

**ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 26 2026
ALL CREATION SINGS SETTING TWELVE**

HYMN SING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (ACS p. 29)

Water! Water! We praise you, O God, for water—
the Ottawa River, The St. Lawrence Seaways, the fresh water lakes of the Ottawa valley,

the rain that nourishes animals and plants,
the water for drinking and bathing.

We praise you, O God, for water.

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We praise you, O God, for our water stories—
a flood that cleansed the earth,
the sea that drowned the enemy,
a river that healed leprosy.

We praise you, O God, for water.

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We remember the waters of Jesus—
baptized in the Jordan River,
calming the Sea of Galilee,
drinking from Jacob's Well,
healing at the pool of Bethesda,
washing the disciples' feet.

We praise you, O God, for water.

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We praise you, O God, for this font,
for through this water
you have birthed us into the family of Christ,

bathed us in forgiveness,
and enlivened us in the Spirit.
We praise you, O God, for baptism.
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O God, you are the Ocean, sustaining this earth.
O God, you are the River, saving us from death.
O God, you are the Fountain, granting us health and well-being.
We praise you, O God,
today, tomorrow, forever.
Amen, and amen.
Amen, and amen.

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GATHERING SONG *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (ELW 807)

1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer:
"Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

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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 (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 verse 2)



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

Let us pray.

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC - Clarinet solo by Jeff Jones 'Arioso' music by J.S. Bach

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

A reading from Acts.

⁴² [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23 (*in unison*)

**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: 1 Peter 2:19-25

A reading from 1 Peter.

¹⁹ It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²² “He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ACS p. 33)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹ “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *My Shepherd, You Supply My Need* (ELW 782)

1 My Shepherd, you supply my need;
most holy is your name.

In pastures fresh you make me feed,
beside the living stream.

You bring my wand'ring spirit back
when I forsake your ways,
and lead me, for your mercy's sake,
in paths of truth and grace.

2 When I walk through the shades of death,
your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath
drives all my fears away.

Your hand, in sight of all my foes,
does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows,
your oil anoints my head.

3 The sure provisions of my God
attend me all my days;
oh, may your house be my abode
and all my work be praise.
Here would I find a settled rest,
while others go and come;
no more a stranger or a guest,
but like a child at home.

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THE NICENE CREED

LET US CONFESS OUR FAITH USING THE WORDS OF THE NICENE CREED

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.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Shepherding God, draw all people to yourself and lead them in paths of righteousness. Embolden your church to enter the valleys of the world and guide us beside the still waters of your grace. We pray for military and prison chaplains serving near and far. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Creator God, by the resurrection of your Son, show us your steadfast love and instruct our hearts in your ways. Help us to revere and protect the wonders of your creation. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Righteous Judge, strengthen and uphold those who work for justice and advocate for human rights. Bring an end to oppression and save us from the temptation of violence or vengeance. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Great Physician, walk with those who are grieving especially the family and friends of Pastor Metzger, and anoint those who are ill or injured (*especially Jason, Martha, Rhonda, Heather, Joan, Larry, Garnet, Betty, Karl, Elva, Eva, Barbara, Inge, Marcella, David, Gwen, Jeanette, James, Brittany, Jean, June, Katie, Viola, Lorna, Dorothy, Douglas, Cheryl, Roxanna, and those we name in our hearts and minds*). Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Good Shepherd, continually seek us out as lambs of your flock, and form us into a community where all are honored and cared for. Spread a feast before us and fill our cups to overflowing. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Living God, we praise you for the saints who have died in faith and now dwell in your love. At our end, bring us, with them, to our heavenly home. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING ELW 388- *Be Not Afraid* - 2 times

Be not a-fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le-lu - ia!

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OFFERING PRAYER

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC - Clarinetist Jeff Jones 'The Lord is My Shepherd'
music arrangement by David Kai (2016)

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

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 (ACS p. 36)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

As the shadows lengthen,
we bless you, sheltering God.

We glorify you for the endless, starlit sky,
deep with the mystery of your creative labor
through all time and space.

We praise you for the fertile earth
and for the life its darkness holds and births:

plants of every variety,
animals curled in sleep,
humankind you shaped by your own hand.

Stay with us, for it is evening.

Stay with us, for it is evening.

Through the night
you led your people into freedom.
At day's end
you rained down manna in the wilderness.
At sundown
your Son brought healing to people in need.
In the midday night
when Jesus died on the cross,
life came forth for all.
Stay with us, for it is evening.
Stay with us, for it is evening.

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.

Our hearts burn within us
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Like a mother hen,
hold us close through the coming night.
Watch with those who labor,
accompany those who long for peaceful sleep,
welcome those whose waking will be only in you.
Into our deepest night, come, Lord Jesus.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Come, Holy Spirit,
make here the body of Christ:
in the breaking of the bread,
in justice for our broken world,

in rest for the weary, come, Holy Spirit.
Come, Holy Spirit.

