

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
22nd Sunday after Pentecost – Reformation / Confirmation
Sunday October 25, 2026
Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting Four

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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

Amen.

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

Most merciful God,

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

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG *The Church's One Foundation* (ELW 654)

1 The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4 Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us,
may see you face to face.

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GREETING

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

KYRIE (ELW p. 147)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 148)

Refrain
Assisting minister

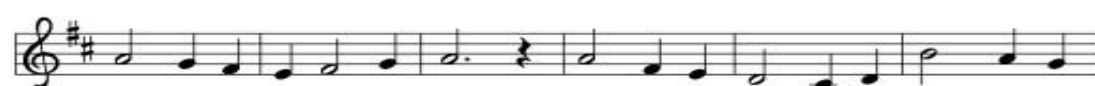


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and

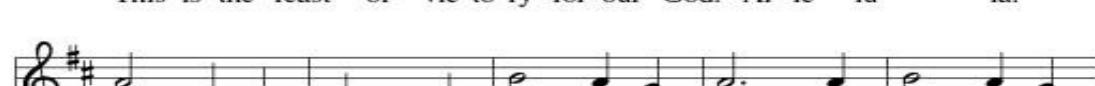


strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

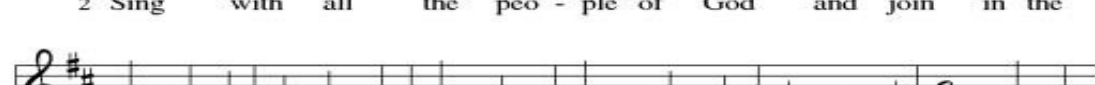
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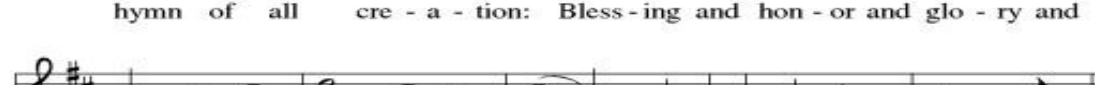
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2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the

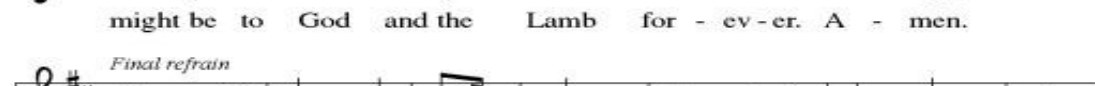


hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and

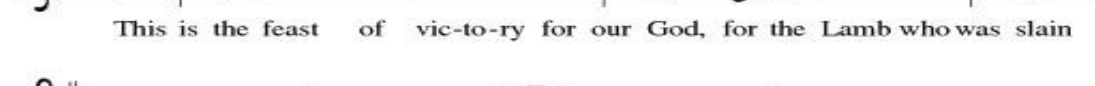


might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

MEN'S CHOIR, 'TO GOD BE THE GLORY', BY F. CROSBY AND W. DOANE

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah.

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present | help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³ though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶ **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸ **Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ **"Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."**

¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

A reading from Romans.

¹⁹ Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus. ²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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: John 8:31-36

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (ELW 733)

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **Refrain**

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **Refrain**

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PRESENTATION (ELW p. 234)

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these people*, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of *their* baptism.

I present *Hailey Boldt, Jack Gleason, Haley Godin, Marcus Laabs, Charles Levoy, Ella Smith, Hugo Smith, Ukiah Toner*, who *desire* to make public affirmation of *their* baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for *these sisters and brothers*, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called *them* to yourself, enlightened *them* with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished *them* in the community of faith.

Uphold your *servants* in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH (ELW p. 235)

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit

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.

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

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (ELW p. 236)

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters and brothers* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in *Hailey, Jack, Haley, Marcus, Charles, Ella, Hugo, and Ukiah* the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in *Hailey, Jack, Haley, Marcus, Charles, Ella, Hugo, Ukiah* the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm *their* faith, guide *their* life, empower *them* in *their* serving, give *them* patience in suffering, and bring *them* to everlasting life.

Amen.

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

**MEN'S CHOIR - 'THE LORD BLESS YOU/AARONIC BLESSING',
TRADITIONAL WORDS, WITH MUSIC BY L. MASON**

PRAYER INTRO *Be Still and Know* (ACS 1083)

(First time sung by Men's Choir, second time by all)

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am God.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

As we celebrate Reformation Sunday, we remember the witness of Martin Luther and the reformers of the church in every generation. Empower us to continue the work of reform and renewal in our own day. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the healing of natural places despoiled by pollution and human greed. Give all living creatures access to safe land, water, and air. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for our criminal justice systems and all those whose lives are affected by them. Give wisdom and discernment to police, probation officers, judges, and attorneys; give courage and peace to prisoners and the formerly incarcerated. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We ask your blessing upon all people who have been harmed by the church and its leaders, that the truth may make them free. We pray for the relief of all those who are sick or suffering (*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*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for those exploring or returning to a life of faith. Encourage and guide them, that they may find their hope in you. We pray for those affirming their faith in you this day....Be with Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

With gratitude, we remember those disciples who paved the way for us and all of our beloved dead. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PRAYER POSTLUDE *Be Still and Know* (ACS 1083) Sung by All x 2

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am God.

