

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE
THE 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY AUGUST 9 2026
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP – SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *Oh, Sing to the Lord: Cantad al Señor* (ELW 822)

1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.

Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.

Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.

Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

2 For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.

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Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

3 So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.

So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.

So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets,

Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.

Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.

Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.

Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

5 For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!

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Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

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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. 213) *(sung by all)*

Kyrie eleison: Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison: Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison: Lord, have mercy.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 213)

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

A reading from Genesis

¹ Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. ² These are the descendants of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives, and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children because he was the son of his old age, and he made him an ornamented robe. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

¹² Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³ And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." ¹⁴ So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, ¹⁵ and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" ¹⁶ "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." ¹⁷ The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.' " So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸ They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹ They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰ Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." ²¹ But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." ²² Reuben said to them,

“Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him”—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. ²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the ornamented robe that he wore, ²⁴ and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. ²⁵ Then they sat down to eat, and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶ Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷ Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. ²⁸ When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

- ¹ Give thanks to the LORD and call upon God’s name;
make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples.
- ² **Sing to the LORD, sing praises, and speak of all God’s marvelous works.**
- ³ Glory in God’s holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- ⁴ **Search for the strength of the LORD; continually seek God’s face.**
- ⁵ Remember the marvels God has done,
the wonders and the judgments of God’s mouth,
- ⁶ **O offspring of Abraham, God’s servant,
O children of Jacob, God’s chosen ones.**
- ¹⁶ Then God called for a famine in the land
and destroyed the supply of bread.
- ¹⁷ **The LORD sent a man before them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.**
- ¹⁸ They bruised his feet in fetters;
his neck they put in an iron collar.
- ¹⁹ **Until his prediction came to pass, the word of the LORD tested him.**
- ²⁰ The king sent and released him;
the ruler of the peoples set him free,
- ²¹ **setting him as a master over his household,
as a ruler over all his possessions,**
- ²² to instruct his princes according to his will
and to teach his elders wisdom. ^{45b} Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15

A reading from Romans.

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” ¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 216)

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?

Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear.

²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." ²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me* (ELW 755)

1 Jesus, Savior, pilot me
over life's tempestuous sea;
unknown waves before me roll,
hiding rock and treach'rous shoal;
chart and compass come from thee.
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

2 As a mother stills her child,
thou canst hush the ocean wild;
boist'rous waves obey thy will
when thou say'st to them: "Be still."
Wondrous sov'reign of the sea,
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

3 When at last I near the shore,
and the fearful breakers roar
twixt me and the peaceful rest,
then, while leaning on thy breast,
may I hear thee say to me:
"Fear not, I will pilot thee."

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APOSTLES' CREED (P. 217)

**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.**

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

We pray for the servants of your gospel in every place, that your word may be heard. Where your voice is scorned and your people persecuted, strengthen the church in its faithful witness. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For this world you have created, that all life may flourish. Preserve biodiversity in all its variety and help ecosystems to survive the extremes of a changing climate. Move our hearts with compassion to join in this work. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For leaders of towns, states, nations, and organizations, and all who are in positions of authority, that they lead with justice and integrity. Teach us to respond with Christlike mercy to all who are afraid or in danger. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For all who struggle amid the storms of life, that they find peace and hope in your loving presence. Comfort any who are lonely and grieving and all who suffer (*especially for Jason, Rhonda, Heather, Joan, Larry, Garnet, Betty, Karl, Trudy, Elva, Eva, Inge, Marcella, David, Gwen, Jeanette, James, Brittany, Jean, June, Katie, Douglas, Cheryl, Roxanna, Bonnie, Dorothy, Kimberly, Freda, Delton, Megen, Donald, and those we name in our hearts and minds*).

