ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY JULY 27 2025
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP SETTING THREE

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (ELW p. 97)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Gather Us In* (ELW 532)

1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

3 Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away--
but here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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GREETING (ELW p. 138)

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. 139)

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 142)
Let us pray.
Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING: Hosea 1:2-10
A reading from Hosea.
2 When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, "Go, take
for yourself a wife of prostitution and have children of prostitution, for the
land commits great prostitution by forsaking the Lord." 3 So he went and took
Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.
4 And the Lord said to him, "Name him Jezreel, for in a little while I will
punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the
kingdom of the house of Israel. 5 On that day I will break the bow of Israel in
the Valley of Jezreel."
6 She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him,
"Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or
forgive them. 7 But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them
by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow or by sword or by war or by
horses or by horsemen."
8 When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. 9 Then
the Lord said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people, and I am not
your God."

10 Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea,
which can be neither measured nor numbered, and in the place where it was
said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the
living God."
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 85

1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord; you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
2 **You have forgiven the iniquity of your people and blotted out all their sins.**
3 You have withdrawn all your fury and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.
4 **Restore us then, O God our Savior; let your anger depart from us.**
5 Will you be displeased with us forever? Will you prolong your anger from age to age?
6 **Will you not give us life again, that your people may rejoice in you?**
7 Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.
8 **I will listen to what the Lord God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.**
9 Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.
10 **Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**
11 Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
12 **The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.**
13 Righteousness shall go before the Lord and shall prepare for God a pathway.

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-15

A reading from Colossians.

6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. 8 Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. 9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10 and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. 11 In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; 12 when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our

trespasses, 14 erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. 15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13
The holy gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.
1 [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."2 So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.
May your kingdom come.
3 Give us each day our daily bread.
4 And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

5 And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, 6 for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' 7 And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

9 "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 11 Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? 12 Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? 13 If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON (ELW p. 143)

HYMN OF THE DAY *Jesus, the Very Thought of You* (ELW 754)

1 Jesus, the very thought of you
fills us with sweet delight;
but sweeter far your face to view
and rest within your light.

2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
nor can the mind recall
a sweeter sound than your blest name,
O Savior of us all!

3 O Hope of ev'ry contrite soul,
O joy of all the meek,
how kind you are to those who fall!
How good to those who seek!

4 O Jesus, be our joy today;
help us to prize your love;
grant us at last to hear you say:
"Come, share my home above."

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THE APOSTLES' CREED (ELW p. 105)

Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

Loving God, create in your church a desire for union with you in prayer. Raise up leaders to teach Christ's devotion to prayer and model Christ's way of prayer, until all people experience prayerful intimacy with you. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Reveal to humanity the sacredness of all creation. With the breath of your Spirit, realign the balances of nature. Grant persistence in prayer and action for the sake of the earth, our common home. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Teach rulers of the earth to sing of your ways, caring for the lowly and having no preference for the powerful. Direct the heart of every person to seek your will on earth as in heaven. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

To all whose prayers are cries for help, give your good gifts, and satisfy their deepest needs. (*We pray especially for Jason, Martha, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Anneliese, Joan, Judy, Larry, Garnet, Betty, Karl, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Barbara, Inge, Marcella, Kirk, David, Gwen, Don, Jeanette, James, Charlie, Geraldine, Brittany, Sheila*) Gather them to your constant, loving presence, that they may rest in the confidence of life with you. *And please pray for the family and friends of Mervyn Bimm who has passed away.* God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Center the ministries of this assembly on prayer and service. Guide our relationships in the wider community, being ready to assist those who seek help. Strengthen feeding, clothing, and housing ministries and community partnerships. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all who have gone before us. May we trust your steadfast love and continue in hope until we are united with all your saints. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Trusting in your loving kindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PEACE (ELW p. 143)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING *Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil* (ELW 721)
Goodness is stronger than evil;
love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness;
life is stronger than death;
vict'ry is ours, vict'ry is ours,
through God who loves us.
Vict'ry is ours, vict'ry is ours,
through God who loves us.

