

**ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE  
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER  
SUNDAY APRIL 12 2026  
ALL CREATION SINGS SETTING 12**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (ACS p. 29)**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness,  
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, fountain of living water,  
source of mercy, tender and mighty,  
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.  
Your steadfast love fills the earth.

**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Your love flows through water,  
satisfying the thirst of all living things,  
sustaining life in this community,  
nourishing and delighting us.

We bless you for these gifts of water:  
Your steadfast love fills the earth.

**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Your love flows through water,  
a sign of your saving power:  
Noah and the animals survive the flood,  
Hagar discovers your well.  
The Israelites escape through the sea,  
and they drink from your gushing rock.  
Naaman washes his leprosy away,  
and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.  
**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Your love flows through the water of baptism  
joined to your life-giving Word:  
your well of mercy and cleansing flood,  
your sea of deliverance from death into life,  
your healing river washing sin away,  
your living water springing up to eternal life.  
Your steadfast love fills the earth.  
**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Shower us with your Holy Spirit.  
Fill us with your love.  
Clothe us and all your people with grace.  
Embolden us to do justice.  
Bless us to love mercy.  
Guide us to walk humbly with you,  
whom we thank and praise, through Jesus Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG:**

***Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! (ELW 385 verses 1, 3, 4)***

**1** Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our king!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**3** Praise we in songs of victory  
that love, that life, which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

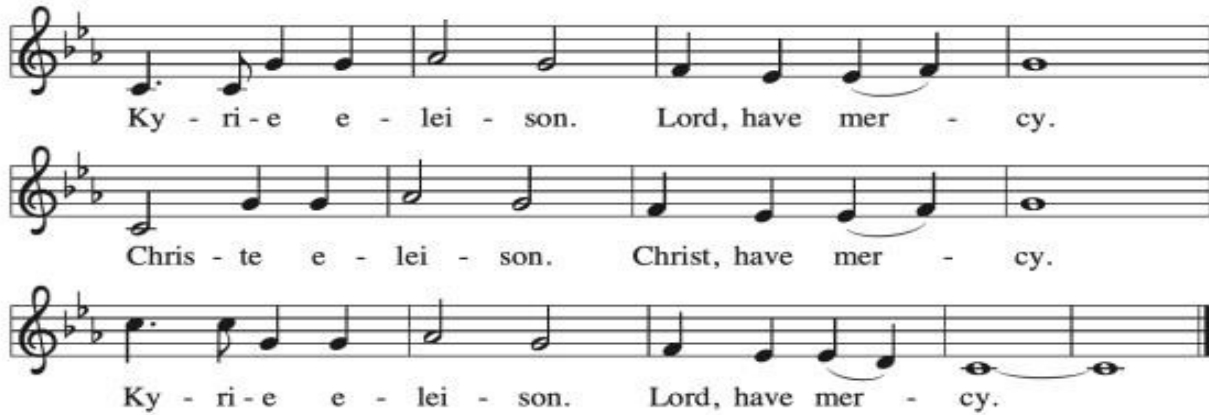
**4** Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
and sing today with one accord,  
the life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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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 (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 2)

Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
Yours the hosannas, the dying, rebirth.  
Ours the rejoicing for nature reclaimed;  
Ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.  
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;  
yours be the glory, O god, yours alone.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## PIANO SOLO - Blaine Sack

## FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

A reading from Acts.

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: <sup>22</sup> "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a

man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know <sup>23</sup> this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; <sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. <sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' <sup>29</sup> "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' <sup>32</sup> "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 16**

<sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other." <sup>2</sup> **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.** <sup>3</sup> But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied. <sup>4</sup> **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.** <sup>5</sup> O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot. <sup>6</sup> **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.** <sup>7</sup> I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night. <sup>8</sup> **I have set the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.** <sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. <sup>10</sup> **For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.** <sup>11</sup> You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

## **SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

A reading from 1 Peter.

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

*The gospel is announced.*

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.*

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”<sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY** *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (ELW 367)*

**1** Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
in praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**2** Eternal is the gift he brings,  
therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Now still he comes to give us life  
and by his presence stills all strife.  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
set heart and will on things above  
that we conquer through your triumph;  
grant grace sufficient for life's day  
that by our lives we truly say:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Adoring praises now we bring  
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"  
Be to the Father, and our Lord,  
to Spirit blest, most holy God,  
all the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## **NICENE CREED**

Let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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\*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day.

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Maker of heaven and earth, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of creation, from the beauty of flowers to the complexity of subatomic particles. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way (*especially Jason, Martha, Rhonda, Heather, Joan, Larry, Garnet, Betty, Karl, Elva, Eva, Barbara, Inge, Marcella, David, Gwen, Jeanette, James, Brittany, Jean, June, Katie, Viola, Lorna, Dorothy, Cary, Douglas, Cheryl, and those we name in our hearts and minds*). Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them.

Please be with the family and friends of Pastor David Metzger as they grieve the loss of their loved one. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Giver of joy, let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Eternal One, we give thanks for saints who were faithful unto death and have joined the church triumphant. Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into your glorious presence. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **OFFERING *Be Not Afraid* (ELW 388 2X)**

Be not afraid, sing out for joy!

Christ is risen, alleluia!

Be not afraid, sing out for joy!

