ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE
THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY OCTOBER 19 2025
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP SETTING EIGHT

HYMN SING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (ELW p. 97)
In the name of the Father,
and of the ☩ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Give Me Jesus* (ELW 770)
1 In the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
give me Jesus.

Refrain
Give me Jesus,
give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest,
give me Jesus.

2 Dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
give me Jesus. R**efrain**

3 Just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
give me Jesus. **Refrain**

4 Oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die,
give me Jesus. **Refrain**

5 And when I want to sing,
and when I want to sing,
and when I want to sing,
give me Jesus. **Refrain**
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GREETING
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE (ELW p. 184)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 187)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:27-34

A reading from Jeremiah.

27 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel
and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. 28 And
just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow,
destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says
the Lord. 29 In those days they shall no longer say: "The parents have eaten sour
grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." 30 But all shall die for their own
sins; the teeth of the one who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.
31 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant
with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant
that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out
of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,
says the Lord. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel
after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it
on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 No longer
shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall
all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will
forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 119:97-104

97 Oh, how I love your teaching! All the day long it is in my mind.
98 **Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, for it**
is always with me.
99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my
study.
100 **I am wiser than the elders, because I observe your commandments.**
101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, that I may | keep your word.

102 **I do not turn aside from your judgments, because you yourself have taught me.**
103 How sweet are your words to my taste! They are sweeter than honey to my mouth.
104 **Through your commandments I gain understanding; therefore I hate every lying way.**

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5
A reading from 2 Timothy.
14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it 15 and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. 4:1 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: 2 proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. 3 For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. 5 As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 188)

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

1 Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose
heart. 2 He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor
had respect for people. 3 In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him
and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my accuser.’ 4 For a while he refused, but
later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for
anyone, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so
that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’ ” 6 And the Lord said,
“Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7 And will not God grant justice to his
chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? 8 I
tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man
comes, will he find faith on earth?”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* (ELW 596)

1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil. **Refrain**

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away,
he then is all my hope and stay. **Refrain**

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne! **Refrain**

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APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.*

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

OFFERING *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* (ELW 694 verses 1 and 3)

1 Sing to the Lord of harvest
your songs of love and praise;
with joyful hearts and voices
your alleluias raise;
by him the rolling seasons
in fruitful order move;
sing to the Lord of harvest
a joyous song of love.

3 Bring to this sacred altar
the gifts his goodness gave,
the golden sheaves of harvest,
the souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before him
when at his feet you fall,
and with your lives adore him
who gave his life for all.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

We pray for the church universal. O God, who unites the church across the globe, bring unity and peace to a world divided by hatred and opposition. Turn our hearts toward the gospel of Jesus Christ. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We pray for creation. O God, who made heaven and earth, draw us to the beauty of the whole creation. Turn us toward a right relationship with the entire cosmos. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We pray for all nations, states, cities, and towns. O God, you rule over all the earth. Grant our elected officials humility in their decision-making for the sake of the entire world. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. O God, who heals and strengthens, our help comes from you in times of need. Support, comfort, and heal those who suffer (*especially Jason, Martha, Rhonda, Heather, Anneliese, Joan, Judy, Larry, Garnet, Betty, Karl, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Barbara, Inge, Marcella, Kirk, David, Gwen, Jeanette, James, Brittany, Jean, Sandra, Jean, and those we name in our hearts and minds (PAUSE*). God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We pray for (*Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church*). O God, who guides this congregation, encourage us to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Nurture our relationships with the community, that we serve and advocate for those who come to us in need. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We offer thanksgiving for the faithful departed. O God, whose promises never end, we thank you for all the saints who have shown us the way of your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *How Small Our Span of Life* (ELW 636)

1 How small our span of life, O God,
our years from birth till death:
a single beat within the heart,
the catching of a breath,
a drop within the ocean's deep,
a grain upon the shore,
a flash of light before we sleep
to see the sun no more.

2 And yet our speck of life is spanned
by your infinity;
our tick of time on earth is caught
in your eternity.
While suns and stars spin endlessly
through depths of cosmic space,
while aeons roll and ages pass,
you hold us in your grace.

3 O Christ, you left eternity
to plunge in time's swift stream,
to share the shortness of our span,
our mortal lives redeem.
You filled your cross-closed years with
love; you loved us to the end
and touch us with your risen life
that ours may time transcend.

