ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12 2023 SETTING FOUR

PRELUDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE

The Last Post

Laying of the Cross of Remembrance

Legion Prayer

They shall not grow old as those that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and the in the morning we will remember them.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

2 Minutes of Silence

Rouse

MUSIC HEALING VETS - WISH YOU WERE HERE - PINK FLOYD

GATHERING SONG God, Whose Almighty Word (ELW 673)

1. God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard and took their flight: hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.

2. Christ, who once came to bring, on your redeeming wing, healing and sight; health to the troubled mind, sight where illusions blind; oh, now to humankind let there be light.

3. Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy dove, speed forth your flight; move on the water's face bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place let there be light.

4. Holy and blessed three, glorious Trinity, Wisdom, Love, Might: boundless as ocean's tide, rolling in fullest pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light. Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt. Text: Public Domain.

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.**



CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 149)



PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 150)

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

MUSIC HEALING VETS - STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN - LED ZEPPELIN

FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

A reading from Joshua.

¹Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. ^{3a}Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

¹⁴"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

¹⁶Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

¹⁹But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. ²⁰If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." ²¹And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" ²²Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." ²³He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." ²⁴The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." ²⁵So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 78:1-7

¹Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

²I will open my mouth ¹ in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times— ³that which we have heard and known, and what our forebears have told us, we will not hide from their children.

⁴We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, and the wonderful works God has done.

⁵The Lord gave a decree in Jacob and established a law in Israel, commanding our ancestors to teach it to their children:

⁶that the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

⁷so that they might put their trust in God, and not forget the deeds of God, but keep God's commandments.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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 25:1-13

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also,

saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON (ELW p. 151)

HYMN OF THE DAY Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying (ELW 436)

 Wake, awake, for night is flying, the watchmen on the heights are crying; awake, Jerusalem, at last.
 Midnight hears the welcome voices, and at the thrilling cry rejoices:
 "Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.
 The bridegroom comes! Awake; your lamps with gladness take!"
 Alleluia!
 Rise and prepare the feast to share;

Rise and prepare the feast to share; go, meet the bridegroom, who draws near.

2. Zion hears the watchmen singing, and all her heart with joy is springing.
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.
Her dear friend comes down, all glorious, the strong in grace, in truth victorious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
Now come, O Blessed One, Lord Jesus, God's own Son.
Sing hosanna!
Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all, and follow to the banguet hall.

3. Gloria! Let heav'n adore you! Let saints and angels sing before you, with harp and cymbal's clearest tone. Gates of pearl, twelve portals gleaming, lead us to bliss beyond all dreaming, with angel choirs around your throne. No eye has caught the light, no ear the thund'ring might of such glory. There we will go: what joy we'll know!

There sweet delight will ever flow.

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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 holv catholic church. the communion of saints. the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

O God for whom we wait, come guickly to your people, bring your salvation, and center us in hope found only in you. Deepen our faith through meaningful worship and send us out with your justice and truth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God for whom we watch, we glimpse your power in rushing water and your beauty in the darkening night. Restore this creation, and provide clean water to all people and animals. Save us from foolish, wasteful living. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

O God for whom we long, let justice roll down like waters on all nations. Bless citizens with wise leaders; save your children from war. We pray for the veterans of this community, that they are supported and loved. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

O God, in whom we hope, we pray for all who are in need. Provide for those who experience homelessness or hunger, support the under or unemployed, and comfort any who are suffering this day (Jason, Erna, Martha, Charlotte, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Aileen, Douglas, Ruth, Anneliese, Kaitlyn, Vaughan, Joan, Mervin, Don, Jack, Judy, Larry, Peter). Hear us. O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God for whom we listen, inspire the music ministry of our congregation. Fill our worship with songs to proclaim your greatness. Help us to sing and dance with joy and tell boldly of your salvation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God, in whom we remain, we remember our loved ones who have died and now live in you (*especially Richard Hubert*). Bring comfort and the assurance of new life to all who grieve. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE (ELW p. 152)

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

OFFERING For the Fruit of All Creation (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: ourselves, 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,

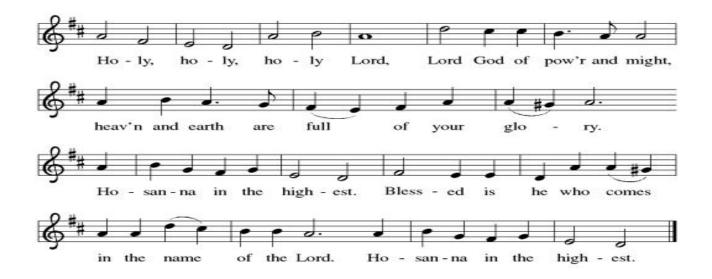
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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 will and 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, amen, 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 Here Is Bread (ELW 483)

Build a Longer Table (ACS 1062)

1. Build a longer table, not a higher wall, feeding those who hunger, making room for all. Feasting together, stranger turns to friend, Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.

2. Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail; where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail. For any place where justice is denied, Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.

3. Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.Love protects all people, sparing no expense.When we embrace compassion more than fear,Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.

4. When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,

Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.

So must our tables welcome those who roam.

None can be excluded; all must find a home.

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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 Let Justice Flow like Streams (ELW 717)

1. Let justice flow like streams of sparkling water, pure, enabling growth, refreshing life, abundant, cleansing, sure.

2. Let righteousness roll on as others' cares we heed, an ever-flowing stream of faith translated into deed.

3. So may God's plumb line, straight, define our measure true, and justice, right, and peace pervade this world our whole life through.