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PEACE

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

OFFERING

OFFERING *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* (ELW 517 verses 1 and 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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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE (ELW p. 152)

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

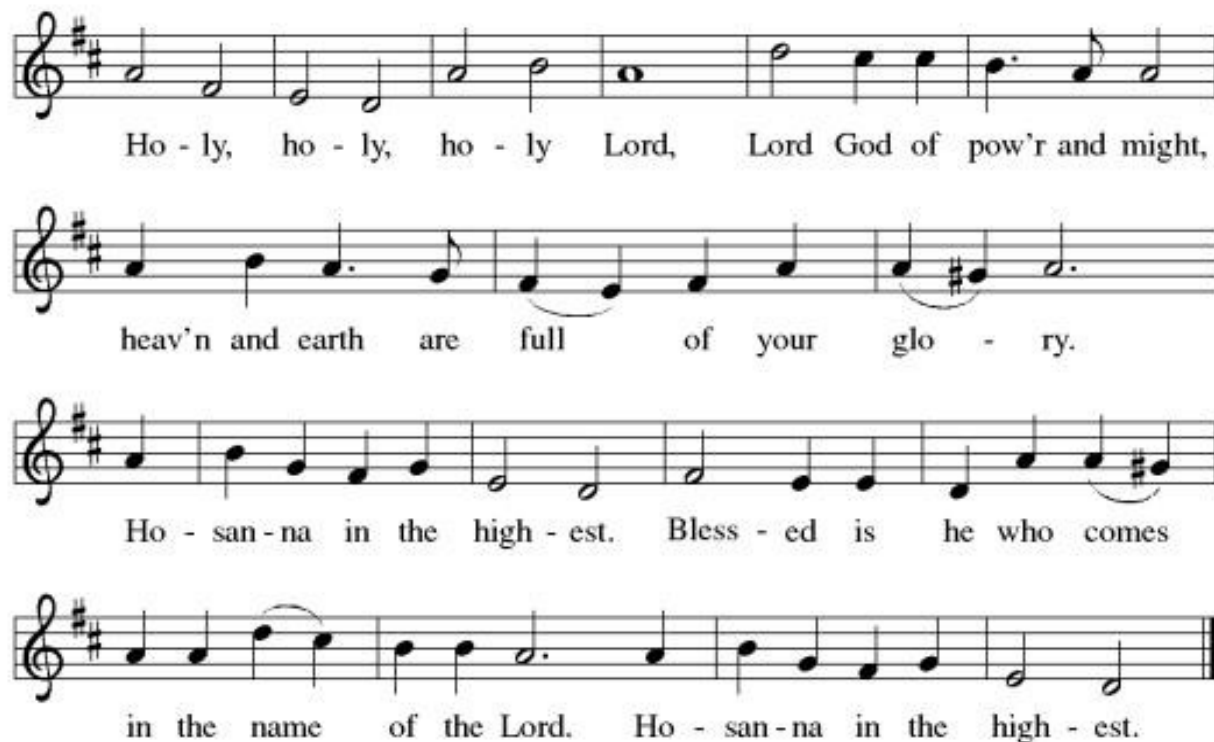
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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.
By the witness of your saints
you show us the hope of our calling
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,
that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.
And so, with all the saints,
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 153)



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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 (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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *Baptized and Set Free* (ELW 453)

1 We are people created,
chosen by God.
Then we're washed, ever gently,
in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more.
Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing,
and wholeness and more.

2 We are fed and we're nourished,
filled and refreshed.
Then our hunger returns and
again we are blessed.
For whatever the need,
God is greater indeed:
endless ocean, always deeper
than all of our need.

3 We are nourished by water,
all living things,
and by life that the Spirit
abundantly brings.
As we journey toward home,
may your presence be known:
precious river, ever-flowing,
now carry us home.

4 Now with praise and thanksgiving,
we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather
to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free!
From now on, all will be
one in Jesus, one in water,
baptized and set free!