To you, O God,
painter of both night and day,
guiding star and healing sun,
breath of peace and wind of change,
be all glory, all honor, all praise
this night unto the coming dawn, now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION

**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 (ELW 484)

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart: Gift of Finest Wheat

Refrain

**You satisfy the hungry heart
with gift of finest wheat.**

**Come give to us, O saving Lord,
the bread of life to eat.**

1 As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
they know and heed his voice;
so when you call your fam'ly, Lord,
we follow and rejoice. **Refrain**

2 With joyful lips we sing to you
our praise and gratitude
that you should count us worthy, Lord,
to share this heav'nly food. **Refrain**

3 Is not the cup we bless and share
the blood of Christ outpoured?

Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
our oneness in the Lord? **Refrain**

4 The myst'ry of your presence, Lord,
no mortal tongue can tell:
whom all the world cannot contain
comes in our hearts to dwell. **Refrain**

5 You give yourself to us, O Lord;
then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name
in truth and charity. **Refrain**

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN *Build a Longer Table* (ACS 1062)

1 Build a longer table, not a higher wall,
feeding those who hunger, making room for all.
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,
Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.

2 Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail;
where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.
For any place where justice is denied,
Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.

3 Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.
Love protects all people, sparing no expense.
When we embrace compassion more than fear,
Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.

4 When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,
Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.
So must our tables welcome those who roam.
None can be excluded; all must find a home.

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BLESSING

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

Amen

SENDING SONG *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* (ELW 774)

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

**Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. **Refrain**

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. **Refrain**

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Martha Kodzynski, Rhonda Mau, Heather Miller, Joan Lehman, Larry Blais, Garnet Miller, Betty Kuehl, Karl Hausser, Elva Gagne, Eva Hagenah, Barbara Schoof, Inge Latiok, Marcella Kuehl, David Brumm, Gwen Burchart, Jeanette Nevile, James Dean, Brittany, Jean Kuehl, June Popke, Katie, Viola Hill, Lorna Handke, Dorothy Scheuneman, Douglas Crigger, Cheryl.

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.

CONFIRMATION CLASS Confirmation classes will be on **Wednesday April 29, May 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th 2026 at 6:15 pm.**

MESSY CHURCH Please join us for Messy Church on **Monday May 4th at 5:30 pm** for Food, Crafts, Stories, Games, Fun – FREE! All ages welcome, bring a friend!

WORSHIP & MUSIC Worship and Music will be meeting on **Monday May 4th at 7:00 pm.**

ZION LUTHERAN WOMEN The ZLW will be meeting on **Wednesday May 6th at 2:30 pm** with a presentation by Pastor Sue on the Theme - “BREATH”

COUNCIL MEETING The next Council Meeting will be on **Tuesday May 12th at 7:00 pm.**

ZION THRIFT SHOP Our new Zion Thrift Shop will be opening on **Wednesday May 6th 2026 at 1:00 pm!** Please come to the side door at Munro and Miller St crossroads and look for our sign! *Volunteers are still needed to help us run the shop. Please contact the office or Pastor Sue if you can help!*

PASTORAL CARE Pastoral Care will be meeting on **Monday May 11th at 10:00 am.**

MORNING SOCIAL Join us on **Wednesday May 13th & 27th at 10:00 am** in the Parish Hall. Come on out for fun and fellowship. There will only be one morning social in April.

SUPPLES LANDING WORSHIP SERVICE On Thursday May 21st at 2:00 pm there will be a worship service with holy communion at Supples Landing.

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

SENIORS EXERCISE CLASSES Join us every Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Be Sure to Bring a Friend!

LUTHERLYN CAMP SPRING WORK DAY We are having our spring work day on Saturday May 2nd from 9:00 am-2:00 pm. We will be waking up the camp and getting everything into place for our summer 2026 guests and lunch will be provided Please bring your work gloves and your favorite rake, we have lots of yard work to do on our big beautiful property! If you can please email us at info@lutherlyncamp.ca to let us know if you can make it-we want to make sure we have enough lunch for everyone. See you May 2nd!



**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Thrift Shop**

Wednesday 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Thursday 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Friday 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm



Join us the first Monday every month. We begin each night with a meal at 5:30 pm.



Food - Crafts - Story



Games - Fkn - Free!

Our Next Messy Church is Monday May 4th at 5:30 pm
Come for an evening of so much fun and bring a friend!

Zion Lutheran Women

Please join us on
Wed. May 6, 2026
At 2:30 pm

"BREATH"

Presentation by Pastor Sue

Coffee and snacks to follow!

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