

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE  
THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16 2025  
ALL CREATION SINGS – SETTING 12**

**PRELUDE / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ACS P.29)**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who looks upon us in compassion,  
forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Have mercy, O God,

**against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.**

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ.

Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

**Blessed be God forever.**

**GATHERING SONG *Praise The Almighty!* (ELW 877)**

- 1** Praise the Almighty! Lord, I adore you!  
Yes, I will laud you until death;  
with songs and anthems I come before you  
as long as you allow me breath.  
From you my life and all things came;  
all the day long I bless your name.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
- 2** Trust not in rulers; they are but mortal;  
earthborn they are and soon decay.  
Vain are their counsels at life's last portal,  
when the cold grave engulfs its prey.

Since mortals can no help afford,  
place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

3 Lord, you give justice in all oppression,  
maintain the right, set pris'ners free.  
You feed the hungry in your compassion;  
healing and life flow from your tree.  
Happy are all who hope in God,  
whose grace is rich and deep and broad!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

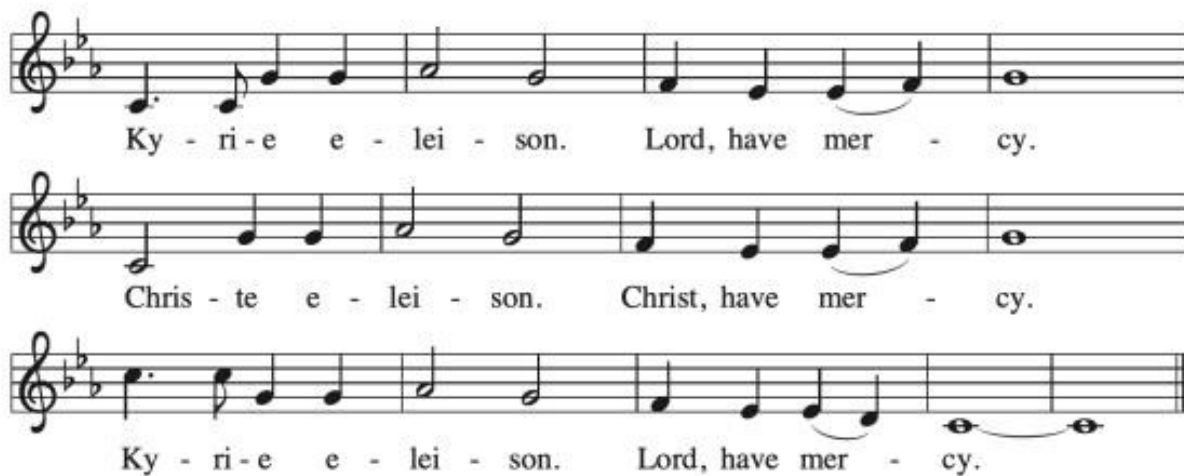
4 Praise, all you people, the name so holy,  
the Lord who does such wondrous things!  
All that has being, to praise God solely,  
with happy heart its amen sings!  
Children of God, with saints at rest,  
praise Father, Son, and Spirit blest!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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## GREETING (ACS p. 30)

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 (ACS p. 31)



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

## SONG OF PRAISE (ACS p. 31) Verse 1 only

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY (ACS p. 33)

Let us pray.

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-10**

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.  
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.  
It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

<sup>9</sup> The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse—  
who can understand it?

<sup>10</sup> I the Lord test the mind  
and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 1**

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup> **Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

<sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup> **It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> **For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; <sup>14</sup> and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. <sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup> If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ACS p. 33)**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-26**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup> [Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.<sup>18</sup> They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup> And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup> Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> “Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> “But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> “Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

The gospel of the Lord.

### **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON (ACS p. 34)**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY *O God, My Faithful God* (ELW 806)**

- 1 O God, my faithful God,  
true fountain ever flowing,  
without whom nothing is,  
all perfect gifts bestowing:  
give me a healthy frame,  
and may I have within  
a conscience free from blame,  
a soul unstained by sin.
- 2 Give me the strength to do  
with ready heart and willing  
whatever you command,  
my calling here fulfilling--  
to do it when I ought,  
with all my might--and bless  
whatever I have wrought,  
for you must give success.
- 3 Keep me from saying words  
that later need recalling;  
guard me, lest idle speech  
may from my lips be falling;  
but when, within my place,  
I must and ought to speak,  
then to my words give grace,  
lest I offend the weak.
- 4 When dangers gather round,  
oh, keep me calm and fearless;  
help me to bear the cross  
when life seems dark and cheerless;  
help me, as you have taught,  
to love both great and small,  
and, by your Spirit's might,  
to live at peace with all.

