ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE
Sunday, October 8, 2023 - Thanksgiving
19th Sunday after Pentecost
SETTING 4

HYMN SING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (ELW 693)

1 Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home. All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin. God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied. Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

2 All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield; wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown. First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear. Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his harvest home; from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away; give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast, but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

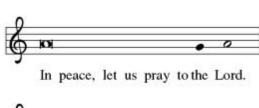
4 Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.
Gather then thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin, there, forever purified, in thy garner to abide.
Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home!
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GREETING (ELW p. 147)

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. 147)

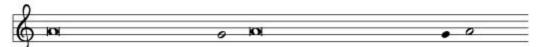






For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW P. 148)



PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 150)

Let us pray.

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

MIXED CHOIR - 'Praise and Thanksgiving' Gaelic Tune, Words by Albert F. Bayly

FIRST READING: Joel 2:2-7

A reading from Joel. ²a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. ³Fire devours in front of them, and behind them a flame burns. Before them the land is like the garden of Eden, but after them a desolate wilderness, and nothing escapes them. ⁴They have the appearance of horses, and like war-horses they charge. ⁵As with the rumbling of chariots, they leap on the tops of the mountains, like the crackling of a flame of fire devouring the stubble, like a powerful army drawn up for battle. ⁶Before them peoples are in anguish, all faces grow pale. ⁷Like warriors they charge, like soldiers they scale the wall. Each keeps to its own course, they do not swerve from their paths. Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 126

- ¹When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,then were we like those who dream.
- ²Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- ³Then they said among the nations,"The Lord has done great things for them."
- ⁴The Lord has done great things for us,and we are glad indeed.
- ⁵Restore our fortunes, O Lord,like the watercourses of the Negeb.
- ⁶Those who sowed with tearswill reap with songs of joy.
- ⁷Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

A reading from 1 Timothy.

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all — this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 151) Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:25-33

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and

his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON (ELW p. 151)

HYMN OF THE DAY Have You Thanked the Lord? (ELW 829)

Refrain

Have you thanked the Lord?
Have you praised God's name?
Don't you know that no tomorrow is quite the same?
Have you thanked the Lord?
Have you knelt in prayer,
and rejoiced that, rain or sunshine, our God is there?

1 Hallelujah! Thank the Lord for sun, sand, and sea, ev'ry star at night that shines for you and me. Blessings so many come our way: have you thanked the Lord today? Refrain

2 Hallelujah! Paradise we taste where we are; summer breezes, winter warmth are never far. God's love is ever on display: have you thanked the Lord today? Refrain

3 Hallelujah! Joy and peace the Savior will bring. Grace amazing! So we lift our voice and sing, grateful when clouds are bright or gray: have you thanked the Lord today? Refrain

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CREED (ELW p. 105)

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God of all grace, you are the source of life and joy. Strengthen the resolve of your church throughout the world, that together we press on toward the goal of your heavenly call in Jesus Christ. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of all creation, you plant and nourish the earth as your own precious vineyard. Bless fields and orchards and the hands of those who labor in them, that your people are fed with an abundant harvest of good fruit. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of all the earth, you desire peace and justice between nations and peoples. Guide leaders of nations, states, provinces, and cities, that they faithfully govern your people with wisdom, integrity, and compassion. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of all compassion, in Christ, you lovingly poured yourself out like wine for your people. Have mercy on all who mourn, who struggle with their mental health, who cry out for justice, who hunger, and all in any need (especially Ann, Jason, Erna, Richard, Martha, Charlotte, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Aileen, Douglas, Ruth, Anneliese, Kaitlyn, Vaughan, Joan, Denise, Mervin, Ty, Don, Jack, Gerry, Timothy, Leona, Karl). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of all steadfastness, you set Christ as the cornerstone and foundation of the church. Build up this congregation as living stones, that it stands in the community as a witness to your enduring faithfulness and love. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of all hope, the saints who came before us lived and died with their hearts fixed on you. We give you thanks for their faithful witness, and we wait with hope for the great day when we join their voices in praise. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

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

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE (ELW p. 152)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING For the Fruit of All Creation (AR HYD Y NOS) (ELW 679 VERSE 1)

1 For the fruit of all creation,

thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev'ry nation,

thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping,

silent growth while we are sleeping,

future needs in earth's safekeeping,

thanks be to God.

