ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY – THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY SUNDAY MARCH 2 2025 ALL CREATION SINGS SETTING 12

PRELUDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ACS P.29)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

Amen.

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

Have mercy, O God, against you, you alone, we have sinned.
In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt.
Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit.
Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us.
Amen.

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you.

As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you.

As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ.

Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

Blessed be God forever.

GATHERING SONG 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.

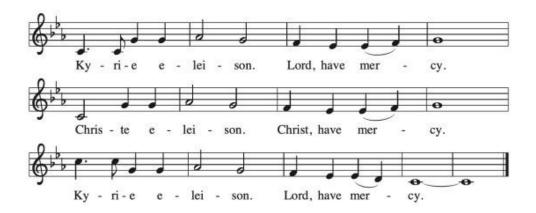
3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!
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GREETING (ACS p. 30)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE (ACS p. 31)



SONG OF PRAISE (ACS p. 31 verse 1)



PRAYER OF THE DAY (ACS p. 33)

Let us pray.

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

MEN'S CHOIR 'LET ALL THE PEOPLE PRAISE THEE' by Natalie Sleeth

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

A reading from Exodus.

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 99

- ¹ The Lord is king; let the people tremble. The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- ² The Lord, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.
- ³ Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.
- ⁴O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
- ⁵ Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One.
- ⁶ Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call

upon your name, O Lord, they called upon you, and you answered them,

⁷ you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

⁸ O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.

⁹ Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God's holy hill; for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1} Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ACS p. 33)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at

Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY Jesus on the Mountain Peak (WOV 653)

(Men's Choir - verse 1, Choir and congregation verses 2,3 and 4)

1 Jesus on the mountain peak stands alone in glory blazing; let us, if we dare to speak, join the saints and angels praising. Alleluia!

2 Trembling at his feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking. All the prophets and the law shout through them their joyful greeting: Alleluia!

3 Swift the cloud of glory came: God proclaiming in its thunder Jesus as the Son by name! Nations, cry aloud in wonder: Alleluia!

4 This is God's beloved Son!
Law and prophets sing before him,
first and last and only One.
All creation shall adore him! Alleluia!
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NICENE CREED (ACS p. 16)

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

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

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

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

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

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

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

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Transfiguring God, through the glory of your presence, you transform us. Move the church from complacency to boldness in sharing the good news with others. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for your creation. As seasons change, give patience and skill to all who tend to animals giving birth. Grant nourishing weather for the growing of crops. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for all in leadership, especially for those who provinces, counties, and town councils. We pray for our province Ontario as it elects MPPs this week. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Bring your healing grace to those who feel distant from you. Speak comfort to those who need your words of mercy. We pray for those close to our communities and in our hearts care (especially Jason, Martha, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Anneliese, Joan, Judy, Larry, Garnet, Betty, Lily, Karl, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Barbara, Inge, Marcella, Patricia, Amy, Edie, Otilia, Kirk, Joan, David, Gwen, Don, Jeanette, James). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of our past, present, and future, lead us into new beginnings, trusting in the promise of new life in Christ. Accompany congregations needing to close, and give courage to congregations starting new ministries (*new ministries may be named*). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Renewing God, the saints who have gone before us witnessed to the ways you transform your church and people We give thanks for their example and pray we carry it forward. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

Amen.

PEACE (ACS p. 35)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

GATHERING SONG We Place upon Your Table, Lord (ELW 467 vs 1 and 3)

1 We place upon your table, Lord, where you by grace have bid us dine, these tokens of our daily work, the food of life, the bread and wine.

3 Accept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them humbly from your hand; put these your gifts to higher use: the holy meal that you command.

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OFFERING PRAYER (ACS p. 35)

Let us pray.

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE (ACS p. 36)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE (ACS p. 36)

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, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. 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 (ACS p. 36)



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ACS p. 37)

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life. Here by your wisdom are both life and death,
growth and decay,
the nest and the hunt,
sunshine and storm,
darkness and light.
Sustained by these wonders,
we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:
The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer. In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection.

Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.

Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.

Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song:

The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth.

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.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song: The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead.
Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.
Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ.
Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth.
Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

Amen, and amen.

Amen, and amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)(ACS p. 39)

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

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION SONG (ACS p. 40)

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 HYMN O Bread of Life from Heaven (isometric) (ELW 480)

1 O bread of life from heaven, O food to pilgrims given, O manna from above: feed with the blessed sweetness of your divine completeness the souls that want and need your love.

2 O fount of grace redeeming, O river ever streaming from Jesus' wounded side: come now, your love bestowing on thirsting souls, and flowing till all are fully satisfied.

3 We love you, Jesus, tender, in all your hidden splendor within these means of grace. Oh, let the veil be riven, and our clear eye in heaven behold your glory face to face.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (ELW 815)

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. **Refrain**

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

HYMN O Lord, Now Let Your Servant (ELW 313)

1 O Lord, now let your servant depart in heav'nly peace, for I have seen the glory of your redeeming grace: a light to lead the nations unto your holy hill, the glory of your people, your chosen Israel.

