

**ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE  
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
FEBRUARY 23 2025  
ALL CREATION SINGS - SETTING 12**

**HYMN SING  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ACS P.29)**

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

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

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

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as  
heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so  
far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ.  
Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.  
**Blessed be God forever.**

**GATHERING SONG *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us* (ELW 707)**

<b>1</b> Lord of glory, you have bought us with your lifeblood as the price, never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice; and with that have freely given blessings countless as the sand to the unthankful and the evil with your own unsparing hand.	<b>2</b> Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you gladly, freely, of your own. With the sunshine of your goodness melt our thankless hearts of stone till our cold and selfish natures, warmed by you, at length believe that more happy and more blessed 'tis to give than to receive.
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**3** Wondrous honor you have given  
to our humblest charity  
in your own mysterious sentence,  
"You have done it all to me."  
Naked, sick, in prison, hungry--  
in the least, your face we view,  
saying by your poor and needy,  
"Give as I have giv'n to you."

**4** Lord of glory, you have bought us  
with your lifeblood as the price,  
never grudging for the lost ones  
that tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust you boldly,  
hope, to stay our souls on you:  
but, oh, best of all your graces,  
with your love our love renew.

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### **GREETING (ACS p. 30)**

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

**And also with you.**

### **KYRIE (ACS p. 31)**

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

## SONG OF PRAISE (ACS p. 31) v 1 only

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY (ACS p. 33)

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

<sup>4</sup> Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup> And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup> For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup> God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup> So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup> You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup> I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' " <sup>15</sup> And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40**

<sup>1</sup> Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

<sup>2</sup> **For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.**

<sup>3</sup> Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

<sup>4</sup> **Take delight in the Lord, who shall give you your heart's desire.**

<sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord, and see what God will do.

<sup>6</sup> **The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

<sup>7</sup> Be still before the Lord and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

**<sup>8</sup> Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

<sup>9</sup> For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.

**<sup>10</sup> In a little while the wicked shall be no more; even if you search out their place, they will not be there.**

<sup>11</sup> But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.

**<sup>39</sup> But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O Lord; you are their stronghold in time of trouble.**

<sup>40</sup> You, O Lord, will help them and rescue them; you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you they seek refuge.

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27**

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many members yet one body. <sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, <sup>24</sup> whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.  
Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ACS p. 33)**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>27</sup> “But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup> If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup> “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup> “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup> give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON (ACS p. 34)**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY *God, When Human Bonds Are Broken* (ELW 603)**

1 God, when human bonds are broken  
and we lack the love or skill  
to restore the hope of healing,  
give us grace and make us still.

**2** Through that stillness, with your Spirit  
come into our world of stress,  
for the sake of Christ forgiving  
all the failures we confess.

**3** You in us are bruised and broken:  
hear us as we seek release  
from the pain of earlier living;  
set us free and grant us peace.

**4** Send us, God of new beginnings,  
humbly hopeful into life.  
Use us as a means of blessing:  
make us stronger, give us faith.

**5** Give us faith to be more faithful,  
give us hope to be more true,  
give us love to go on learning:  
God, encourage and renew!

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## **APOSTLES' CREED (ACS p. 17)**

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 communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE INTRO – THERE IS A LONGING IN OUR HEARTS (ACS 1078)**

### **Refrain (ALL - Congregation and Choir)**

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,  
for you to reveal yourself to us.  
There is a longing in our hearts for love  
we only find in you, our God.

### **Choir**

**1** For justice, for freedom,  
for mercy: hear our prayer.  
In sorrow, in grief:  
be near; hear our prayer, O God.

### **Refrain - ALL**

### **Choir**

**2** For wisdom, for courage,  
for comfort: hear our prayer.  
In weakness, in fear:  
be near; hear our prayer, O God.

### **Refrain – ALL**

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## **Prayers of Intercession**

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

Surprising God, we pray to you for guidance today as we gather here in worship and as we gather shortly in our annual meeting. Bless us with wisdom, courage and love as we continue to be faithful to you. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

As animals hibernate and fields lay dormant, let them be a reminder that life and faith are not static but always changing and growing. May we, with all creation, trust that the ending of one thing promises life in a new way. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for leaders and policymakers who work to reduce violence in our nations, cities, and towns. Give your wisdom and discernment amid heated arguments and differing viewpoints. God of grace,