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## **APOSTLES' CREED (ACS p. 17)**

**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.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Blessed is your church transformed by your Spirit. Give us courage to proclaim to all people the promises made true in the death and resurrection of Christ. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Blessed is creation. As earth experiences destruction from harmful practices and climate change, give us courage to help bring about its restoration.

Encourage those who work in forestry to be a voice for the hidden places of creation and provide skills for its conservation. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Blessed are the nations. We pray for prime ministers and presidents, and leaders of nations. Grant that their courage will not run dry in the face of challenge, but that they will delight in the fountain of your righteousness. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Blessed are those in need. Give to all facing illness wise and caring doctors, nurses, and therapists. Draw close to those who feel far from you or who are suffering in any way (*especially Jason, Martha, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Anneliese, Joan, Judy, Larry, Garnet, Betty, Lily, Karl, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Barbara, Inga, Marcella, Patricia, Amy, Edie, Otilia, Kirk, Joan, David, Gwen, Don, Jeanette*). Provide an extra measure of your grace and love. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Blessed is this congregation. Like a tree planted by streams of water, we are nourished by faith in you. Provide courage in times that feel dry, trusting that you sustain us in many ways. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Blessed are those saints who now rest in your peace. Through lives of both sorrow and joy, challenge and triumph, they provide witness of faith in all times. May their lives be a witness to the living. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

**Amen.**

**PEACE (ACS p. 35)**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING *Love Has Come* (ELW 292 verses 1 and 3)**

1 Love has come--a light in the darkness!

Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.

See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;

hear how their song of joy arises:

Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!

Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

3 Love has come and never will leave us!

Love is life everlasting and free.

Love is Jesus within and among us.

Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.

Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas;

Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

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## **OFFERING PRAYER (ACS p. 35)**

Let us pray.

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure.  
Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace.  
Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our  
communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.  
**Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **DIALOGUE (ACS p. 36)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **PREFACE (ACS p. 36)**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ACS p. 36)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line on the final staff.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ACS p. 37)

O God triune, how majestic  
is your name in all the earth.  
Over the eons your merciful might  
evolved our home, a fragile tree of life.  
Here by your wisdom  
are both life and death,  
growth and decay,  
the nest and the hunt,  
sunshine and storm,  
darkness and light.  
Sustained by these wonders,  
we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:  
The earth is full of your glory.  
**The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.  
In Christ you bring life from death;  
we remember his cross,  
we laud his resurrection.  
Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.  
Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.  
Receiving this mystery,  
we mortals sing our song:  
The earth is full of your glory.  
**The earth is full of your glory.**

We praise you for the heart of Jesus,  
so filled with your love for this earth.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered around this table,  
we your children unite in this song:  
The earth is full of your glory.  
**The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you create the worlds,  
you uphold the living,  
you embrace the dead.  
Send forth your Spirit  
and renew the face of the earth.  
Strengthen us for our journey with this meal,  
the body and blood of Christ.  
Give us a future that trusts in you  
and cares for your earth.

Empowered by your promises,  
we rise from our deaths  
to praise you again:  
The earth is full of your glory.  
**The earth is full of your glory.**

Amen, and amen.  
**Amen, and amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER (ACS p. 39 - SUNG)**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us SING 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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION (ACS p. 40)**

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

**COMMUNION (ACS p. 40)**

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
Amen.

**COMMUNION SONG (ACS p. 40)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us  
peace.**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN *We Come to the Hungry Feast* (ELW 479)**

1 We come to the hungry feast  
hungry for a word of peace.  
To hungry hearts unsatisfied  
the love of God is not denied.  
We come, we come to the hungry feast.

2 We come to the hungry feast  
hungry for a world released  
from hungry people of ev'ry kind,  
the poor in body, poor in mind.  
We come, we come to the hungry feast.