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *Bread of Life from Heaven* (ELW 474)

Refrain

**Bread of life from heaven,
your blood and body given,
we eat this bread and drink this cup
until you come again.**

1 Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice;
giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round.
Eat, all of you, and be satisfied;
in Christ's presence the loaves will abound. **Refrain**

2 Seek not the food that will pass away;
set your hearts on the food that endures.
Come, learn the true and the living way,
that the fullness of life may be yours. **Refrain**

3 Love as the one who, in love for you,
gave himself for the life of the world.
Come to the one who is food for you,
that your hunger and thirst be no more. **Refrain**

4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you;
make your home in the lifegiving Word.
Know only Christ, Holy One of God,
and believe in the truth you have heard. **Refrain**

5 Drink of this cup and declare his death;
eat this bread and believe Easter morn;
trust his return and, with ev'ry breath,
praise the one in whom you are reborn. **Refrain**

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

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 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (isometric)* (ELW 504)

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.

The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

2 No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

3 Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
they cannot overpow'r us.

Let this world's tyrant rage;
in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

4 God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
through life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: October 26–November 1

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

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Presiding Minister:	Rev. Scott Schellenberger
Worship Assistant:	Ellen Vandersleen
Music Director:	Blaine Sack
Sexton:	David Lehman
Projector Operator:	Gerry Vandersleen
Video Recorder:	Gerry Vandersleen
Sound Operator:	Gerry Vandersleen
Counters:	Doug & Pauline Malliff, Sandra Graham
Altar Care:	Cheryl Sack
Ushers:	Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz
Coffee Hour:	Leslie Fraser-Dobson ,Wilmer Verch

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, Megan, Joan Martinell, Sherryl Bridle.

FLOWERS IN HONOUR OF OUR CONFIRMANDS The flowers placed this morning have been donated by the people of Zion in honour of our confirmands: Hailey Boldt, Jack Gleason, Haley Godin, Markus Laabs, Charles Levoy, Ella Smith, Hugo Smith, Ukiah Toner. The congregation is invited to celebrate this special milestone in their faith journey and join us for cake during coffee hour following the worship service as we congratulate them on their Confirmation!

MORNING SOCIAL Wednesday Oct. 28th at 10:00 am. Please come and join us, we look forward to seeing you!

MESSY CHURCH Please join us for Messy Church on **Monday November 2nd at 5:30 pm** for Food, Crafts, Stories, Games, Fun – FREE! All ages welcome, bring a friend!

ZION THRIFT SHOP Hours are: **Wednesdays & Thursdays: 1:00–3:00 pm** and the **third Friday of each month: 6:00–8:00 pm**. We are accepting donations of fall and winter clothing and any pant/skirt hangars and small safety pins. Thank you for your donations!

SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS Senior Exercise classes **Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1:00 pm**. Come one, come all!

MIXED & MENS CHOIRS – Men's Choir **Tuesday's at 7:00 pm** and Mixed Choir **Wednesday's at 7:00 pm**.

ATTENTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

It is that time of year again when we need to start looking ahead and planning for 2027. Please submit your committee budgets no later than Sunday, November 15th, 2026. All committee members please submit your endowment interest disbursement suggestions at your convenience to the office. Remember we need inside and outside needs. Please submit an up-to-date member listing for your committee to the office so it can be posted on the church information boards.

ANNUAL JAM JAR FUNDRAISER We invite you to take part in our Annual Jam Jar Fundraiser. Through your generous donations, we will be supporting CNIB and Country Haven Retirement Home. care with others in our community. Thank you for helping us make a difference through your kindness and generosity!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY **Sunday, November 1st** is All Saints Sunday. We will be lighting candles in memory of those who have died in the Lord. We invite families of the deceased to come and light a candle in remembrance of loved ones. Candles will be provided. Following the service we will have a light soup and sandwich luncheon. Offerings received at our soup and sandwich luncheon will benefit the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) and Country Haven Retirement Home in

Beachburg. Country Haven is home to approximately 80 residents, many of whom spent their lives farming or living in the countryside. They often say there is no other place they would rather call home, making Country Haven a truly special place.

ALL SAINTS SOUP & SANDWICH A sign-up sheet will be available for those who would be willing to help by making soup and sandwiches for the luncheon following our All-Saints Sunday service. Your help and generosity are greatly appreciated as we gather together in fellowship and remembrance.

PEMBROKE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER DECEMBER 2026

A Community Christmas Dinner is being held at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church this year to support those persons in our community who may be struggling in isolation during the Christmas season. Wilkies Bakehouse is supporting the dinner by offering to trade a frozen turkey purchased from a commercial retailer, until November 5th, for six months of their delicious bread. In return for your turkey donation Wilkies will provide you with one loaf of bread per month for the six months of January through June 2027. While you are at Wilkies, dropping off your turkey, you can also support Andrew and the crew by purchasing some of the wonderful baking that is available. It is a great way to help build and support our community. The Pembroke Community Christmas Dinner organizers are also looking for volunteers to help with a variety of tasks to make this a joyous occasion for all. If you are able to help, please talk to Steve Boland or Susan Dupuis. Watch your bulletin for further announcements.