Christ is risen, alleluia!

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## **OFFERING PRAYER**

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.**

## **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 peace of God,  
which surpasses all understanding,  
keep your hearts and your minds  
in + Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG**

***Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing (ELW 389 verses 1,3,4,5)***

**1** Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

**4** Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

**3** In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,  
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.

**5** Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

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## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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<b><u>ATTENDANCE:</u></b>	<b>Maundy Thursday: 29</b>	<b>Good Friday: 79</b>
	<b>Easter Sunday: 8:00 am: 69</b>	<b>&amp; 10:00 am: 78</b>

## **ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: APRIL 13 – 19**

Monday: 8:30 am Pickle Ball  
7:00 pm Pickle Ball  
5:30 pm Messy Church  
7:00 pm Healing Vets

Tuesday: 9:30 am Tai Chi  
6:30 pm Tai Chi  
7:00 pm Council Meeting  
7:00 pm Men's Choir

Wednesday: 10:00 am Morning Social  
1:00 pm Senior Exercise Class  
6:15 pm Confirmation Class  
7:00 pm Mixed Choir

Thursday: 9:30 am Tai Chi  
7:00 pm Healing Vets

Friday: 1:00 pm Senior Exercise Class

Saturday: 11:00 am Celebration of Life for  
Pastor David Metzger

Sunday: 10:00 am Worship Service with Holy  
Communion, Blended Worship

## **TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

Worship Leader:	Susan Dupuis
Music Director:	Blaine Sack
Worship Assistant:	Paul Merredew
Sexton:	David Lehman
Projector Operator:	Diane Hammel
Video Recorder:	Ryan Schmidt
Sound Operator:	Noah Schmidt
Counters:	Doug & Pauline Malliff, Sandra Graham
Altar Care:	Maria Denney
Ushers:	Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz
Coffee Hour:	Peter & Patti Wegner

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Martha Kodrzynski, Rhonda Mau, Heather Miller, Joan Lehman, Larry Blais, Garnet Miller, Betty Kuehl, Karl Hausser, Elva Gagne, Eva Hagenah, Barbara Schoof, Inge Latiok, Marcella Kuehl, David Brumm, Gwen Burchart, Jeanette Nevile, James Dean, Brittany, Jean Kuehl, June Popke, Katie, Viola Hill, Lorna Handke, Dorothy Scheuneman, Cary Lien, Douglas Crigger, Cheryl.

*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 the family and friends of Pastor David Metzger who passed away Friday April 3 2026. Friends are invited to share their memories of Pastor Dave with his family during visitation at Murphy Funeral Home (296 Isabella Street, Pembroke) on Friday, April 17 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. On Saturday, April 18, a Celebration of Life will take place at Zion Lutheran Church ( 454 Miller Street, Pembroke) at 11:00 am. Light lunch to follow. In recognition of Dave's generous spirit, the family suggests donations to: Lake Chad Restoration Project (Africa), or Zion Lutheran Church Endowment Fund.

**MESSY CHURCH** Don't forget to join us for Messy Church on **Monday April 13<sup>th</sup>** at **5:30 pm** starting with a meal, and moving on to crafts, stories, games - so much fun! Bring a friend! All ages are from 1month to 110 welcome!

**COUNCIL MEETING** The next council meeting will be on **Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup>** at **7:00 pm**.

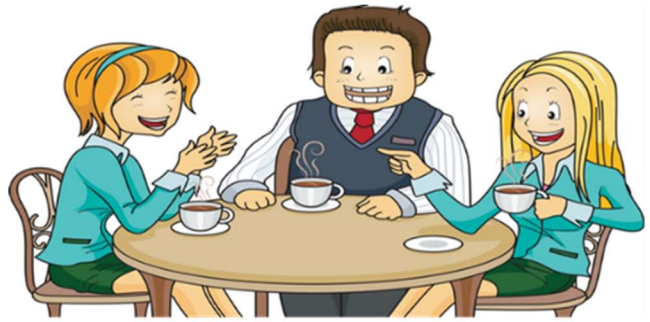
**MORNING SOCIAL** There is only one Morning Social in April on **Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup>** at **10:00 am**. due to preparations for our Garage Sale on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Regular biweekly Morning Socials will resume in May.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** Confirmation classes resume **Wednesdays- April 15, 22 and 29 2026** at **5:30 pm**.

**ZION GARAGE SALE** We are accepting donations for our garage sale that will be held at Zion Lutheran Church on **Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>** **8:00 am – 12 noon**. All items donated can be placed on the stage. Thank you for your support.



Join us the first Monday every month. We begin each night with a meal at 5:30 pm.



Are you looking to spend some time having coffee, tea and goodies while sharing conversation with others?

*Food - Crafts - Story*



*Games - Fun - Free!*

**Our Next Messy Church is Monday April 13<sup>th</sup> 2026**

Come for an evening of so much fun and bring a friend!

JOIN US!

Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup> 2026 at 10:00 am

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

# Garage Sale

**Saturday April 25, 2026  
8:00 am- 12:00 noon**



**Zion Lutheran Church**

454 Miller St, Pembroke, ON

Come enjoy our café.

**We welcome donations of tools, household items, toys, furniture, baking, clothes, etc.**

Proceeds: 50% to Food Bank, 50% to General Fund

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