4 We thank you, God, for kindling faith
that lights our transient years,
illumining our pilgrimage
through mists of doubt and fears;
for hope that sees a life beyond
the swiftly passing days;
for love, both human and divine,
that lifts our hearts to praise.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ATTENDANCE: Sunday October 12, 2025: 90

ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: October 20–26

Monday:	8:30 am	Pickle Ball
	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
	6:00 pm	Pickle Ball
	7:00 pm	Property Meeting
	7:00 pm	Music Healing Vets
Tuesday:	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	7:00 pm	Men's Choir
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday:	10:00 am	Morning Social
	11:00 am	E.N. Get Together
	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
	6:15 pm	Confirmation Class - Malcolm Deavitt & Binhammer Funeral Home Tour
	7:00 pm	Mixed Choir
Thursday:	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	7:00 pm	Music Healing Vets
Friday:	10:00 am	Home School Group
	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
Sunday:	10:00 am	Worship Service & Reformation Confirmation Day

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP LEADERS

Worship Leader:	Elizabeth Graham
Director of Music:	Blaine Sack
Sexton:	Hunter Denney
Projector Operator:	Sherri Phannenhour
Video Recorder:	Zac Phannenhour
Sound Operator:	Todd Phannenhour
Counters:	Diane Hammel, Pamela Duplessis, Wilmer Verch
Altar Care:	Sandra Graham
Ushers:	Peter & Patti Wegner
Coffee Hour:	Dornetta Mau, Wilmer Verch

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Martha Kodrzynski, Rhonda Mau, Heather Miller, Anneliese Trautrim, Joan Lehman, Judy & Larry Blais, Garnet Miller, Betty Kuehl, Karl Hausser, Elva & Clarence Gagne, Eva Hagenah, Barbara Schoof, Inge Latiok, Marcella Kuehl, Kirk Weichenthal, David Brumm, Gwen Burchart, Jeanette Nevile, James Dean, Brittany, Jean Kuehl, Sandra Graham, Jean Rutz.

THANK YOU!

A special thank you from Kevin to Peter Wegner for all the help and assistance he provides around the church – He is a great volunteer! Wilmer would like to thank Kevin Rutz, Allastier Schultz and Peter Wegner for all they do in keeping the church well-lit outside and all their work on fixing the light!

SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS Senior Exercise classes **Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1:00 pm.** Welcome and bring a friend!

PROPERTY MEETING Monday October 20th at 7:00 pm.

COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday October 21st at 7:00 pm.

MORNING SOCIAL MORNING SOCIAL Please join us on **Wednesday October 22nd at 10:00 a.m.**

CONFIRMATION CLASS Confirmation class **Wednesday October 22nd 2025 at 6:15 pm** will be doing a tour of Malcolm Deavitt & Binhammer Funeral Home. We will be meeting at the funeral home.

PASTORAL CARE Meeting Monday October 27th at 10:00 am.

SOCIAL MINISTRY Meeting **Tuesday October 28th at 1:00 pm**

ATTENTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Please submit your committee budgets no later than **Fri.Oct.31, 2025**.

2. All committee members please submit your endowment interest disbursement suggestions to the office. Remember we need inside and outside needs.

3. Please submit an up-to-date member listing for your committee to the office so it can be posted on the church information boards.

CAMP LUTHERLYN 60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Camp Lutherlyn is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. We are holding a celebration with an Open House, Crafts, live music by a contemporary Christian Band and a Roast Beef dinner. We'll also have a Silent Auction and 50-50 draw. Many of you have been connected to the Camp for many years; we'd love to have you join our celebration! Tickets are $40 each and can be purchased by e-transfer to Lutherlyn.Fin@gmail.com (please be sure to include name and email address in details of the e-transfer). People can simply call 613-625-2994 (the camp line) for tickets and you can also pay by cheque at the dinner. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

Where: Camp Lutherlyn, 909 Zadow Road -Schmieder Hall

When: Saturday October 25 from 2:00 to 7:30 pm.

For those who are travelling from a distance, we are offering a complimentary overnight stay in our wonderful Four Seasons lodge while rooms are available. (We have 8 bedrooms.)

OFFERINGS – HOW CAN YOU LEAVE A DONATION?

1.) Place your gift in the offering plates at either entrance of the church sanctuary.
2.) You can also transfer a donation to the church by sending a gift via e-transfer to zionoffice@nrtco.net. Please be sure to leave an address for tax receipts.

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