ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP – SETTING ONE
BLENDED SERVICE – NOVEMBER 15 2026

HYMN SING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
We have failed to love you with all our heart and to be good stewards of your creation: Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We have failed to take up the cross of discipleship and to be good stewards of your gospel: Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We have failed to be faithful members of your church and to be good stewards of your spiritual gifts: Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God proves God's love for us in that while we still were sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8) Confident in God's free gift of forgiveness, I declare to you: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

OPENING SONG JESUS LOVES ME (Alleluia Version) -LSB

Jesus loves me this I know
For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong
They are weak but He is strong.

Chorus:
Alleluia, alleluia; Alleluia, alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia; Alleluia, allelu

Jesus loves me when I'm good
When I do the things I should
Jesus loves me when I'm bad
Even though it makes Him sad. **Chorus**

Jesus loves me He who died
Heaven's gates to open wide
He will wash away my sin
Let His little child come in. **Chorus**

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Call to Worship
Family of God, whom do you serve?
We serve God, who calls us to love our neighbours, tend creation, and care for the least of these.

Family of God, in a world that values productivity and profit, whom do you serve?
We serve God, who calls us to value equity, justice, and sabbath for all.

Family of God, in a world that privileges power over others instead of power shared with our neighbors, whom do you serve?
We serve God, who calls us to privilege the agency and flourishing of ourselves, our neighbors, and all creation.

Family of God, we gather here to grow in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation. Let us enter the joy of serving God, who is Love.
We gather to worship God and work for God's purposes until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

APOSTOLIC GREETING
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

KYRIE *Kyrie (Ghana)* (ELW 151) (a cappella) - LSB
GREEK
1 Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

2 Christe eleison. Christe eleison.
Christe eleison. Christe eleison.

3 Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

HYMN OF PRAISE - Jesus Loves Me (Gritty Version) – LSB-Sung 3 times
Jesus loves me (echo)
This I know (echo)
For the Bible (echo)
Tells me so (echo)

Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak but He is strong
And He loves me, yeah, yeah,
And He loves me, yeah, yeah
He loves me…. Ya!

Cuz He's the BEST!
J-E-S-U-S

AHRRAHHH UH, UH, AHRRAHHH UH, UH, AHRRAHHH UH, UH
"Jesus Loves Me" words by Anna Bartlett Warner and William Batchelder Bradbury © Public Domain.

OPENING PRAYER
God, our kind and loving Parent,
you no longer call us servants but friends. There is so much you have entrusted to us, even the future of your kingdom of justice and love. Give us the grace to work out with you the growth of mercy and goodness in this world, to be united with all Christians and with all who seek you with a sincere heart in bringing reconciliation and joy to everyone. Let us go together the way to you, our living and loving God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PASTOR SCOTT: KIDS MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Judges 4:1-7
A reading from Judges.
1 The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud
died. 2 So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned
in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-
goiim. 3 Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help, for he had nine
hundred chariots of iron and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.
4 At that time Deborah, a prophet, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. 5 She
used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill

country of Ephraim, and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. 6 She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Position yourself at Mount Tabor, taking ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. 7 I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops, and I will give him into your hand.' "
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 90:1-8, 12

1 Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
2 **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.**
3 You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."
4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;**
5 you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:
6 **in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.**
7 For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.
8 **Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**
12 So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

A reading from 1 Thessalonians.
1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6 So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, 7 for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and

put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9] For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* ELW 172 (sung twice)
Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.
Service Music (ELW, TFF, WOV); Praising, Celebrating

HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 25:14-20
The Parable of the Three Servants
by Dave Hopswood from engageworship.org
There was once a rich man who decided to tour the world. So, he called together his three servants and placed them in charge of all he owned. To the first he gave ten million pounds, his pedigree racehorse, and his mansion in Surrey. To the second he gave five million pounds, his brand-new Ferrari, and his villa in Spain. To the third he gave one million pounds, his pet poodle Fifi, and its kennel in the garden. And then the rich man packed his bags and sailed off into the sunset, confident that his estate was now in very good hands. Six months went by and the servants were kept busy.
The first invested his ten million in property, bought some land, sold it again, bought it, sold it, bought it, sold it, bought, it sold it, bought it, sold it, got confused and sold it again... which all resulted in a very tidy profit. The racehorse won everything in sight and the mansion in Surrey was opened to the public - at $25 a head. This all made substantial profits and... several stains on the carpet, which were hastily dealt with.

