ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP SETTING TWO SUNDAY MAY 18 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 Let the Whole Creation Cry (ELW 876)

1 Let the whole creation cry,
"Glory to the Lord on high!"
Heav'n and earth, awake and sing,
"Praise to our almighty king!"
Praise God, angel hosts above,
ever bright and fair in love;
sun and moon, lift up your voice;
night and stars, in God rejoice.

2 Servants striving for the Lord, prophets burning with the word, those to whom the arts belong add their voices to the song. Pow'rs of knowledge and of law, to the glorious circle draw; all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"

3 Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem loud and bold, and let children's happy hearts in this worship take their parts; from the north to southern pole let the mighty chorus roll: "Holy, Holy, Holy One; glory be to God alone!"

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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 Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18

A reading from Acts.

¹ Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" 4 Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 5 "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. 6 As I looked at it closely I saw fourfooted animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. 7 I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' 8 But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' 9 But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' 10 This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. 11 At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. 12 The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. 13 He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; 14 he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' 15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. 16 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' 17 If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" 18 When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 148

- ¹ Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights.
- ² Praise the Lord, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.
- ³ Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.
- ⁴ Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.
- ⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created,
- ⁶ who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.
- ⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;
- ⁸ fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;
- ⁹ mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;
- 11 sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 young men and maidens, old and young together.
- ¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord whose name only is exalted, whose splendour is over earth and heaven.
- ¹⁴ The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6

A reading from Revelation.

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them:

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and

true." ⁶ Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 124)



GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY Where Charity and Love Prevail (ELW 359)

1 Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found; brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.

2 With grateful joy and holy fear, God's charity we learn; let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in return. 3 Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son; as members of each body joined, in him we are made one.

4 Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease. Be God's the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.

5 Let us forgive each other's faults as we our own confess, that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.

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THE NICENE CREED (ELW p. 126)

Let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed on 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, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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.

Fill the church with the spirit of your redeeming love. Make us steadfast in our proclamation of your grace for all people without exceptions, especially those often overlooked in our communities. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Awaken joy in the beauty and abundance of your creation. Show us the wonder of your presence from the smallest flower to the tallest tree. Recommit us to preservation of wild places. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Instruct all world leaders to protect the most vulnerable among us. Guide those in power toward equitable and just economic policies, so that all might have sufficient resources to live safely and with dignity. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pour out your love on all in need of care: those mourning losses, enduring trauma, experiencing broken relationships, yearning for companionship, or facing illness (especially Jason, Martha, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Anneliese, Joan, Judy, Larry, Garnet, Betty, Lily, Karl, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Barbara, Inge, Marcella, Kirk, Joan, David, Gwen, Don, Jeanette, James, Charlie). Wipe away every tear. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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

Abide with all who are victims of racism, especially people who are doubly marginalized because of gender, sexuality, or ability. Destroy all forms of systemic oppression, and renew our commitment to healing the wounds of our collective body in this community and beyond. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for all the saints whose lives bear witness to your redeeming love. Guide us by their example, until we join them in your eternal home. 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.

PEACE (ELW p. 128)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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

1 Day of arising,

Christ on the roadway,

unknown companion walks with his own.

When they invite him,

as fades the first day,

and bread is broken, Christ is made known.

4 Christ, our companion,

hope for the journey.

bread of compassion, open our eyes.

Grant us your vision,

set all hearts burning

that all creation with you may rise.

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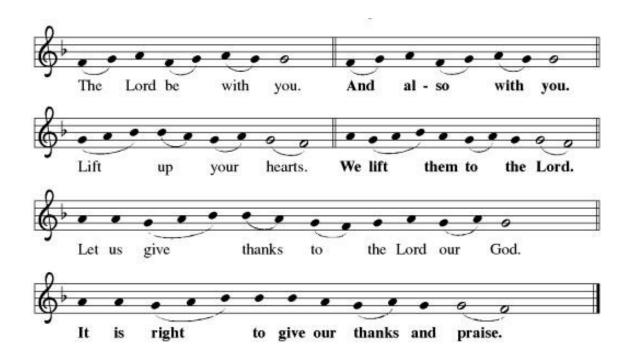
OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 129)

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)