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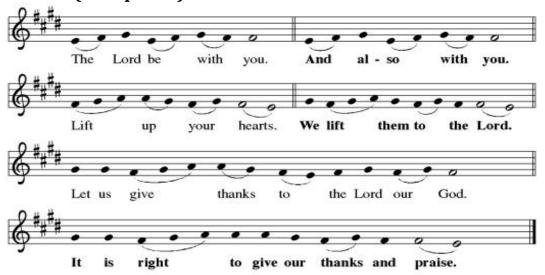
OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 152)

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

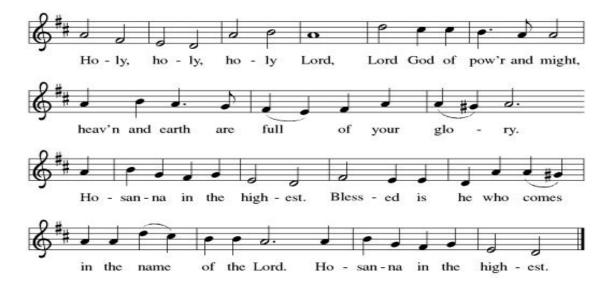
GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE (ELW p. 152)



PREFACE (ELW p. 153)

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 (ELW p. 153)



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 153)

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy willand to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 154)

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (ELW p. 154)

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION (ELW p. 154)

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

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 154)

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.

SONG AFTER COMMUNION Sing to the Lord of Harvest (ELW 694)

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. **2** God makes the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring, the hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing. God fills them with his fullness. all things with large increase and crowns the year with goodness, with plenty and with peace.

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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Let All Things Now Living (ELW 881)

1 Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

2 God rules all the forces:
the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 155)

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING (ELW p. 155)

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 Now Thank We All Our God (isometric) (ELW 840)

I Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all harm in this world and the next.

a All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven, the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore. Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878. Text: Public Domain.

DISMISSAL (ELW p. 155)

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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THIS WEEK AT ZION: October 09 – 15

Monday: 1:00 pm Senior Exercise Class

6:30 pm Pickle Ball

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday: 9:30 am Tai Chi

6:30 pm Tai Chi 7:00 pm Council

Wednesday: 10:30 am Mid-Week Worship

1:00 pm Senior Exercise Class

6:15 pm Confirmation 7:15 pm Men's Choir

7:30 pm Scottish Dancers

Thursday: 9:30 am Tai Chi

6:30 pm Pickle Ball7:00 pm Healing Vets7:00 pm Mixed Choir

Friday: 1:00 pm Senior Exercise Class

Saturday 10:00 am Confirmation Rehearsal

Sunday: 10:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Presiding Minister: Rev. Scott Schellenberger

Music Director:
Worship Assistant:
Paul Merredew
Diane Hammel
Projector Operator:
Gerry Vandersleen
Video Recorder:
Ellen Vandersleen
Gerry Vandersleen
Gerry Vandersleen

Counters: Wayne & Linda Reiche & Gerry Vandersleen

Altar Care: Jean Rutz

Ushers: Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz

Coffee Hour: Kathy Hoffman & Susan Dupuis

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Ann Beech, Jason Godin, Erna Handke, Richard Hubert, Martha Kodrzynski, Charlotte Layden, Ella Lehman, Rhonda Mau, Heather Miller, Aileen Roesler, Douglas Sperberg, Ruth Thom, Anneliese Trautrim, Kaitlyn Vaillancourt, Vaughan Rosien, Joan Lehman, Denise Schizkoske, Mervin Bimm, Ty Phannenhour, Don Markus, Jack Zadow, Gerry Vandersleen, Judy and Larry Blias.