The second servant invested in the stock market, bought and sold at an even faster rate than the first servant, and quickly doubled his investment. The Ferrari won the Spanish Grand Prix - and the villa gained him nothing, except a first-class suntan while he sat watching the Ferrari win.

The first two servants met in London a week before the master's return where they celebrated their success. However, the third servant was nowhere to be seen.

For a long time he sat and looked at his one million dollars, and all he could see was the ten million that the rich man had given the first servant. For a long time he looked at the kennel and all he could see was the villa in Spain that had been left to the second servant. For a long time he looked at Fifi the poodle and all he could see was a dog that had no business potential whatsoever. Fifi however, had already done her business, right in the middle of her master's front lawn. So, angry and disillusioned, he took a spade and began to dig - right in the middle of the lawn. And for three long hours he dug a hole so big that it would bury that stinking money forever... and maybe even the dog along with it. Then, he took the one million, dropped it happily in the hole, and stepped back to admire his work - right onto Fifi's front paws. Fifi let out a yelp and sank her jaws deep into the servant's leg. And that was the moment the rich man returned home.
Stepping into his office he summoned his servants and asked them about his accounts.

The first strolled happily in and presented his master with twenty million dollars and the Cheltenham Gold Cup. The rich man was impressed with his good business sense and commended him.
The second strolled happily in and presented his master with ten million dollars, and the trophy from the Spanish Grand Prix. The rich man was impressed with his suntan and congratulated him.
The third staggered in, limping, stinking, and plastered in mud. He presented his master with a soggy bag of notes. The rich man was not impressed... and swatted at the flies that swarmed around him.
"I know you," complained the servant, "you're a hard man, unjust, arrogant. You take the credit for other people's hard work. You're mean, you're unkind and your dog bit me! You don't care about anyone. So I buried your money in the ground to keep it nice and safe."

The rich man was shocked.

"Oh! I'm a hard man, am I? Unjust? Unfair? Then why have these other two servants been well rewarded for their hard work? Why are they now honoured

for all they've done? I freely gave you one million dollars; was that unfair, was that unjust? No. But burying it in the dirt, and bringing it back to me in this state, and resenting all I have given you certainly was. No, you are wrong - you do not know me, you simply let your anger, and your greed, and your envy consume you and you have rejected all I gave you." And he turned to the other two servants handed them the third servant's money and told them to throw him out. “Because," he said, "if he doesn't want to know me then I won't force him to share my riches. But as for you two - you will live in my house forever and my wealth is always yours to share."

MESSAGE: TESTIMONIES OF PRAISE

SERMON

SERMON SONG Jesus Loves Me (Stomp stomp clap) - LSB

Jesus loves me this I know
For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong
They are weak but He is strong

Chorus:
Singing sha la la la la la la
Sha la la la la la la (woo!)
Sha la la la la la la
Sha la la la la la la (woo!)

yes Jesus loves me (XX)
yes Jesus loves me(XX)
yes Jesus loves me(XX)
the Bible tells me so

Jesus loves me when I’m good
When I do the things I should
Jesus loves me when I’m bad
Even though it makes Him sad
Chorus:

Jesus loves me He who died
Heaven’s gates to open wide
He will wash away my sin
Let His little child come in. **Chorus:**

Bridge:
Sing about his love, about his love I’ll sing about
Sing about his love, about his love I’ll sing.
Sing about his love, about his love I’ll sing about
Sing about his love, about his love I’ll sing.

