ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP SETTING TWO SUNDAY MAY 11 2025

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 116)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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 Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs (ELW 847)

1 Come, let us join our cheerful songs with angels round the throne; ten thousand thousand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.

2 "Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be exalted thus!" "Worthy the Lamb," our lips reply, "for he was slain for us!"

3 Jesus is worthy to receive honor and pow'r divine; and blessings, more than we can give, be, Lord, forever thine.

4 Let all creation join in one to bless the sacred name of God who sits upon the throne, and to adore the Lamb.

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GREETING (ELW p. 120)

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. 120)



CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 122)



PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 124)

Let us pray.

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

MIXED CHOIR - 'THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD'

Scottish Psalter with music by J.S. Irvine.

FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43

A reading from Acts.

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23

- ¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
- ² The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
- ³ You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

- ⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever.

SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from Revelation.

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

- 13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
 - ¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
 - They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;
 - ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 124)



GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. 30 The Father and I are one."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY The Lord's My Shepherd (ELW 778)

he makes me down to lie in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by. He leadeth me, he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

1 The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want. 2 My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake: within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.

3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill; for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still; for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

4 My table thou hast richly spread in presence of my foes; my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me, and in God's house forevermore my dwelling-place shall be; and in God's house forevermore my dwelling-place shall be.

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THE NICENE CREED (ELW p. 126)
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.

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

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayerful Intro Hymn Don't Be Afraid (ACS 1027 2X) 1st time - Mixed Choir - 2nd time- All

Don't be afraid. My love is stronger, my love is stronger than your fear. Don't be afraid. My love is stronger and I have promised,

promised to be always near.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

You guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing place for all who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of baptism, and send us forth as signs of your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You tend to the earth, sustaining life in all places. Revive fragile ecosystems and restore species in danger of extinction. Teach us new ways of living in balance and harmony with our non-human neighbors. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges, lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Dismantle systems of mass incarceration, empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage all who strive for healing in our communities. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your shepherding care (especially Jason, Martha, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Anneliese, Joan, Judy, Larry, Garnet, Betty, Lily, Karl, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Barbara, Inge, Marcella, Edie, Otilia, Kirk, Joan, David, Gwen, Don, Jeanette, James, Charlie). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

This Mother's Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You are the source of everlasting life. In deep gratitude for all your saints (*especially*), we rejoice in the joy and hope of the resurrection made known to us in Jesus, your beloved child. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

PRAYERFUL EXIT MUSIC Don't Be Afraid (ACS 1027 2X - ALL)

Don't be afraid. My love is stronger, my love is stronger than your fear. Don't be afraid. My love is stronger and I have promised,

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PEACE (ELW p. 128)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING Day of Arising (ELW 374 verses 1 and 4)

1 Day of arising,Christ on the roadway,4 Christ, our companion,hope for the journey,

unknown companion walks with his own. bread of compassion, open our eyes.

When they invite him, as fades the first day, Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning

and bread is broken, Christ is made known. that all creation with you may rise.

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OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 129)

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE (ELW p. 129)

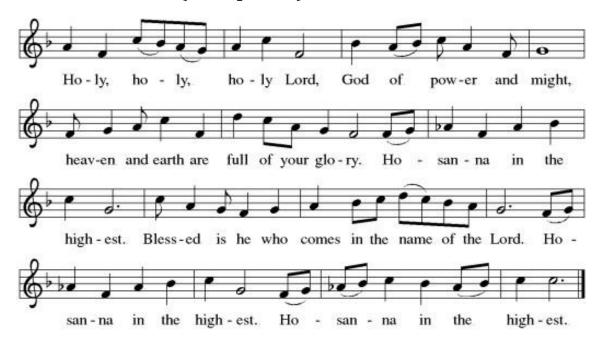


PREFACE (ELW p. 130)

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 130)



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 130)

O God most mighty,
O God most merciful,
O God our rock and our salvation,
hear us as we praise,
call us to your table,
grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty.
When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child;
When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom.
Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life. 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 his death, we cry out Amen. [Amen.]
Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. [Amen.]
Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. [Amen.]

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.

O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.

O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.

O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly,
O God our strength and our song,
you show us a vision of a tree of life
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.
Grant us such life,
the life of the Father to the Son,
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,
life in you, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 134)

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. 134)

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION (ELW p. 134)

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

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 135)

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 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (ELW 843)

1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light; praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight. Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease, calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

2 Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word; praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand; from this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

3 Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place; Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done. Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN The King of Love My Shepherd Is (ELW 502)

1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

2 Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me, thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 136)

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING (ELW p. 136)

SENDING SONG Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing (ELW 544)

1 Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing, worship, thanks, devotion voicing: glory be to God on high! Christ, your cross and passion sharing, by this eucharist declaring yours the final victory.