Please join us in prayer for the family and friends of Margaret King and Leona Waito as they mourn the deaths of their loved ones.

DONATIONS

A donation to The Hymnal project has been made by Peter & Patti Wegner in memory of parents Roy & Rachel Wegner, aunt & Sister Esther Brose, and in memory of her parents Rev. Harold & Leona Brose, Anne Marie Brose.

A donation has been made to the Hymnal project in loving memory of Elmer & Serena Goltz. A donation for the Hymnal project has been received from Dornetta, Rhonda & Russell Mau in memory of Allan, Garda Pilazke.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Our next Confirmation class will be Wednesday October 11th at 6:15 pm.

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL

Please mark your calendars for Confirmation rehearsal on Saturday October 14th at 10:00 am.

COFFEE HOUR

Please join us for coffee after today's service. Our coffee hour volunteers are ready to greet you with smiles and a hot cup of tea or coffee. Please join us for refreshments and socializing with friends.

TABLE TALKS

On Sunday October 22nd following worship, please join us to give your voice and ears, and share in healthy conversation regarding Zion.

PULSE YOUTH GROUP

Let's go bowling! October 27th at 6:30 pm, please join us at Opeongo Bowldrome in Renfrew.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES (NOTE SERVICE TIME CHANGE)

Sunday December 24^{th:}
10:00 am 4th Service Sunday Of Advent
3:00 pm Christmas Eve Service
7:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

EXERCISE CLASSES

Please join us on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1:00 pm for our Senior Exercise classes. Bring a friend!

MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

Please join us on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 10:30 am for services with Holy Communion. Our next midweek worship service will be Wednesday, October 11th at 10:30 am.

ZION GARAGE SALE

The Zion garage sale will be on Fri. Oct. 20 from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm and Sat. Oct. 21st 8:00 am-1:00 pm. Would you like to bake something for our café? Cookies, squares, etc. -it would be most appreciated! Please bring any donated items for the garage sale to the church 2 weeks prior to the sale.

140th Anniversary Worship Project

Congratulations we have reached our goal! You have donated 100 new All Creation Sings supplement to the ELW (2006), to celebrate our 140thAnniversary. No more hymnals will be purchased. Instead, please consider giving a special gift to the general fund to support other ministries of Zion.

140th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Members of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pembroke

Invite all members, former members, sister congregations, family members and friends to attend our **140**th **Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, November 26**th **2023.**

There will be a celebration service at 3:00 pm with Bishop Michael Pryse as guest speaker. Following the service there will be a social hour with a historical display in the Parish hall followed by a roast beef and ham dinner at 5:30 pm catered by The Kitchen Eatery and Catering Company.

Tickets will be \$30 for adults and \$15 for ages 12 and under. Deadline for ticket sales is November 17th with tickets available at the church office. All events will be held at the church at 454 Miller Street, Pembroke.

We hope you can join us for our special celebration.

The 140th Anniversary Committee

140th ANNIVERSARY FALL FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

A Special Anniversary Concert featuring current and past organists from Zion, along with other Pembroke Musicians will be held on Sunday November 5th at 2:30 pm at Zion Lutheran Church. Admission by freewill offerings at the door, with proceeds going to Camp Lutherlyn, St Joseph's Food Bank and the Zion Organ Fund.

For more information please contact Blaine at 613 369-8700

TO CELEBRATE THE HARVEST

A Reformation Service at 3 pm and BBQ Pork dinner at 5 pm on Sunday Oct 29th will be held at the Rankin Community Centre with guest preacher Rev. Adam Snook, assistant to the bishop. Dinner tickets are \$30 and are available until October 16th to purchase at Zion. Please contact Susan Dupuis for tickets at 343-369-2057.

HOLY TRINITY FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Holy Trinity Anglican Church at 68 Renfrew Street, Pembroke, will be holding a rummage sale on Saturday October 21 from 8:30 am –11:00 am. Good quality items at bargain prices. Plan to be early for the best selection.

ATTENDANCE Sunday October 1 – 65 Wednesday September 27 - 11

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