Last Chorus:
yes Jesus loves me (XX)
yes Jesus loves me(XX)
yes Jesus loves me(XX)
the Bible tells me so
The Bible tells me so
The Bible tells me (stomp stomp) SO!

Old Camp Song. Author Unknown

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
For all people in their daily life and work;
for our families, friends and neighbours, and for those who are alone.
For this community, our country, and the world; for all who work for justice, freedom and peace. For the just and proper use of your creation; for the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression.
For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
for those who minister to the sick, the friendless and the needy.
For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
for all who proclaim the gospel, and for all seek the truth.
For the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, for our bishops and pastors, for national and synodical councils and Area Ministries for members of our parish council, for all who serve God in our church.
For our own needs, and for others for whom you have called us to pray.
We pray especially for Jason, Rhonda, Heather, Joan, Larry, Garnet, Karl, Trudy, Elva, Eva, Inge, Marcella, David, Gwen, Jeanette, Brittany, Jean, June, Katie, Douglas, Cheryl, Roxanna, Bonnie, Dorothy, Kimberly, Freda, Delton, Megen, Joan, Sherryl, and those we name in our hearts and minds... [Silence]
Hear us, Lord for your mercy is great.
We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of life. [Silence]
We exalt you, O God our king;
and praise your name for ever and ever.
We give thanks for all those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for the promise of your eternal kingdom.
[Silence]
In Christ you have called us to your glory;
to you be praise for ever and ever. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING *LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD* (ELW 517 vs. 1 & 3)

1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;
curb those who by deceit or sword
would wrest the kingdom from your Son
and bring to naught all he has done.

3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
send peace and unity on earth;
support us in our final strife
and lead us out of death to life.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous Christ, every good gift comes from your hand, and you entrust us with resources, abilities, and opportunities to serve your kingdom. Keep us from measuring our worth by what we produce or possess. Instead, teach us to invest our lives in love, mercy, and the building of community. Receive these offerings and use them to lift burdens, create hope, and strengthen your people. May we find joy not in accumulation, but in faithful relationship with you and our neighbors. May all that we offer today become a witness to your abundant grace. Amen. (Matthew 25:14-30)

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Dialogue (spoken)

P) May the God of promises be with you!
C) And also with you!
P) Rejoice in the One who surprises us, people of God.
C) We lift our hearts to God who brings us salvation.
P) Children of God, join in glad song to the Giver of mercy.
C) Our voices join in praise to the God of love and hope.

P) When you had
had enough of chaos, Covenant God,
you cried out in love
and creation burst forth in joy. You shaped us into images of you, that we might be children of light,
but we were drawn into the shadowy life of sin and death.
You sent people like Deborah to call us back into your light,

but we were scornful of their words.
Then you sent Jesus
who came to fill us
with your love and hope.
So, with servants and sinners,
with judges and those who endure injustice, we lift our voices, our hearts,
our eyes singing to the One enthroned on our hopes:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 108)



Blessed is the One who walked the dusty paths of earth.
Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, God of Wonder,
And blessed is Jesus Christ, our Lord.
When the proud hurled their contempt at him,
he humbly knelt to serve them.
When friends urged him to play it safe,
he crawled out onto faith's limb, trusting it would hold him.
When death wrapped him in its cold shadows,
he burst forth into the light of resurrection joy,
that we might live
in the kingdom with you.

In the night in which he was betrayed
He blessed and broke bread, offering it to his friends saying: this is my body offered for you.
Take and eat, and do so in remembrance of me

Again he took the cup and gave it to his friends saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins Drink of this cup in remembrance of me.

As we remember his mercy and hope,
as we celebrate the feast he has prepared, we speak of that mystery we call faith:

Christ died on that day of shadowed hearts;
Christ rose on that day when death was surprised by love;
Christ will come to us on that day of light and love.

Your grace showers down
upon the seeds you have planted, your hope warms the harvest planted in our hearts.
As the Spirit gathers your gifts and prepares them for your Table, make us ready to receive them with joy and gratitude.
As you send us forth to serve your people,
may our faith and love
be transformed into winter coats, we can give to the homeless;
may our hope become the meals we fix for the hungry.