3 We come to the hungry feast  
hungry that the hunger cease,  
and knowing, though we eat our fill,  
the hunger will stay with us; still  
we come, we come to the hungry feast.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN *Canticle of the Turning* (ELW 723)**

1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?

**Refrain**

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.

2 Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.

Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn. Refrain

3 From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn. Refrain

4 Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
is the promise which holds us bound,  
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around. Refrain

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## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

### **POST-COMMUNION SONG - *O Lord, Now Let Your Servant* (ELW 313)**

<b>1</b> O Lord, now let your servant depart in heav'nly peace, for I have seen the glory of your redeeming grace: a light to lead the nations unto your holy hill, the glory of your people, your chosen Israel.	<b>2</b> Then grant that I may follow your gleam, O glorious Light, till earthly shadows scatter, and faith is changed to sight; till raptured saints shall gather upon that shining shore, where Christ, the blessed daystar, shall light them evermore.
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## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ACS p. 41)**

Let us pray.

Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING (ACS p. 41)**

The peace of God,  
which surpasses all understanding,  
keep your hearts and your minds  
in ✝ Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG *Let Streams of Living Justice (ELW 710)***

**1** Let streams of living justice  
flow down upon the earth;  
give freedom's light to captives,  
let all the poor have worth.  
The hungry's hands are pleading,  
the workers claim their rights,  
the mourners long for laughter,  
the blinded seek for sight.  
Make liberty a beacon,  
strike down the iron pow'r;  
abolish ancient vengeance:  
proclaim your people's hour.

**2** For healing of the nations,  
for peace that will not end,  
for love that makes us lovers,  
God grant us grace to mend.  
Weave our varied gifts together;  
knit our lives as they are spun;  
on your loom of time enroll us  
till our thread of life is run.  
O great weaver of our fabric,

bind church and world in one;  
dye our texture with your radiance,  
light our colors with your sun.

**3** Your city's built to music;  
we are the stones you seek;  
your harmony is language;  
we are the words you speak.  
Our faith we find in service,  
our hope in others' dreams,  
our love in hand of neighbor;  
our homeland brightly gleams.  
Inscribe our hearts with justice;  
your way—the path untried;  
your truth—the heart of stranger;  
your life—the Crucified.

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### **DISMISSAL (ACS p. 41)**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025**

**ATTENDANCE: 78**

**OFFERINGS: \$ 1,640.00    PAR:\$1,425.50**

**TOTAL: \$3,065.50**

**WEEKLY BUDGET NEEDS: \$4,760.00**

## **ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: February 17 –23, 2025**

Monday:	8:30 am	Pickle Ball
	1:00 pm	Exercise Class
	7:00 pm	Pickle Ball
	7:00 pm	Music Healing Veterans
Tuesday:	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	6:30 pm	Tai Chi
	7:00 pm	Mixed Choir
Wednesday:	1:00 pm	Exercise Class
	6:15 pm	Confirmation Class
	7:00 pm	Men's Choir
Thursday:	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	7:00 pm	Music Healing Veterans
Friday:	1:00 pm	Exercise Class
Sunday:	10:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Annual General Meeting

## **TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP LEADERS**

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Scott Schellenberger
Music Director:	Blaine Sack
Worship Assistant:	Elizabeth Graham
Sexton:	Diane Hammel
Projector Operator:	Zachary Phannenhour
Video Recorder:	Ty Phannenhour
Sound Operator:	Todd Phannenhour
Counters:	Gayle & Larry Seegmiller, Wayne Kirk
Altar Care:	Wendy Schutt
Ushers:	Pamela Duplessis & Cindy Thrasher
Coffee Hour:	Justine Mutlow & ^ Michael Laabs

## **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Martha Kodrzynski, Ella Lehman, Rhonda Mau, Heather Miller, Anneliese Trautrim, Joan Lehman, Judy and Larry Blais, Garnet Miller, Betty Kuehl, Lily Kubiseski, Karl Hausser, Elva & Clarence Gagne, Eva Hagenah, Barbara Schoof, Inga Latiok, Marcella Kuehl, Patricia Zohr, Amy Markus-Burgess, Edie Brum, Otilia Saldana G, Kirk Weichenthal, Joan LaForce, David Brumm, Gwen Burchart, Don and Jeanette Nevile.

