ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE
THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
SUNDAY OCTOBER 5 2025
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP
SETTING 10

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

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

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 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**

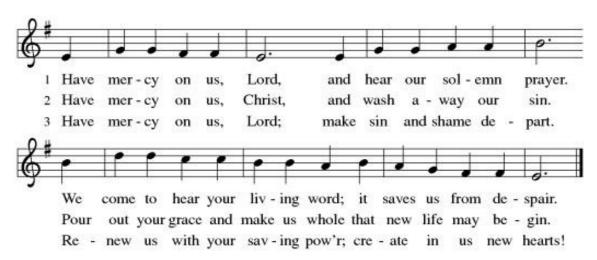
3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **Refrain**

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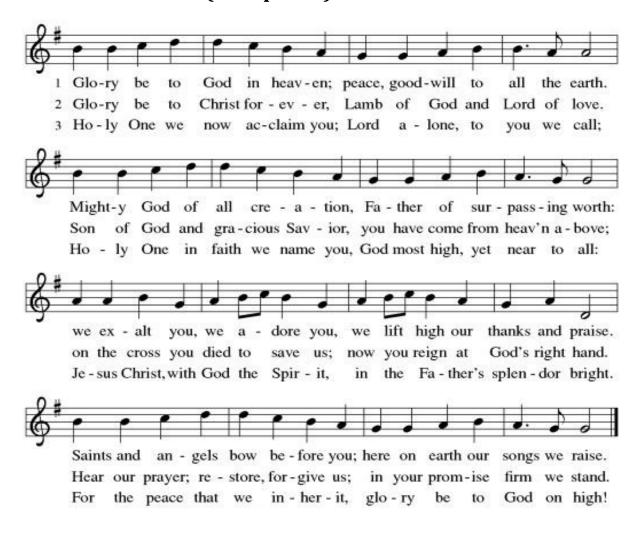
GREETING

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. 203)



CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 204)



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Lamentations 1:1-6

A reading from Lamentations.

How lonely sits the city
 that once was full of people!
 How like a widow she has become,
 she that was great among the nations!
 She that was a princess among the provinces
 has become subject to forced labor.

² She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks;

among all her lovers,

she has no one to comfort her;

all her friends have dealt treacherously with her;

they have become her enemies.

³ Judah has gone into exile with suffering

and hard servitude;

she lives now among the nations;

she finds no resting place;

her pursuers have all overtaken her

in the midst of her distress.

⁴ The roads to Zion mourn,

for no one comes to the festivals;

all her gates are desolate;

her priests groan;

her young girls grieve,

and her lot is bitter.

⁵ Her foes have become the masters;

her enemies prosper

because the Lord has made her suffer

for the multitude of her transgressions;

her children have gone away,

captives before the foe.

⁶ From daughter Zion has departed

all her majesty.

Her princes have become like stags

that find no pasture;

they fled without strength

before the pursuer.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 137

Remember the day of Jerusalem, O Lord. (Ps. 137:7)

¹ By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, when we remembered you, O Zion.

² As for our harps, we hung them up

on the trees in the midst of that land.

³ For those who led us away captive asked us for a song, and our oppressors called for mirth:

"Sing us one of the songs of Zion."

- ⁴ How shall we sing the Lord's song upon an alien soil?
- ⁵ If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its skill.
- $^{\rm 6}\, \rm Let$ my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you,

if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

- ⁷ Remember the day of Jerusalem, O Lord, against the people of Edom, who said, "Down with it! down with it! even to the ground!"
- ⁸ O daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, happy shall they be who pay you back for what you have done to us!
- ⁹ Happy shall they be who take your little ones and dash them against the rock!

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

A reading from 2 Timothy.

- ¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,
- ² To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

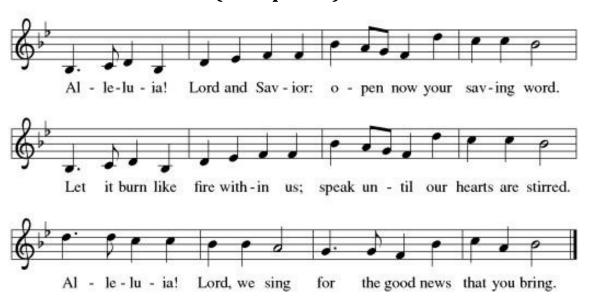
³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. ⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior

Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)



GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. ⁷ "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were

ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY God of the Fertile Fields (ACS 1063)

1 God of the fertile fields, shaper of earth that yields our daily bread: forth from your bounteous hand come gifts your love has planned, that all in ev'ry land be clothed and fed.

2 We would be stewards true, holding in trust from you all that you give; help us in love to share, teach us like you to care for people ev'rywhere, that all may live.

3 As grows the hidden seed to fruit that serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our toil be used, no gift of yours abused, no humble task refused your love bestows.

4 God of the countryside, dear to the Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our lives anew in faithful love to you. Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed. **I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.*

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose presence offers comfort, safety, and joy. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

O God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world. Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

O God of those in need, you care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor. Come to the help of all in need (especially Jason, Martha, Rhonda, Heather, Anneliese, Joan, Judy, Larry, Garnet, Betty, Karl, Elva, Clarence,

Eva, Barbara, Inge, Marcella, Kirk, David, Gwen, Jeanette, James, Brittany, Jean, Sandra, Jean, and those we name in our hearts and minds (PAUSE). Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time.

Please pray for the family and friends of Sheila Zadow Purdy as they mourn her death. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

O God of this congregation, you nurture our faith. Thank you for those of all ages who teach, lead, and learn in this congregation and beyond. Give growth to the seeds of faith watered by faithful examples of baptismal living. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

O God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith (*Sheila Zadow Purdy*). May the faith of those who now rest in your merciful arms, like Lois and Eunice, shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am (ELW 814) 2X

Take, oh, take me as I am;

summon out what I shall be;

set your seal upon my heart

and live in me.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

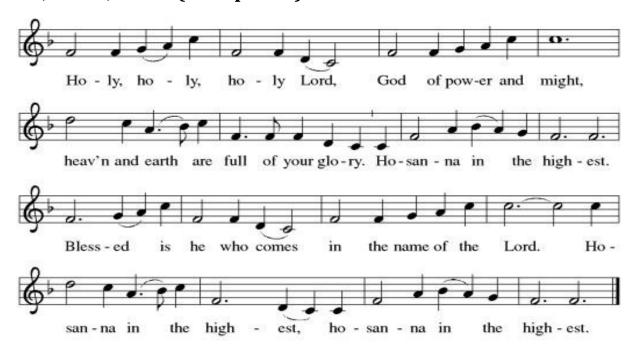
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 207)



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God,
you alone are holy,
you alone are God.
The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars;
beneath the sea;
within each cell;
with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

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 love for us
on the way,
at the table,
and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

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: LAMB OF GOD (ELW P. 208)

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

SONG DURING COMMUNION Break Now the Bread of Life (ELW 515)

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you broke the loaves beside the sea. Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord; my spirit waits for you, O living Word.

2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you blessed the bread by Galilee. Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All-in-All!

3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your holy word the truth that rescues me. Give me to eat and live with you above; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

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SONG AFTER COMMUNION My Faith Looks Up to Thee (ELW 759)

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!

3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

2 May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

4 When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll; blest Savior, then, in love fear and distrust remove; oh, bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (ELW 545)

1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.
3 Savior, when your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way, let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ATTENDANCE: Sunday September 28, 2025: 61

(Please mute cell phones during worship service)

ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: October 6–12

Monday: 8:30 am Pickle Ball

1:00 pm Senior Exercise Class

5:30 pm Messy Church

7:00 pm Worship & Music Mtg.