And when that long-awaited Day comes, when all times and seasons have ended, we will gather at your Feast,
joining our voices with our sisters and brothers, as we sing to you through all eternity,
God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER - 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

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 112)
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 SONGS:

***JESUS LOVES ME!* (ELW 595)**

1 Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain
Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! he who died
heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in. **Refrain**

3 Jesus loves me! he will stay
close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die,
he will take me home on high. **Refrain**

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt. Text: Public Domain.

TAKE NOW AND SHARE

Take now and share, share this among you,
This is the bread of new life.
Take now and share, share this among you,
This is the bread of new life.

This is my body, given for you.
Do this in memory of me.
This is my body, given for you.
Do this in memory of me.

Take now and share, share this among you,
This is the cup of new life.
Take now and share, share this among you,
This is the cup of new life.

This is my blood, poured out for you.
Do this in memory of me.
This is my blood, poured out for you.
Do this in memory of me.

Take now and share, share this among you
This is my life for the world
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POST COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.
O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

BENEDICTION

Family of God, go from this place in the blessing of God who calls us into relationship with God and one another, who equips us to use what we have to bless others, and inspires us to value relationship over production and the flourishing of all over the wealth of a few. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG*:*
HERE ON JESUS CHRIST I WILL STAND (ACS 1024)

Refrain (English)
Here on Jesus Christ I will stand.
He's the solid rock of my life.
He's the solid rock of my life.
He's the solid rock of my life.

1 There's no other place I can hide
till the storm that rages subsides.
My voice cries to God from the flood,
and I'm saved because of his blood. **Refrain**

2 It is not the work of my hands
that has washed away all my sins.
I'm redeemed, and all of my days,
Jesus Christ will be my heart's praise. **Refrain**

3 When my days on this earth are done,
and I stand at God's holy throne,
my heart will not have any fear;
in Christ's righteousness I am here. **Refrain**

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SENDING

Let us go forth to be God's faithful servants.
We will not hide our gifts but share them with everyone we meet.
Let us go forth to be the followers of Jesus.
We will not hold back our compassion, but will offer it to all.

Let us go forth to be the Spirit's hope and peace.
We will be the grace, the joy, the wonder others need in their lives.

POSTLUDE

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ATTENDANCE: Sunday November 8 2026 - 98

ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: November 16–22

Monday:	8:30 am, 6:00 pm	Pickle Ball
	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
	7:00 pm	W&M Mtg
	7:00 pm	Music Healing Vets
Tuesday:	9:30 am, 6:30 pm	Tai Chi
	1:00 pm	Christian Meditation Group
	7:15 pm	Men's Choir Practice
Wednesday:	10:00 am	Morning Social
	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
	1– 3pm	Zion Thrift Shop
	6:30 pm	Tai Chi
	7:00 pm	Mixed Choir Practice
Thursday:	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	1 – 3 pm	Zion Thrift Shop
	7:00 pm	Music Healing Vets
Friday:	9:30 am -1 pm	Pembroke Home Schoolers
	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
	6-8 pm	Zion Thrift Shop
Saturday:	10 am- 12	Confirmation Class
Sunday:	10:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Presiding Minister:	Rev. Scott Schellenberger
Worship Assistant:	Paul Merredew
Music Director:	Blaine Sack
Sexton:	Don Boldt
Projector Operator:	Gerry Vandersleen
Video Recorder:	Ellen Vandersleen
Sound Operator:	Gerry Vandersleen
Counters:	Andrew Zadow, Cathy Green, Lori Crigger
Altar Care:	Sandra Graham
Ushers:	Doug & Pauline Malliff
Coffee Hour:	Peter & Patti Wegner

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, Karl Hausser, Trudy Hausser, Elva Gagne, Eva Hagenah, Inge Latiok, Marcella Kuehl, David Brumm, Gwen Burchart, Jeanette Nevile, Brittany, Jean Kuehl, June Popke, Katie, Douglas Crigger, Cheryl, Roxanna, Bonnie Schmidt, Dorothy Guay, Kimberly Wolfgram-Schmidt, Freda Kathen, Delton Felske, Megen, Joan Martinell, Sherryl Bridle.