*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.*

### **OFFERINGS – HOW CAN YOU LEAVE A DONATION?**

- 1.) Place your gift in the OFFERING PLATES AT EITHER ENTRANCE to the 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](mailto:zionoffice@nrtco.net). Please be sure to leave an address for tax receipts.

**THE ANNUAL MEETING** will be on Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup> following the worship service. Please plan on attending. In case of bad weather, storm date will be Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup> if required.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** Wednesday February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm.

**HYMN SING** The next hymn sing before worship will be held next **Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Please come and share some of your favourite hymns and songs for everyone to sing before the start of worship.

**PASTORAL CARE** Monday February 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

**MORNING SOCIAL** Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

**INCOME TAX RECEIPTS** The receipts are being processed and a notice will be in the bulletin when they become available.

**COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR WALK** On February 22, Zion's Frozen Few will be participating in the Coldest Night of the Year walk. This is a winter fundraiser for people in our community who need our support. We will be walking for maybe an hour or two at most - a little walk, really - but it's a big deal for the people we're supporting. Our local organization, The Grind, provides warm meals, laundry facilities, showers, addiction counselling, medical referrals, and so much more to the folks who are struggling in our community. Would you support our walk with a personal donation? You can speak with Ellen Vandersleen, Kathy Godin or Susan Dupuis for more information.

**LENTEN BOOK STUDY: "Because of This I Rejoice"**

"Because of This I Rejoice" is a 6-week study of Philippians that explores what Paul teaches about joyfully practicing spiritual disciplines. This Lenten study invites us to engage in the same spiritual practices as a way to grow closer to God and allow joy to flow through our lives. **Beginning Thursday February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**, the Thursday before Ash Wednesday, and runs every **Thursday night at 7:00 pm for 6 weeks**. The cost of the book is \$20. If you are interested in participating, please speak with Pastor Scott or email at [sschellenberger@hotmail.com](mailto:sschellenberger@hotmail.com).

**THE 2025 PEMBROKE KIWANIS MUSIC AND DANCE FESTIVAL** returns to Festival Hall for its 77th year! Competition begins on Tuesday, Feb. 18th (9am-430pm), and Wednesday, Feb. 19th (9am-12pm) with two days of PIANO classes. A full day session will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22nd (9am-7pm) with DANCE, Monday, Feb. 24th (930am-1130am) with VOCAL, Monday, Mar. 3rd (9am-4pm) with STRINGS, and Tuesday, Mar. 4th (945am-1115am) with INSTRUMENTAL (Bands)

The 'Festival of Stars' Concert will be held on Thursday, March 20th @ 7pm at Festival Hall. Free admission to all events. Please visit the Pembroke Kiwanis Festivals Facebook page, or search online and click on the google sites link, or speak to Blaine Sack, member of the Pembroke Kiwanis Festival organizing committee.

## Morning Social Gatherings



Are you looking to spend some time having  
coffee, tea and goodies while sharing  
OUR NEXT SOCIAL GATHERING WILL BE  
FEBRUARY 26th at 10:00 am

**February 12 and 26 at 10:00 am**

You need not be a member of Zion. Everyone  
is welcome.

# ANNUAL MEETING



ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**ANNUAL MEETING  
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23 2025  
FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

**PLEASE MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR**

**A QUORUM IS NEEDED TO DO THE  
BUSINESS OF THE CHURCH**

**THIS IS YOUR TIME TO HAVE A VOICE**



**STORM DATE SUNDAY MARCH 2  
IF REQUIRED**

## Lenten Book Study *Because of This I Rejoice*



For too long Lent has been thought of as a season of self-sacrifice and discipline that sounds to many Christians like a list of spiritual chores. Lenten disciplines become the spiritual equivalent of New Year's resolutions to lose weight, be healthier, or practice better money management.

*Because of This I Rejoice* is a 6-week study of Philippians that explores what Paul teaches about joyfully practicing spiritual disciplines. The intent of these disciplines is to help us focus less on ourselves and more on God. This Lenten study invites us to engage in the same spiritual practices as a way to grow closer to God and allow joy to flow through our lives.

**When:** Every Thursday night at 7:00 pm.  
It begins Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, the Thursday before Ash  
Wednesday and runs for 6 weeks.  
The cost of the book is \$20.

If you are interested in participating please speak with Pastor  
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