7:00 pm Music Healing Vets

Tuesday: 9:30 am Tai Chi

7:00 pm Men's Choir

Wednesday: 10:00 am Morning Social

11:00 am E.N. Get Together1:00 pm Senior Exercise Class6:15 pm Confirmation Class

7:00 pm Mixed Choir

Thursday: 9:30 am Tai Chi

7:00 pm Music Healing Vets

Friday: 10:00 am Home School Group

1:00 pm Senior Exercise Class

Sunday: 10:00 am Holy Worship Service with

Holy Communion & Sunday School

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister: Pastor Scott Schellenberger

Guest Musician: Liane Jurmalietis
Worship Assistant: Susan Dupuis
Sexton: Tyler Smith

Projector Operator: Gerry Vandersleen Video Recorder: Ellen Vandersleen Sound Operator: Gerry Vandersleen

Counters: Gerry Vandersleen, Kevin & Jean Rutz

Altar Care: Diane Rull

Ushers: Cheryl Sack, Allen Rose

Coffee Hour: Kathy Hoffman, Susan Dupuis

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

♥ Please pray for the family and friends of Sheila Zadow Purdy who passed away Monday September 29th 2025. ♥

<u>GUEST ORGANIST</u> Please welcome Guest Organist Liane Jurmalietis today, Sunday October 5th 2025, and we thank her for providing us music while Blaine is away. Thank you, Liane!

MESSY CHURCH Please join us on Monday October 6th at 5:30 p.m. for Messy Church!

WORSHIP & MUSIC Will meet on Monday October 6th at 7:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION CLASS The next confirmation class is scheduled for Wednesday October 8th 2025 at 6:15 pm. Please speak with Pastor Scott if you have any questions.

MORNING SOCIAL Please join us for our Morning Social on Wednesday October 8th and 22nd at 10:00 a.m.

<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u> Sunday school will be held monthly on the second Sunday of the month during worship at 10:00 am. Please join us on **Sunday October 12th at 10:00 am** during worship and bring your children and grandchildren for some fun!

COUNCIL MEETING Will be on Tuesday October 14th at 7:00 pm.

WORSHIP & MUSIC - THANKSGIVING Worship & Music is looking for donations of fruits and vegetables to decorate the front of the church for Thanksgiving. We thank you in advance for your generosity and ask that all items be at the church no later than Thursday, October 9th.

<u>SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS</u> Senior Exercise classes Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1:00 pm. Welcome and bring a friend!

PLEASE NOTE:

The Social Ministry meeting will take place on Tuesday October 28th at 1:00 pm-NOT Oct 14th or 29th. Sorry for the confusion.

ATTENTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- 1. Please submit your committee budgets no later than Friday, October 31, 2025.
- **2.** All committee members please submit your endowment interest disbursement suggestions at your convenience to the office. Remember we need inside and outside needs.
- **3.** Please submit an up-to-date member listing for your committee to the office so it can be posted on the church information boards.

<u>PULSE YOUTH GROUP</u> Pulse Youth Group / Zion Pembroke Youth Night will be doing Halloween at The Laurentian Trail on Saturday October 18th. Please meet at the church for 6:30 pm or at The Trail for 6:45 pm, 2 Henan Drive, behind the Alice and Fraser Recreation Centre. Cost is a toonie and bring money for snacks if you wish. Parents please join us – we will also be needing some drivers.

CAMP LUTHERLYN 60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We are very excited to share details of our 60th Anniversary Roast Beef Dinner! Join us Saturday October 25th - We would like to invite you (and others) to join us for a 60th Anniversary Celebration for Camp Lutherlyn. It will feature a fabulous roast beef dinner with live music by Gate 47 - a renowned Ottawa Valley contemporary Christian band and an opportunity beforehand to tour the camp or do crafts or both. Tickets are \$40 each and can be purchased by e-transferring Lutherlyn.Fin@gmail.com (please be sure to include name and email address in details of the e-transfer).

OFFERINGS – HOW CAN YOU LEAVE A DONATION?

- 1.) Place your gift in the offering plates at either entrance of the church sanctuary.
- **2.)** You can also transfer a donation to the church by sending a gift via e-transfer to zionoffice@nrtco.net. Please be sure to leave an address for tax receipts.

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