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.

WORSHIP & MUSIC Meeting **Monday November 16th at 7:00 pm.**

MORNING SOCIAL Wednesday November 18th 2026. There will only be one morning social in November.

JAM JAR FUNDRAISER

Thank you, dear people of Zion for your support with this year's annual fundraiser. Together we raised $ 1480.00 through donations to the Jam Jars. Along with the soup and sandwich luncheon we raised $520.00 for a grand total of $ 2000.00. Therefore, we have $1,000.00 to send to the CNIB and $1,000.00 for Country Haven Retirement Home in Beachburg. We are most grateful for your generosity helping those with vision loss and the residents of Country Haven. Debbie Sitkiewicz helps the residents of Country Haven and recommended to our social ministry committee that we extend a helping hand to them as well.

Gratefully, Your Social Ministry Team.

ATTENTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Please submit your committee budgets no later than **Sunday November 15th, 2026.**

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

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

PETPALOOZA – PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE

On **December 5th**, Zion Lutheran Church will be hosting Pets and Their People Day. This event is being jointly organized by the Ontario SPCA Renfrew County Animal Centre and the Renfrew County and District Health Unit.

While part of the event focuses on the care and well-being of their pets, another important part of this event is about the care of people in our community and donations to support these individuals. Items include:

- Warm winter clothing
- Winter boots
- Mittens and gloves
- Toques and scarves
- Eyeglasses (both children's and adult sizes)

Donation boxes will be located at the top of the stairs at the church.

Your generosity can help make a difference in someone's life this winter. As a congregation, we have always believed in caring for one another. Please consider giving what you can. A warm pair of mittens, a winter coat or a pair of eyeglasses may make a real difference in someone's life. Thank you for your support and for sharing your kindness and generosity with those in need!

DECEMBER GUIDING LIGHT DEADLINE December is always a very busy month so please submit your Guiding Light articles, meetings, and programs to the office no later than **Friday November 21st** for inclusion in the December newsletter. Thank you!

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED PAR?

"It is Sunday morning, and I am just about to leave for church. Wait! I forgot my offering envelope. I rush back into the house and get one out of my box. I reach for my wallet and suddenly remember that I didn't get to the bank. I have no cash. I no longer use cheques, so that isn't an option. Now what do I do?"

"It is Sunday morning and I am about to enter the sanctuary. I reach for my purse to get my offering envelope. It isn't there. I forgot it on the table. Now what do I do?"

"I am blessed to have a cottage that I retreat to for the summer. I will not be attending church for the next two months. I will not be making my regular donations during that time. Now what will my church do? Church doesn't go on holidays when I do, there are still bills to pay."

Have you ever found yourself in one of these situations, or something similar? At Zion, we offer a convenient program called PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) that can take away the worry and stress of these situations.

What is PAR? PAR stands for Pre-Authorized Remittance. When you sign up, you choose an amount that will automatically be withdrawn from your chequing account on the 20th of each month and donated to Zion. All you need to do is complete a PAR Authorization Form. June will register your information, and your automatic monthly donations will begin. It's that easy! You can adjust your donation amount at any time by emailing June at the church office or stopping by the office to arrange the change. You may still make special donations by using one of the offering envelopes conveniently located in the pews.

On **Sunday, November 15**, we will have a PAR information table set up in the parish hall during coffee hour and would be happy to answer any questions you may have, explain how the program works, and help you register at that time. PAR is a simple and convenient way to support the ongoing ministry and work of Zion, ensuring that your contributions continue faithfully, whether you are attending worship every Sunday or are away for a time.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of Zion Lutheran Church!

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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