

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
SUNDAY MARCH 9 2025
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP SETTING 4**

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING

P: Happy are those who trust in the Lord.

C: God's steadfast love surrounds us.

P: May we be glad and rejoice.

C: Let us worship the Lord together!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,

**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not
always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the
tender compassion**

**you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free
again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our
lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,

God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home.
In + Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Speak to us, O Lord.

Shape us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit, that these dry bones may rise and live to praise your name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days* (ELW 319)

1 O Lord, throughout these forty days
you prayed and kept the fast;
inspire repentance for our sin,
and free us from our past.

2 You strove with Satan, and you won;
your faithfulness endured;
lend us your nerve, your skill, and trust
in God's eternal word.

3 Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed
and fixed your mind above;
so teach us to deny ourselves
that we may know God's love.

4 Be with us through this season, Lord,
and all our earthly days,
that when the final Easter dawns,
we join in heaven's praise.

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GREETING (ELW p. 147)

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.

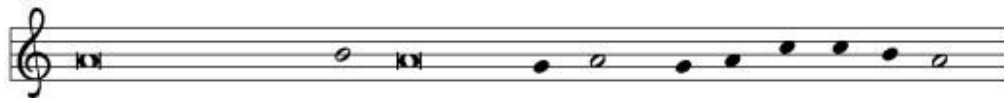
KYRIE (ELW p. 147)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



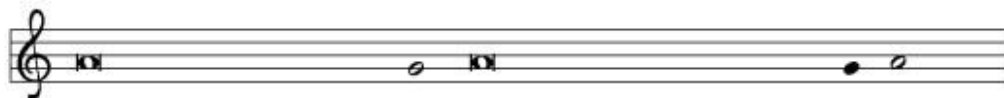
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 150)

Let us pray.

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

MIXED CHOIR – “*A Time for All Things*”

Adapted from Ecclesiastes by Douglas E Wagner.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

A reading from Deuteronomy.

¹ When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.” ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the Lord your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.” You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house. Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

MUSIC *On Eagle's Wings* (ELW 787)

1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge,
with faithfulness your shield. Refrain

3 You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come. Refrain

4 For to the angels God's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Final refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand;
and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

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SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

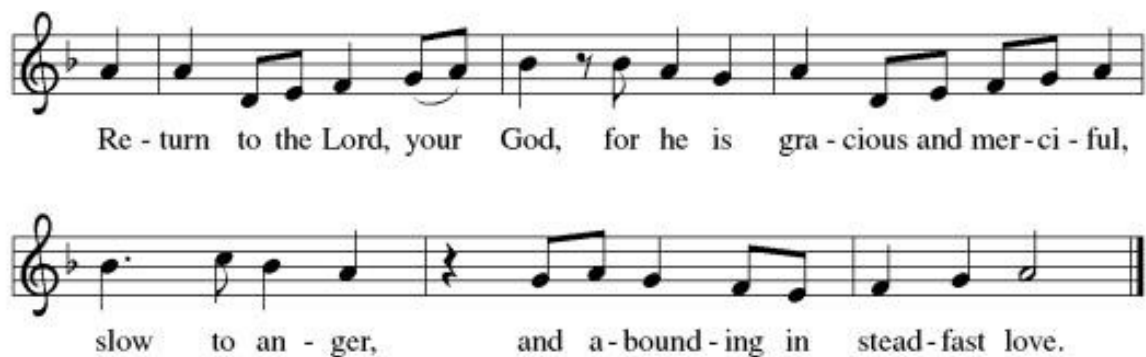
A reading from Romans.

^{8b} “The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 151)



GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” ⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and

serve only him.’ ” ⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ ¹¹ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ” ¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ” ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *As Your Spirit in the Desert* (ACS 923)

1 As your Spirit in the desert
led the Christ to dust and stone,
so instill our hearts with courage
now to cross where Christ has gone.
Let us cross into the wilderness
so to walk where Christ has gone.

2 As your fire and cloudy pillar
Israel's tribes to Canaan led,
may your presence be our comfort,
may your manna be our bread.
Let us cross into the wilderness
with God's manna as our bread.

3 Though wild beasts may lurk in shadow,
and dire thirst may sear and sting,
you have promised living waters
waiting for us at the spring.
Let us cross out of the wilderness
to the waters of the spring.

4 Through the narrow gate now draw us,
past all empire's pull and strife,
where beyond our fear and clinging
stands the threshold of new life.
Let us cross out of the wilderness
to the threshold of new life.

5 God of desert, God of promise,
you have bid us journey on
through the days of dust and darkness
to the rising of the dawn.
Let us cross out of the wilderness
to the rising of the dawn.