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DISMISSAL (ELW p. 155) Go in peace. Remember the poor. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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THIS WEEK AT ZION: November 13 – November 19

Monday:	8:30 am 10:00 am 1:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Pickle Ball Pastoral Care Senior Exercise Class Messy Church Pickle Ball Narcotics Anonymous
Tuesday:	9:30 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Tai Chi Tai Chi Church Council Mtg. Men's Choir
Wednesday:	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 1:00 pm 6:15 pm 7:15 pm 7:30 pm	Music Jam Morning Social Midweek Worship Staff Mtg. Senior Exercise Class Confirmation Mixed Choir Scottish Dancers
Thursday:	9:30 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Tai Chi Pickle Ball Healing Vets
Friday:	1:00 pm 6:30 pm	Senior Exercise Class Pulse Youth Group
Sunday:	10:00 am 11:00 am	Blended Worship Service Soup & Sandwich Luncheon Jam Jar Fund- Raiser Campaign Wrap Up

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Presiding Minister:	Rev. Scott Schellenberger
Music Director:	Blaine Sack
Worship Assistant:	Wayne Kirk
Sexton:	Koit Rull
Projector Operator:	Rick Gerundin
Video Recorder:	Ty Phannenhour
Sound Operator:	Noah Schmidt
Counters:	Andrew Zadow, Kathy Green, Lori Crigger
Altar Care:	Jean Rutz
Ushers:	Cheryl Sack, Allen Rose

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Erna Handke, Martha Kodrzynski, Charlotte Layden, Ella Lehman, Rhonda Mau, Heather Miller, Aileen Roesler, Douglas Sperberg, Ruth Thom, Anneliese Trautrim, Kaitlyn Vaillancourt, Vaughan Rosien, Joan Lehman, Mervin Bimm, Don Markus, Jack Zadow, Judy and Larry Blais, Peter Wagner.

Please join us in prayer for the family and friends of Richard Hubert as they mourn the death of their loved one. The Funeral has taken place Friday November 10th 2023.

DONATION

A generous donation was received from Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz as they remember our military and they give thanks for their service to our county. Pray for our son, Lee's return, from his deployment in Latvia and for all his comrades who serve with him.

MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

Please join us Wednesdays at 10:30 am for services with Holy Communion. Our next midweek worship service will be Wednesday, November 15th at 10:30 am.

TO ALL COMMITTEES:

It's that time of year again to discuss budgets for the coming year. Please send the budgets to the treasurer @ <u>g.e.vandersleen@gmail.com</u> or leave a copy in the treasurer's slot in the office. Thank you.

ANNUAL JAM JAR FUNDRAISER

Social Ministry has kicked off the annual Jam Jar Fundraiser. This year your donations will be directed to the Good Shepherding Fund. It is in need of replenishment. The Good Shepherding fund helps Zion's members who may need some assistance. This year we helped send 9 children to Camp Lutherlyn. We are so very grateful and blessed that we have a fund that can help. This years' campaign will wrap up with a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon **Sunday November 19**th following worship. Thank you for your continuing support.

BABY and ME

Our next nursery play time will be **November 14th** and **28th** at 10:00 am. Please join us and let your friends and neighbours know- all are welcome.

GLOVEMBER

November and December are the months we will prioritize fingers and hands. Bring in your new or clean gently used gloves during GLOVEMBER (November). Save your mittens for the DECEMITTEN tree! Let's make a difference helping the coldest of us stay warm and dry this cold winter season.

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church is a program for families that runs every month 5:30 pm-7:30 pm. Our next Messy Church will be on **Monday December 4th at 5:30 pm**.

SILENT AUCTION

Join us on **December 10th** in the evening at **6:30pm** for a fun fellowship and fundraising event. Tickets are 5\$ and can be purchased through the office, at coffee hour or at the door. There will be desserts and appetizers, coffee, tea, hot chocolate and hot apple cider served as you bid against one another for prizes, gift certificates and even a surprise or two! Funds raised will go towards the food bank and Zion's current operating fund. Come and find yourself a treat or finish off your Christmas shopping.

There will be something for everyone!

MORNING SOCIAL

Please join us on **Wednesday December 13th at 10:00 am** in the parish hall for our Morning Social. Come out for fellowship, fun, coffee (or tea) and a snack, and bring a friend.

MUSIC HEALING VETS

We thank Music Healing Vets for joining us and performing in worship today. Music Healing Vets meets every Thursday night in the church basement. Music Healing Vets is a dedicated not-for-profit organization of veteran and civilian volunteers with the objective of bringing FREE music instruction, loaner equipment and companionship to our local Military Veterans (Regular or Reserve; All Branches), First Responders (Fire, Police, EMT), Medical (Doctors, Nurses, etc.), Corrections Canada, and Canada Border Services personnel. This safe place offers a sense of community, a healthy creative outlet, and helps people integrate back to the simple joys in life. Music Healing Veterans Canada looks to offer a very relaxed, fun, and casual vibe. **NO DRAMA, NO TRAUMA - JUST GOOD MUSIC AND COMPANY!**

140th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Members of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pembroke invites

all members, former members, sister congregations, family members and friends to attend our 140th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, November 26th 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 and can also be purchased after Sunday worship during coffee hour from Lorraine, Kathy Nieman or Blaine, of the anniversary committee. 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*

CHRISTMAS SERVICES (NOTE SERVICE TIME CHANGES) Sunday December 24^{th:}

10:00 am 4th Sunday of Advent Service & Holy Communion
3:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & Holy Communion
7:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & Holy Communion