2 Then grant that I may follow your gleam, O glorious Light, till earthly shadows scatter, and faith is changed to sight; till raptured saints shall gather upon that shining shore, where Christ, the blessed daystar, shall light them evermore.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ACS p. 41)

Let us pray.

Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

BLESSING (ACS p. 41)

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

Amen.

SENDING SONG We Are Marching in the Light: Siyahamba (ELW 866)

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,) we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,) we are marching in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib:

We are dancing...

We are praying...

We are singing...

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DISMISSAL (ACS p. 41)

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: March 3 –9, 2025

Monday: 8:30 am Pickle Ball

1:00 pm Exercise Class 5:30 pm Messy Church 7:00 pm Pickle Ball

7:00 pm Music Healing Veterans

Tuesday: 9:30 am Tai Chi

5:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

7:00 pm Mixed Choir

Wednesday: 1:00 pm Exercise Class

7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

8:00 pm Men's Choir

Thursday: 9:30 am Tai Chi

7:00 pm Music Healing Veterans

Friday: 1:00 pm Exercise Class

Sunday: 10:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister: Pastor Scott Schellenberger

Music Director: Blaine Sack
Worship Assistant: Paul Merredew

Sexton: David Lehman
Projector Operator: Gerry Vandersleen
Video Recorder: Ty Phannenhour
Sound Operator: Gerry Vandersleen

Counters: Lisa Campitelli, Karen Gauthier, David Lehman

Altar Care: Sandra Graham

Ushers: Peter & Patti Wegner

Coffee Hour: Debbie & Stan Sitkiewicz

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

ATTENDANCE: 99

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUESTS: 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 and Larry Blais, Garnet Miller, Betty Kuehl, Lily Kubiseski, Karl Hausser, Elva & Clarence Gagne, Eva Hagenah, Barbara Schoof, Inge Latiok, Marcella Kuehl, Amy Markus-Burgess, Edie Brum, Otilia Saldana G, Kirk Weichenthal, Joan LaForce, David Brumm, Gwen Burchart, Don and Jeanette Nevile, James Dean.

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.

OFFERINGS – HOW CAN YOU LEAVE A DONATION?

- 1.) Place your gift in the OFFERING PLATES AT EITHER ENTRANCE to the of the church sanctuary.
- 2.) You can also transfer a donation to the church by sending a gift via e-transfer to <u>zionoffice@nrtco.net</u>. Please be sure to leave an address for tax receipts.

A donation has been made to Zion Lutheran Church in memory of Alvin and Kathleen Behm by their loving daughter and son-in-law Kathy and James Dean.

MESSY CHURCH Come join us Monday March 3rd from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER Tuesday March 4th at 5:00 pm.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE Imposition of Ashes on Wednesday March 5th at 7:00 pm

LENTEN BOOK STUDY Please note that the Lenten Book Study has been postponed until the Fall. The new dates will be posted as they become available.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025 Ecumenical Worship Service Friday March 7th at 2:00 pm — Our Lady of Lourdes Church 280 Lourdesview Drive, Pembroke. Theme "I Made You Wonderful" Psalm 139: 1-18. Written by Women of Cook Islands, Guest Speaker Father Ryan Holly (Our Lady of Lourdes).

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Meeting on Monday March 10th at 7:00 pm.

CHURCH COUNCIL Meeting Tuesday March 11th at 7:00 pm.

SOUP & SANDWICH Wednesday March 12, 19 and 26th at 5:30 pm.

LENTEN SERVICE Wednesday March 12, 19 and 26th at 6:30 pm.

LIVING STONES SERVICE Sunday March 16th at 10:00 am.

SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCHEON The make-up date for the Soup & Sandwich luncheon will be **Sunday, March 23**, following worship. Please join us! Hosted by your Social Ministry Committee.

KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS We will have another table of knit and crochet items as part of our Spring Yard Sale this year. Thank you to everyone who contributed items at our last yard sale...it was a wonderful addition to our sale. If you would like to donate items of any sort (dishcloths, hats, scarves, etc.), it would be most appreciated. If you have any questions, please talk to Karen Gauthier or Susan Dupuis.

THE 2025 PEMBROKE KIWANIS MUSIC AND DANCE FESTIVAL!

Competition: VOCAL, Monday, Mar. 3rd (9am-4pm) with STRINGS, and Tuesday, Mar. 4th (9:45am-11:15am) with INSTRUMENTAL (Bands). The 'Festival of Stars' Concert will be held on Thursday, March 20th @ 7pm at Festival Hall. Free admission to all events. Please visit the Pembroke Kiwanis Festivals Facebook or speak to Blaine Sack, member of the Pembroke Kiwanis Festival organizing committee.



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