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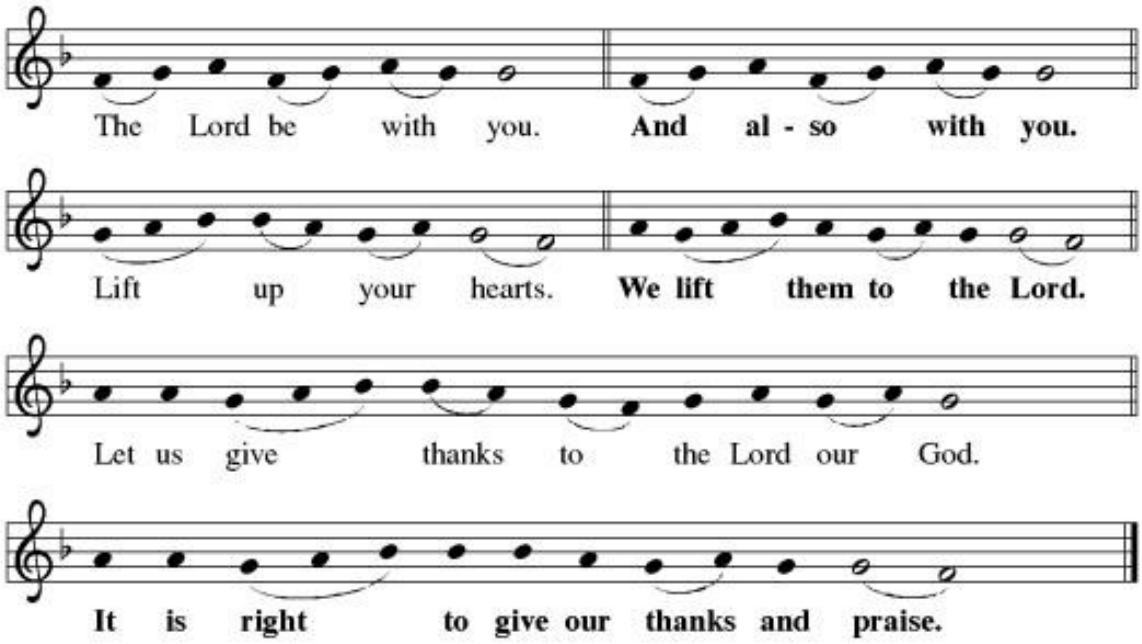
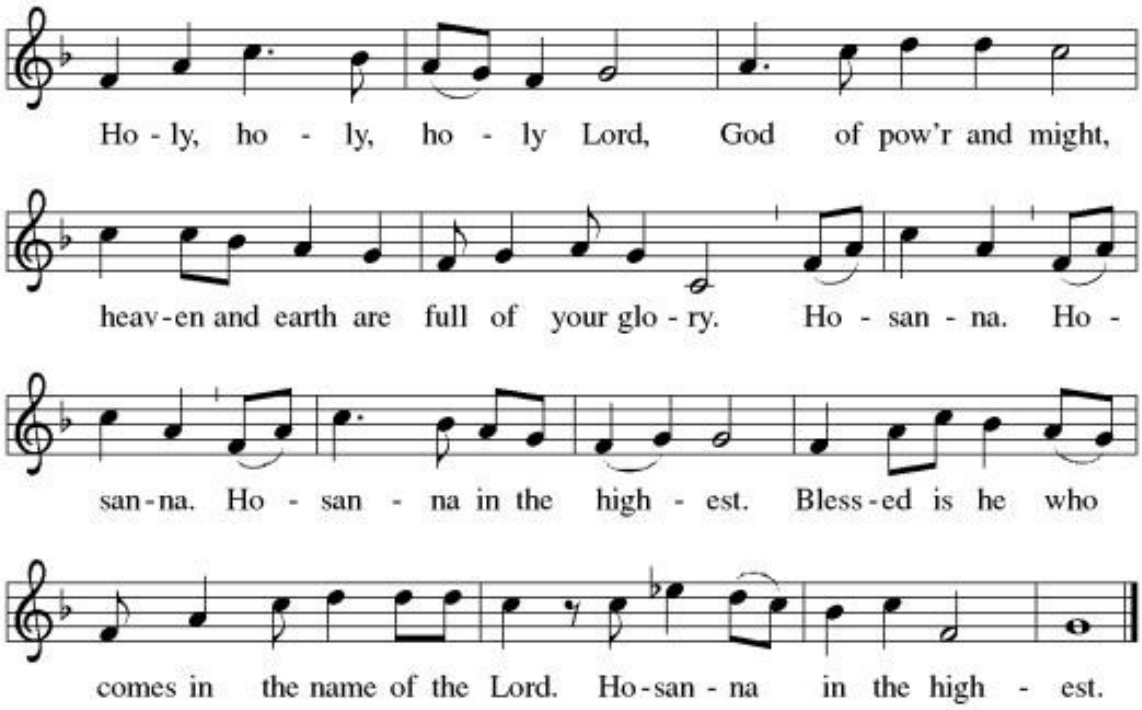
OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 144)
Let us pray.
God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING
DIALOGUE (ELW p. 144)