Please be with Janet Schultze-Jones as she grieves the sudden passing of her brother-in-law, Geoff Hodgson, husband to Linda Hodgson, on August 5th, after a visit to Pembroke last week. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For this congregation and its ministries, that they reflect your love and life amid a turbulent world. Guide council members, elders, and other church leaders with your still, calm voice. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We give thanks for the faithful who have gone before us. Guide us in our earthly journey, that we may one day join them in your eternal kingdom. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (ELW 884)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heav'nly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER (P. 107)

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 Saviour and Lord. Amen.

CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING (ELW p. 219)

Salvation belongs to our God
and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.
Great and wonderful are your deeds,
O God of the universe;
just and true are your ways,
O Ruler of all the nations.
Who can fail to honor you, Lord,
and sing the glory of your name?
Salvation belongs to our God
and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.
For you alone are the Holy One,
and blessed is the one
whose name is the Word of God.
All praise and thanks to you, holy God!
Salvation belongs to our God
and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD (ELW p. 220)

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

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 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* (ELW 632)

1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

2 Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

DISMISSAL (ELW p. 222)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ATTENDANCE: Sunday August 2 2026 – 46

ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: August 10 – 16

Monday: 7:00 pm Healing Vets

Thursday: 7:00 pm Healing Vets

Sunday: 10:00 am Holy Worship Service

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Worship Leader: Lorraine MacKenzie

Music Director: Blaine Sack

Sexton: Don Boldt

Projector Operator: Ellen Vandersleen

Video Recorder: Ryan Schmidt

Sound Operator: Noah Schmidt

Counters: Andrew Zadow, Kathy Green, Lori Crigger

Altar Care: Sandra Graham

Ushers: Allen Rose, Cheryl Sack

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Rhonda Mau, Heather Miller, Joan Lehman, Larry Blais, Garnet Miller, Betty Kuehl, Karl Hausser, Trudy Hausser, Elva Gagne, Eva Hagenah, Inge Latiok, Marcella Kuehl, David Brumm, Gwen Burchart, Jeanette Nevile, James Dean, Brittany, Jean Kuehl, June Popke, Katie, Douglas Crigger, Cheryl, Roxanna, Bonnie Schmidt, Dorothy Guay, Kimberly Wolfgram-Schmidt, Freda Kathen, Delton Felske, Megan, Donald Voss.

If you know of anyone in hospital, in need of a visit or are recently deceased, please inform the church 613 732-8792, or Pastor Scott 705 313-0333.

Please pray for Janet Schultze-Jones and her family as they grieve the sudden passing of her brother-in-law, Geoff Hodgson, husband to Linda Hodgson, on August 5th after a visit to Pembroke last week.

CONFIRMATION 2026-2027 ANNOUNCEMENT There will be an information meeting after worship on Sunday, September 13th, in the parlour. Youth ages 13-14 are invited to join the 2026-2027 Confirmation class. Both years 1 and 2 study together. Classes are on Wednesday nights from 6:15 pm – 8:00 pm.

Please note that Pastor Scott and Pastor Sue will be on vacation from August 1–30, 2026.

If you require pastoral care during this time, please contact Pastor Albert of St. John's Lutheran Church in Petawawa at 416-781-9771, or contact the church office, and we will be happy to assist you.

We wish Pastor Scott and Pastor Sue a restful, refreshing, and blessed vacation. May God grant them a time of renewal, peace, and safe travels as they enjoy this well-deserved time away.

TO RESUME IN SEPTEMBER:

- ✓ Messy Church ✓ Pastoral Care ✓ Coffee Hour
- ✓ Zion Thrift Shop ✓ Morning Socials ✓ Choirs ✓ ZLW Meetings
- ✓ Senior Exercise Class

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

OFFERINGS

Thank you for your generosity! If you are interested in leaving an offering for the ministry of the church you can do it three ways: 1.) Place it in the offering plates at either of the church sanctuary doors. 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. 3.) Through Pre-authorized Giving (PAR) where an amount is automatically debited from your account each month. If you would like church envelopes or to sign up for PAR, please contact the church office at 613-732-8792.

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