

November 10th, 2024 ANNOUNCEMENTS for the East Kootenay Lutheran Parish

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

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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

The Cut off for Offerings for 2024 will be on Dec 29, 2024.

Pastor Josh will be on Holidays from November 13th – November 16th

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MT. ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS



Christmas
Potluck

➤ **Saturday December 7th:** Christmas Pot Luck Dinner 5:30 pm, hosted by Friendship & Hospitality.

➤ **In November Mt. Zion will be holding two Communion Services:** November 10th and November 24th both at 10:00 am.

➤ **Catholic Women's League Christmas Tea – Saturday** November 16th, Noon – 2:00 pm. Being held at Christ the Servant Parish, 1100 – 14th Avenue South, Cranbrook. \$10.00 at door. There will be Bake tables and a raffle.

➤ **Men's Breakfast:** November 23rd from 8:00 am to 9:00 am.

➤ **Sunday Prayer Meeting:** In Pastor's office at 9:00 am.



➤ **Hot Dog and Food Bank Sunday to be held on November 10th, 2024.**

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

➤ **A Jesus shaped Life:** Every Thursday at 2:00 pm except for November 14th as Pastor Josh is on holidays.

➤ **Thursday Prayer Meeting:** Being held at 1:00 pm.

➤ **Mount Zion Leadership Meeting:** Being held on November 20th at 1:00 pm.

Pastor's Schedule

November 10 – Mt Zion 10:00 am Communion Service {Pastor Josh}

November 10 – IMM 3:00 pm Communion Service {Pastor Gordon}

November 17 – Mt. Zion 3:00 pm Service of Praise {Pastor Josh}

November 17 – IMM No Service

November 24 – Mt Zion 10:00 am Communion Service {Pastor Gordon}

November 24 – IMM No Service

Scripture Readings – Sundays

November 10th “Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost”

1 Kings 17:8–16, Hebrews 9:24–28

November 17th “Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost”

Daniel 12:1-3, Hebrews 10:11–25

November 24th “Last Sunday of the Church Year”

Exodus 20:7-11, Philippians 2:5-11



Please pray for: *Marge B, Bill & Bruni L, Penny T, Jill S, Joy M, Colleen B, Elke & Peter H, Brenda & John J, Sheilah M, Irene S*

Last Sunday of the Church Year Significance

'In our day the Biblical doctrine of the Last Things has come alive for us as a gift given in the midst of what the church has had to endure. At the beginning of this century, a complacent church regarded the Last Things as an element of the first Christian proclamation which more or less belonged to that first period, a form of the Gospel which was for us only of historical interest. Or alternately, it was thought of as something that might be of significance for the future, at the end of our lives, or at the end of the world, something we needed to study only in preparation for such an end. That there is for the church no more vitally relevant doctrine than that of the Last Things was brought home to Christians by all they were called upon to endure.'

In the over six decades since Sasse penned those words, eschatology has a major theme in both academic theology and popular spirituality, albeit the term is freighted with variegated definitions.

The last Sundays of the Church Year bring eschatology into focus with the lectionary's emphasis on death, the final judgment, and the promise of the new heaven and the new earth. These Sundays bring us to the conclusion of the Nicene Creed, "And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead." We've said those words so often, but what do they mean?

Truth be told, we are more concerned about the judgment that comes from other human beings. We fret about how others will evaluate us. Sometimes it has to do with lesser things like how we dress or the way our lawn looks. Other times it might be more profound worries like an employee who is anxious over an annual performance review or a student taking an entrance exam that may determine which academic paths are opened or closed to him. The stresses and strains of this life seem enough to keep us preoccupied with the here and now. The judgment which will come at the end seems distant and abstract, far removed from all the things that call the worth of our lives into question right now. So, we may ask the question not with skepticism but with honesty, what does the return of the Lord Jesus in judgment mean for me now in the face of all the real-life verdicts that I have to face?

The answer to that question is found in God's Word appointed to be read in the churches on these last Sundays of the Church Year. These are the Sundays of the end times. They point us to the sober reality that life will not go on as usual. These gray and increasingly winter-like days of November bear all the signs of death. The dazzling red and gold leaves of autumn give way to brown and barren branches. So also in the Church Year, these November Sundays have the chill of death. The year hastens to a close and with it the reminder that our lives hasten on as well. The Scripture readings appointed for these Sundays are a wake-up call. Think of the readings from Mark 13. Jesus says learn from the fig tree. When it begins to blossom, you know that summer is at hand. Wake up to the reality that the Son of Man is at the gate.