PREFACE (ELW p. 144)
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. 144)



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 145)
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. 145)
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. 146)
Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION (ELW p. 146)
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 146)
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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* (ELW 742)

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
oh, what needless pain we bear--
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--
take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN *Beautiful Savior* (ELW 838)

1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,
fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904.Text: Public Domain.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 146)

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. 146)

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 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* (ELW 543)

1 "Go, my children, with my blessing,
never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing,
you are my own."

2 "Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,
what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure."

3 "Go, my children, fed and nourished,
closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free."

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DISMISSAL (ELW p. 146)
Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ATTENDANCE:

Sunday July 20, 2025: 54

ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: July 28–August 3

Monday: 7:00 pm Healing Vets

Thursday: 7:00 pm Healing Vets

Sunday: 10:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Scott Schellenberger
Worship Assistant:	Susan Dupuis
Guest Organist:	Robert Murphy
Director of Music:	Blaine Sack
Sexton:	David Lehman
Projector Operator:	Diane Hammel
Video Recorder:	Korbin Smith
Sound Operator:	Brian Smith
Counters:	Susan Dupuis, Sandra Graham
Altar Care:	Cheryl Sack
Ushers:	Cheryl Sack & Ryan Parcher
Coffee Hour:	Peter & Patti Wegner

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Martha Kodrzynski, Ella Lehman, Rhonda Mau, Heather Miller, Anneliese Trautrim, Joan Lehman, Judy Larry Blais, Garnet Miller, Betty Kuehl, Karl Hausser, Elva & Clarence Gagne, Eva Hagenah, Barbara Schoof, Inge Latiok, Marcella Kuehl, Kirk Weichenthal, David Brumm, Gwen Burchart, Don and Jeanette Nevile, James Dean, Charlie Merredew, Geraldine Belore, Brittany, Sheila Purdy.

Please pray for the family and friends of Mervyn Bimm who passed away July 15, 2025. Arrangements and details by Malcolm Deavitt & Binhammer. Those wishing to celebrate Mervyn's life are invited to join at Grace Lutheran Cemetery 258 Jane St., Eganville, Saturday September 6 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

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.

SCIENCE NORTH SUMMER CAMP Science North will be holding their summer camp in the parish hall of Zion Lutheran Church from July 7th to August 1st 2025.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES Confirmation age children considering joining Confirmation class this year, please speak with Pastor Scott or contact the church office 613-732-8792.

GUEST ORGANIST

Please welcome Guest Organist Robert Murphy today, Sunday July 27 2025. We thank you, Robert, for providing us music while Blaine is away.

Pastor Scott and Pastor Sue will be on holidays August 4 - August 24. During the three Sundays they are away there will no Holy Communion.

OFFERINGS – HOW CAN YOU LEAVE A DONATION?

1.) Place your gift in the offering plates at either entrance of the church sanctuary.

2.) You can also transfer a donation to the church by sending a gift via e-transfer to zionoffice@nrtco.net. Please be sure to leave an address for tax receipts.

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