2 Scattered flock, one shepherd sharing, lost and lonely, one voice hearing, ears attentive to your word; by your blood new life receiving, in your body, firm believing, we are yours, and you the Lord.

3 Sins forgiven, wrongs forgiving, we go forth alert and living in your Spirit, strong and free.
Partners in your new creation, seeking peace in ev'ry nation, may we faithful foll'wers be.
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DISMISSAL (ELW p. 137)

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God**.

POSTLUDE

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(Please mute cell phones during worship service)

ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: May 12 – 18

Monday: 8:30 am Pickle Ball

1:00 pm Exercise Class

6 - 8 pm Lyra Ensemble Practice - Sanctuary

7:00 pm Pickle Ball 7:00 pm Healing Vets

Tuesday: 7:00 pm Mixed Choir

Wednesday: 1:30 pm Exercise Class

6:15 pm Confirmation Class

7:00 pm Men's Choir

Thursday: 7:00 pm Healing Vets

Friday: 1:00 pm Exercise Class

Sunday: 10:00 am Worship Service with Holy

Communion and Living Stones Service

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister: Pastor Scott Schellenberger

Worship Assistant: Ellen Vandersleen

Director of Music: Blaine Sack Sexton: Tyler Smith

Projector Operator: Ellen Vandersleen Video Recorder: Ryan Schmidt Sound Operator: Noah Schmidt

Counters: Kathy Godin, Kathy Hoffman, Christine Booth

Altar Care: Sandra Graham Ushers: Kevin & Jean Rutz

Coffee Hour: Kathy Hoffman, Peter Wegner

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, May 4, 2025: 75

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 and Larry Blais, Garnet Miller, Betty Kuehl, Lily Kubiseski, Karl Hausser, Elva & Clarence Gagne, Eva Hagenah, Barbara Schoof, Inge Latiok, Marcella Kuehl, Kirk Weichenthal, Joan LaForce, David Brumm, Gwen Burchart, Don and Jeanette Nevile, James Dean, Charlie Merredew.

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.

<u>OFFERINGS – HOW CAN YOU LEAVE A DONATION?</u>

- 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.

EXERCISE CLASS UPDATE Please note the time change for Wednesday's exercise class. Exercise classes for the week of May 12-16: Monday 1:00 pm, Wednesday 1:30 pm, Friday 1:00 pm. We will be welcoming a new instructor, let's give them a warm welcome. Be sure to bring a friend!

<u>RETIREMENT HOME SERVICES</u> Supples Landing Worship Service on Thursday May 22nd at 2:00 pm, and Miramichi Lodge on Tuesday June 3rd at 10:30 am.

<u>CONFIRMATION CLASSES</u> will be on Wednesday May 14th, Wednesday May 21st, and Wednesday May 28th at 6:15 pm.

COUNCIL MEETING The next Council Meeting will be on Tuesday May 13th at 7:00 pm.

LIVING STONES Our next Living Stone service will be on Sunday May 18th 2025.

MORNING SOCIAL Join us on and in the Parish Hall Wednesday May 21st at 10:00 am. Come on out for fun and fellowship.

STAFF MEETING There will be a staff meeting on Wednesday, May 21th, at 12 noon.

<u>PULSE YOUTH GROUP</u> Join us Friday May 23rd at 6:30 pm for our Pulse Youth Group Karaoke and Sports Night! All are welcome and bring a friend!

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Messy Church in the month of **June**.

ZION WATERFRONT SERVICE SUNDAY JUNE 22 at 11:00 AM

Join Zion Lutheran Church at the Pembroke waterfront amphitheatre for our Sunday Worship Service and potluck, led by Living Stones Band. Bring yourself, a chair, a potluck dish and a friend! In case of rain or inclement weather, the service will be held at Zion Lutheran Church.

We would like to send out a grateful heartfelt thank you to Kathy Godin and Smitty's Home Hardware for the donation of a beautiful new lawn mower for lawn maintenance here at Zion Lutheran Church. Your generosity is so very much appreciated and all of us, especially Kevin, are very thankful to you!



Morning Social Gatherings



Are you looking to spend some time having coffee, tea and goodies while sharing conversation with others?

Come to our bi-weekly fellowship hours:

WEDNESDAY MAY 21st at 10:00 am

You need not be a member of Zion. Everyone is welcome.

YOUTH GROUP KARAOKE AND SPORTS NIGHT

FRIDAY MAY 23 2025 6:30PM





BRING A SNACK
BRING YOUR VOICE
BRING YOUR ENERGY
BRING A FRIEND
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Zion Lutheran Church Service at the Amphitheatre and Potluck





Sunday June 22 2025

START TIME: 11:00am

Led by the Living Stones Band Bring yourselves, perhaps a lawn chair and a potluck dish AND A FRIEND!

Rain site: Zion Lutheran Church



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