**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the victims of abuse and violence. We pray for those who do not have a home because of such a situation. During this wintertime provide safe shelter and new beginnings to those experiencing harsh situations. God of grace,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our loved ones friends and family who are in need of your loving care. Enfold with love all who seek your healing care (*especially Jason, Martha, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Anneliese, Joan, Judy, Larry, Garnet, Betty, Lily, Karl, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Barbara, Inga, Marcella, Patricia, Amy, Edie, Otilia, Kirk, Joan, David, Gwen, Don, Jeanette*). God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Empower our faith communities to be signs of your gracious love. Bless the local ministries of parishes and caregiving organizations, that they will be a voice for those in need in our communities. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the enduring witness of those who have died before us. May their lives in you provide a witness of your everlasting grace. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

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

**Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE CLOSING – THERE IS A LONGING IN OUR HEARTS (ACS 1078)**

**Refrain – ALL**

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,  
for you to reveal yourself to us.

There is a longing in our hearts for love  
we only find in you, our God.

**Choir**

**3** For healing, for wholeness,  
for new life: hear our prayer.

In sickness, in death:

be near; hear our prayer, O God.

**Refrain – ALL**

**Choir**

**4** Lord, save us, take pity,  
light in our deepest night.

We call you; we wait:

be near; hear our prayer, O God.

**Refrain – ALL**

## **PEACE (ACS p. 35)**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **OFFERING *Love Has Come* (ELW 292 verses 1 and 3)**

**1** Love has come--a light in the darkness!

Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.

See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;

hear how their song of joy arises:

Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!

Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

**3** Love has come and never will leave us!

Love is life everlasting and free.

Love is Jesus within and among us.

Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.

Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas;

Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

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## **OFFERING PRAYER (ACS p. 35)**

Let us pray.

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure.

Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace.

Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

**Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **DIALOGUE (ACS p. 36)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE (ACS p. 36)**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ACS p. 36)**



## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ACS p. 37)**

O God triune, how majestic  
is your name in all the earth.  
Over the eons your merciful might  
evolved our home, a fragile tree of life.  
Here by your wisdom

are both life and death,  
growth and decay,  
the nest and the hunt,  
sunshine and storm,  
darkness and light.

Sustained by these wonders,  
we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:  
The earth is full of your glory.

**The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.  
In Christ you bring life from death;  
we remember his cross,  
we laud his resurrection.  
Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.  
Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.  
Receiving this mystery,  
we mortals sing our song:  
The earth is full of your glory.

**The earth is full of your glory.**

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

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

**The earth is full of your glory.**

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

Amen, and amen.  
**Amen, and amen.**

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

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. 40)**

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

## **COMMUNION (ACS p. 40)**

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

## **COMMUNION SONG (ACS p. 40)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN *I Come with Joy* (ELW 482)**

**1** I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall  
in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.

**2** I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.

**3** As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.

**4** The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here,  
alive among us here.

**5** Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one,  
the love that makes us one.

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## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN *Spirit, Open My Heart* (ACS 1043)**

### **Refrain**

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.  
Spirit, open my heart.

**1** God, replace my stony heart  
with a heart that's kind and tender.  
All my coldness and fear  
to your grace I now surrender. Refrain

**2** Write your love upon my heart  
as my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought, word, and deed,  
may my living bring you glory. Refrain

**3** May I weep with those who weep;  
share the joy of friend and neighbor.  
As I live from day to day,  
love will be my finest labor. Refrain

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## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ACS p. 41)**

Let us pray.

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

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING (ACS p. 41)**

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

**Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN *We All Are One in Mission* (ELW 576)**

**1** We all are one in mission;  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single great commission  
compels us from above  
to plan and work together  
that all may know Christ's love.

**2** We all are called for service,  
to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different;  
our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others  
with God's surprising grace,  
so ev'ry folk and nation  
may feel God's warm embrace.

**3** Now let us be united,  
and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel  
for God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission;  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.

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## **DISMISSAL (ACS p. 41)**

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

## **POSTLUDE**

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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025**

**ATTENDANCE: 23    LIVING STONES: 11**



## **ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: February 24 –March 2, 2025**

Monday:	8:30 am	Pickle Ball
	10:00 am	Pastoral Care Mtg.
	1:00 pm	Social Ministry Mtg.
	7:00 pm	Pickle Ball
	7:00 pm	Music Healing Veterans
Tuesday:	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	6:30 pm	Tai Chi
	7:00 pm	Mixed Choir
Wednesday:	10:00 am	Morning Social
	12:00 pm	Staff Mtg.
	1:00 pm	Exercise Class
	6:15 pm	Confirmation Class
	7:00 pm	Men's Choir
Thursday:	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	7:00 pm	Music Healing Veterans
Friday:	1:00 pm	Exercise Class
Sunday:	10:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion

