

March 2nd, 2025 ANNOUNCEMENTS for the East Kootenay Lutheran Parish

EKLP serves the communities of Cranbrook, at Mt. Zion Lutheran;
Elkford, at Immanuel Lutheran; Fernie; and Kimberley.

We are CARED FOR AND CARING IN JESUS' NAME.

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Services



Praise God!

We are holding Sunday services at Mt Zion (Cranbrook) at 10:00 am; and at Immanuel (Elkford) at 3:00 pm.

Please Note: *Our face-to-face worship services at Trinity (Fernie) are on hold until further notice. Please join with either our Cranbrook or our Elkford congregations. Please visit our website www.eklutheran.ca for updates on all our locations & inspirational resources.*

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lutheranism 101 Online Study: Every Thursday at 7:00 pm.
If you would like to participate in this study, please contact Pastor Josh Mah at Jmahmt@shaw.ca or call 250-464-0387

MT. ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS



- **Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper Wednesday March 5th:** Being held at Mt. Zion 6:00 pm
- **Ash Wednesday Service March 5th:** Being held at Mt. Zion at 7:00 pm.

- **Mid-Week Lenten Services:** Beginning March 12 at 6:00 pm
- **In March Mt. Zion will be holding two Communion Services:** March 9th and March 23rd both at 10:00 am.



- **Bible Study:** Joining Jesus on His mission every Thursday at 2:00 pm.

- **Hot Dog and Food Bank**

Sunday to be held on March 9th, 2025.

- Please bring in your non-perishable items or donation for the Cranbrook Food Bank



- **Thursday Prayer Meeting:** Every Thursday at 1:00 pm

Pastor's Schedule

March 2 – Mt. Zion 10 am Service of Praise

March 2 – IMM No Service

March 9 – Mt Zion 10:00 am Communion Service

March 9 – IMM 3:00 pm Communion Service

March 16 – Mt Zion 10:00 am Service of Praise

March 16 – IMM No Service

March 23 – Mt Zion 10:00 am Communion Service

March 23 – IMM 3:00 pm Communion Service

Scripture Readings – Sundays

March 2nd “The Transfiguration of Our Lord”

Deuteronomy 34:1–12, Hebrew 3:1–6

March 9th “First Sunday in Lent”

Deuteronomy 26:1–11, Romans 10:8b–13

March 16th “Second Sunday in Lent”

Jeremiah 26:8–15, Philippians 3:17–4:1

Please pray for: *Harry N, John and Joanna B, Joann M, Marge B, Bill & Bruni L, Penny T and roommate Sue, Jill S, Joy M, Colleen B, Patty P, Elke & Peter H, Brenda & John J, Sheilah M, Irene S, Irene K*



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is one of the most solemn days of the church year. This liturgy marks the beginning of a penitential discipline climaxing on Maundy Thursday. The mood is penitential and reflective on our baptismal faith and life. Worshipers are asked to keep reverent silence before the service and leave the service in silence. There will be no greeting at the door by the pastor. Originally, Lent was the time when candidates for Holy Baptism were intently preparing to be baptized at the Vigil of Easter. We, too, in this season of Lent prepare ourselves to remember our Baptism at Easter as we ritually “pass over” with Jesus from death to new life. During this Lenten season will remember Jesus’ Baptism, His anointing with the Holy Spirit, and His words in Luke 4 – that He was anointed to show, and to be, mercy. As His people – hearing Him proclaim God’s Word and being God’s Word as Prophet; seeing Him sacrifice Himself on a cross and know that He intercedes for us as Priest; and knowing that we live under Him as

King in righteousness and purity – we will be reminded of our work of mercy.

Today, worshipers will have the opportunity to receive ashes on their foreheads as a sign of penitence and baptismal remembrance. The ashes are prepared by burning palm branches from last Palm Sunday. In a dramatic way, their use suggests God's judgment and condemnation of sin, our frailty and total dependence on God, and humiliation and repentance. The words spoken as ashes are imposing, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," were first spoken to Adam after his fall into sin. We are forcefully reminded of the words of the committal in the Christian Burial service, "... earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust." Ashes also suggest cleansing and renewal. They were once used as a cleaning agent. Thus, ashes imposed in the shape of a cross symbolize both judgment and baptismal cleansing.

