was His mission. Jesus is the King. But His throne is a cross.
His crown is thorns. His victory looks like defeat.

Why?

Because you are a sinner, and so am I. We don't need merely an example.
We need a **Saviour**. So Jesus goes to the cross **for you**, in your place.
He wears your sin. He wears your shame. He receives your judgment.
He suffers your death. He gives Himself for sinners.

And then...**He rises.**

The crucified King is the risen King. Sin is defeated. Death is defeated.
And the Kingdom stands.

But Jesus says: *"If anyone would come after Me... let him deny himself... take up his cross... and follow Me."*

The world says: **Save yourself.** Jesus says: **Lose your life in Me.** So don't trust your success. Don't trust your strength. Don't trust your righteousness. **Trust Christ.**

And when confessing Him costs you... confess Him.

When forgiveness is hard... forgive.

When the world mocks you... cling to Christ. Not because your suffering saves you.

His suffering saves you. Your cross points away from you and toward Him.

We bear our cross so others can see Christ crucified for them. "I am a sinner.

Christ is my Saviour. He died for me. He forgives me. He forgives you."

That is the Gospel. That is the Kingdom. And that is your hope.

Christ crucified.

Christ risen.

Christ for you.

Amen.

2. Services and Events:

Sunday, September 6th, 2026

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

Worship Service; Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

The deadly danger of sin; the importance of salvation; the importance to warn others of sin so they can be forgiven and you can “gain your brother”.

Thursday, September 10th, 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, September 13th, 2026

No Service at Zion Lutheran Church in Prince George!

- **10:30 a.m. Joint Parish Worship Service and Picnic in Vanderhoof.**



Address: Vanderhoof Lutheran Church, 181 Douglas St, Vanderhoof, BC.

We would love to see you there!

Please let us know if you need a ride: zion@zlcs.com or (250) 562-2777

Friday, September 18th, 2026

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

Youth Group for Teenagers Grade 8 to 12

Games, Bible Study, and Fellowship

Sunday, September 20th, 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; Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost; **Holy Communion.**

Sunday, September 27th, 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; St Michael and all Angels; **Holy Communion.**

- **Fellowship Potluck after the Service.**

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

Friday, October 2nd, 2026

- 7:00 p.m.

Youth Group for Teenagers Grade 8 to 12

Games, Bible Study, and Fellowship

Sunday, October 4th, 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; Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

Thursday, October 8th, 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, October 11th, 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; Thanksgiving Sunday; **Holy Communion.**

Friday, October 16th, 2026

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

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

Sunday, October 18th, 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; St. Luke; Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost.

Sunday, October 25th, 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; Reformation Sunday; **Holy Communion.**

- **Fellowship Potluck after the Service.**

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

Friday, October 30th, 2026

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

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

3. Notices:

- * **Bible Study – A Longer Look at the Lesson**

This Bible Study series will take a longer look at the readings for each Sunday's service. You can find the planned readings in the emailed weekly bulletin.

- * **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:

Almighty and merciful God, in this life we suffer and die before we enter eternal glory.

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

Be with them and with all who are in need.

Give Your people strength to accept Your holy will.

Keep us firm in the true faith until the end.

Fill us with the hope of the resurrection and the joy of the life to come.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the Church will be shared with the congregation.

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.

"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 Bobier.

5. Lutheran Church Canada

Our new Synod President Rev. David Haberstock



and

Our new Regional Pastor Rev. Michael Schutz



Were installed on September 6th, 2026, 4:00 p.m. Central Time,
At Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

6. LAMP – Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots

LAMP is a cross-cultural ministry and has been providing spiritual witness and nurturing faith in communities in remote areas of northern Canada since 1970 through the ministry of pastor/missionary/pilots, and short and long-term volunteers-in-mission.

Each year over 5,000 children, youth and adults are impacted by the ministry of LAMP.

Mission

LAMP is a cross-cultural ministry sharing Jesus Christ with God's people in remote areas of Canada.

Vision

'To The Ends Of The Earth.'

LAMP envisions a day when nations walk together in the light of Christ.



Values

LAMP has identified three core relationship-oriented values in its Relationship Model™ for Governance.

LAMP believes that Affirmation, Involvement, and Servant Leadership are fundamental to the way all members work to achieve its mission.

Statement of Faith

LAMP believes:

- in the whole Bible consisting of the 39 books of the Old Testament and 27 books of the New Testament as the infallible and inspired Word of God,
- that what is taught in the Creeds (Apostles' Creed, Nicene Creed and Athanasian Creed) is in harmony with the truth of the Word of God.

LAMP's Volunteers and Staff from Canada and the United States share the love of Jesus to Indigenous people in communities in remote northern Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia through Christ-centered Bible studies and other outreach projects.

LAMP's outreach programs include:

- Leading Vacation Bible Schools and Christ-centered sports camps to children and youth and offering Bible study programs for adults during the summer months
- Conducting many different forms of ministry on a daily basis while on site-- most importantly, establishing and growing relationships with those they have contact with
- Providing continuing ministry through technology such as Facebook, virtual meetings and email
- Visiting various communities throughout the year as time, resources and weather allows
- Providing special events such as women's retreats
- Praying regularly for the Indigenous people in general and for specific needs as they become known

LAMP has put together a brief **Presentation Video** to share their experiences and highlights of the last two years. You can watch it here:

Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UaJpexvAOj30m-u-OGYZW1-o7-4rHJ3_/view

LAMP's latest newsletter:

<https://78ff073a.flowpaper.com/LLSpring2026web/#page=1>

To find out more about LAMP, or if you want to get involved in their mission, please visit their website at <https://www.lampministry.org/>

7. Zion Lutheran Church Contact Information:

Operating Hours:

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

Bible Study: Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service: Sundays, 10:30 a.m.

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