

**To our visitors:** Welcome to Zion! We pray that your time with us today will be a blessing to you as you hear the Good News of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Please sign our guest book, found in the entrance area of the church near the lift elevator. Please join us for refreshments after the service.

### **Some helps regarding the service:**

- If you require assistance during the service please feel free to consult one of our ushers.
- Signs throughout the church indicate the location of washrooms. Washrooms are available on the main floor as well as the lower level.
- Children are special to God and are welcome and encouraged to attend and to participate in the service. Parents, if you require an area to settle your child, a nursery room is located to the left of the church.
- Lutherans stand during parts of the service during prayers and hymns. If you are unable to stand for such periods of time please feel free to be seated and to feel comfortable allowing God, in His Word, to minister to you in the service.

### **THE LORD'S SUPPER IS CELEBRATED THIS MORNING**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in our congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord Jesus Christ gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but also His body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may proclaim the Lord's death until His Second Coming.

The Bible teaches that those who unworthily (that is, in a manner other than explained above) eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in the bread and wine do so to their great harm. Also, because we care deeply about all people and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar and preached from our pulpit, our congregation has the responsibility to ensure that all who commune together understand what God's Word teaches about the Lord's Supper. Any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession, teachings, membership, and beliefs other than that of this congregation and Lutheran Church—Canada, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23 ff.; 10:32 ff.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; and 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

- Those receiving the Lord's Supper may come forward at the direction of the ushers.
- Persons with mobility concerns and those not able to ascend the steps to the altar rail are welcome to gather at the front of the pews and be communed first.
- If you have a medical condition that prohibits consumption of alcohol, Christ's blood in de-alcoholized white wine may be received from the centre of the tray of individual cups.
- Those receiving Christ's blood from the individual cups are asked to wait until the pastor says, "Take and drink..."
- Please check-off your name in the Communion register located beside the guest book beside the lift elevator. A special section at the back of the book is reserved for visitors.