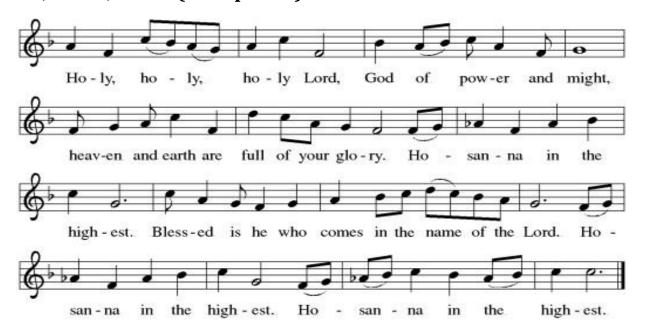


PREFACE (ELW p. 130)

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.

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Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (SING) (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 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!

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom (ACS 1064)

1 Earth is full of wit and wisdom, sounding God's delighted laugh, from the tiny roly-poly to the treetop-tall giraffe. All creation sings in wonder; even rocks and trees rejoice as they join the ringing chorus: echoes of our Maker's voice.

2 Earth is full of wit and wisdom, woven into harmony.
Ev'ry creature has a purpose, ev'ry flow'r and bumblebee.
Spider, human, redwood, gecko, monkey, chicken, mouse, and snake live within a single fabric: cloth that only God could make.

3 Earth is full of wit and wisdom: penguin, platypus, and snail, cactus, sea slug, oak, and algae, from the microbe to the whale. In this great and strange creation, with a breath God gives us birth: born of soil to live as stewards, called to love and serve the earth.

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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)

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 May the God of Hope Go with Us (ACS 984)2X

May the God of hope go with us ev'ry day, to a world in need with news of joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to ev'ry land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a new world, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

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DISMISSAL (ELW p. 137)

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ATTENDANCE: Sunday, May 11, 2025: 86

(Please mute cell phones during worship service)

ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: May 19-25

Monday: 8:30 am Pickle Ball

1:00 pm Exercise Class7:00 pm Pickle Ball7:00 pm Healing Vets

Tuesday: 7:00 pm Mixed Choir

Wednesday: 10:00 am Morning Social

12:00 Staff Mtg.

1:30 pm Exercise Class

6:15 pm Confirmation Class

7:00 pm Men's Choir

Thursday: 6 - 10 pm Lyra Ensemble Concert

7:00 pm Healing Vets

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

Worship Assistant: Wayne Kirk Director of Music: Blaine Sack Sexton: Don Boldt

Projector Operator: Zac Phannenhour Video Recorder: Ty Phannenhour Sound Operator: Todd Phannenhour

Counters: Kathy Godin, Kathy Hoffman, Christine Booth

Altar Care: June Popke

Ushers: Peter & Patti Wegner

Coffee Hour: Denise & Barry Schizkoske

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.

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 zionoffice@nrtco.net. Please be sure to leave an address for tax receipts.

EXERCISE CLASS UPDATE: Please note the time change for Wednesday's exercise class. **Monday 1:00 pm, Wednesday 1:30 pm, Friday 1:00 pm**. Be sure to bring a friend!

RETIREMENT HOME SERVICES: 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> Classes are scheduled for Wednesday May 21st, and Wednesday May 28th at 6:15 pm.

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 21st at 12 noon.**

HYMN SING: There will be a Hymn Sing before the start of worship on **Sunday**, May 25th.

PULSE YOUTH GROUP: Karaoke and Sports Night has been cancelled on Friday May 23rd.

MESSY CHURCH: There is no messy church gathering in **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.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a Lilac Tea on Thursday May 22, 2025, 2-4 pm in the church fellowship hall at 257 Pembroke Street West. Tickets are \$20/person, purchase from The Ladies Auxiliary Members, Astrid's Florals, or call Marina Dennison at 613-732-1657 for more information.

LYRA ENSEMBLE SPRING CONCERT The Lyra Ensemble will be having a spring concert at Zion Lutheran Church on May 23rd 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$20. Contact email for tickets: the lyraensemble@gmail.com

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 21 2025 @ 10:00 am

You need not be a member of Zion. Everyone AND A FRIEND! 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



Rain site : Zion Lutheran Church

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