## **TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP LEADERS**

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Scott Schellenberger
Music Director:	Blaine Sack
Worship Assistant:	Lorraine MacKenzie
Sexton:	Tyler Smith
Projector Operator:	Rick Gerundin
Video Recorder:	Korbin Smith
Sound Operator:	Brian Smith
Counters:	Gayle & Larry Seegmiller, Wayne Kirk
Altar Care:	Kathy Godin
Ushers:	Pamela Duplessis & Cindy Thrasher
Coffee Hour:	Patti & Peter Wegner

## **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Martha Kodzynski, 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, Inga Latiok, Marcella Kuehl, Patricia Zohr, Amy Markus-Burgess, Edie Brum, Otilia Saldana G, Kirk Weichenthal, Joan LaForce, David Brumm, Gwen Burchart, Don and Jeanette Nevile.

*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](mailto:zionoffice@nrtco.net). Please be sure to leave an address for tax receipts.

**PASTORAL CARE** Meeting **Monday February 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.**

**SOCIAL MINISTRY** Meeting **Monday February 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.**

**MORNING SOCIAL** **Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.**

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** **Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm.**

### **LENTEN BOOK STUDY: “Because of This I Rejoice”**

“Because of This I Rejoice” is a 6-week study of Philippians that explores what Paul teaches about joyfully practicing spiritual disciplines. This Lenten study invites us to engage in the same spiritual practices as a way to grow closer to God and allow joy to flow through our lives. **Beginning Thursday February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**, the Thursday before Ash Wednesday, and runs every **Thursday night at 7:00 pm for 6 weeks**. The cost of the book is \$20. If you are interested in participating, please speak with Pastor Scott or email at [sschellenberger@hotmail.com](mailto:sschellenberger@hotmail.com).

**THE 2025 PEMBROKE KIWANIS MUSIC AND DANCE FESTIVAL** returns to Festival Hall for its 77th year! Competition: DANCE, Monday, Feb. 24th (9:30am-11:30am) with VOCAL, Monday, Mar. 3rd (9am-4pm) with STRINGS, and Tuesday, Mar. 4th (9:45am-11:15am) with INSTRUMENTAL (Bands). The 'Festival of Stars' Concert will be held on Thursday, March 20th @ 7pm at Festival Hall. Free admission to all events. Please visit the Pembroke Kiwanis Festivals Facebook page, or search online and click on the google sites link, or speak to Blaine Sack, member of the Pembroke Kiwanis Festival organizing committee.

### **COMING IN MARCH:**

**MESSY CHURCH** Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER** Tuesday March 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** Imposition of Ashes on **Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

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

**WORSHIP AND MUSIC** Meeting on **Monday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

**CHURCH COUNCIL** Meeting **Tuesday March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

**SOUP & SANDWICH** Wednesday March 12, 19 and 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

**LENTEN SERVICE** Wednesday March 12, 19 and 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**LIVING STONES SERVICE** Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

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

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#### **Morning Social Gatherings**



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

**OUR NEXT SOCIAL GATHERING WILL BE  
FEBRUARY 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am**

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

#### **Lenten Book Study Because of This I Rejoice**



For too long Lent has been thought of as a season of self-sacrifice and discipline that sounds to many Christians like a lot of spiritual chores. Lenten disciplines become the spiritual equivalent of New Year's resolutions to lose weight, be healthier, or practice better money management.

Because of This I Rejoice is a 6-week study of Philippians that explores what Paul teaches about joyfully practicing spiritual disciplines. The intent of these disciplines is to help us focus inward on ourselves and more on God. This Lenten study invites us to engage in the same spiritual practices as a way to grow closer to God and allow joy to flow through our lives.

**When:** Every Thursday night at 7:00 pm.  
It begins Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> the Thursday before Ash Wednesday and runs for 6 weeks.  
The cost of the book is \$20.

If you are interested in participating please speak with Pastor Scott or email: [sschellenberger@hotmail.com](mailto:sschellenberger@hotmail.com).



**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner**  
Tuesday March 4 2025  
5:00pm

Please join us for a gathering to celebrate "Fat Tuesday". This is a day we feast together before beginning the Lenten fast.



**Soup and Sandwich Dinners**  
Wednesday nights during Lent  
beginning March 12 2025  
5:30pm.



**Ash Wednesday Service**  
Imposition of Ashes  
Wednesday March 5 2025  
7:00pm.



**Lenten Midweek Services**  
Wednesdays 6:30pm  
from March 12 to April 16 2025.