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NICENE CREED (ELW p. 104)

**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

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Gracious God, speak your word anew among your church. Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to turn inward in fear or complacency. Embolden church institutions to turn from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Mothering God, speak the word of life into wilderness places and fertile fields. Grant wisdom to your people, that we may quell the urge to strip lands of their resources and instead preserve first fruits for future generations. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Almighty God, speak a word of wisdom to people in positions of power: mayors, councils, and tribal leaders, legislators, judges and juries, prime ministers and presidents, and monarchs. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance, resisting the temptations of the evil one. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Steadfast God, speak words of courage to your people in the wilderness. Protect migrants and refugees on perilous journeys, that they find safe refuge and a portion in the bounty you have given humanity to share. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone. Bless lay ministers, home communion teams, and others who attend to those who are overlooked, vulnerable, or lonely, that all find belonging in your love. We pray for all who are ill (*especially Jason, Martha, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Anneliese, Joan, Judy, Larry, Garnet, Betty, Lily, Karl, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Barbara, Inge, Marcella, Patricia, Amy, Edie, Otilia, Kirk, Joan, David, Gwen, Don, Jeanette, James*). God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Living God, we give thanks for all the faithful who have crossed the threshold from death to life. Guide us who are living to learn from their wisdom and follow their example. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

Amen.

PEACE (ELW p. 152)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN *We Place upon Your Table, Lord* (ELW 467 verses 1&3)

1 We place upon your table, Lord,
where you by grace have bid us dine,
these tokens of our daily work,
the food of life, the bread and wine.

3 Accept them, Lord; they come from you;
we take them humbly from your hand;
put these your gifts to higher use:
the holy meal that you command.

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OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 152)

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE (ELW p. 152)

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

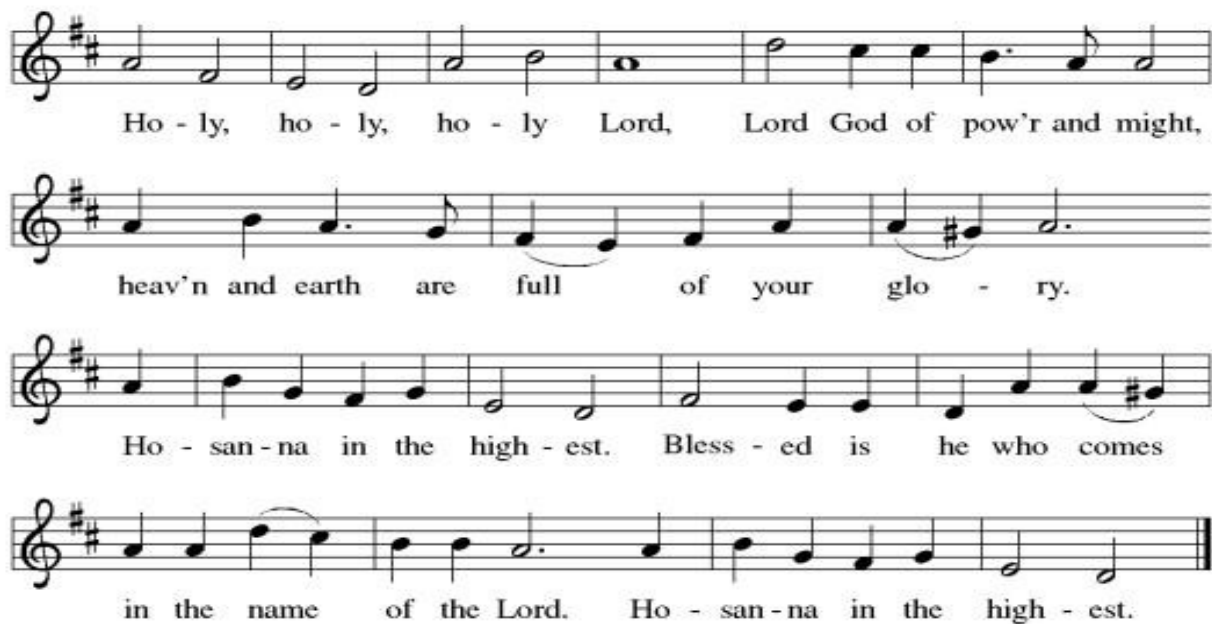
PREFACE (ELW p. 153)

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.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

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. 153)



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 153)

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,

we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 154)

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. 154)

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION (ELW p. 154)

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

LAMB OF GOD (ELW P. 154)

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 Want Jesus to Walk with Me* (ELW 325)

1 I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

3 When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN *Beautiful Things* (ACS 925) (use hymnal)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 155)

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit,
+ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *Bless Now, O God, the Journey* (ELW 326)

1 Bless now, O God, the journey
that all your people make,
the path through noise and silence,
the way of give and take.
The trail is found in desert
and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters,
the road where faith is found.

2 Bless sojourners and pilgrims
who share this winding way;
your hope burns through the terrors,
your love sustains the day.
We yearn for holy freedom
while often we are bound;
together we are seeking
the road where faith is found.

3 Divine eternal lover,
you meet us on the road.
We wait for land of promise
where milk and honey flow,
but waiting not for places,
you meet us all around.
Our covenant is written
on roads, as faith is found.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Sunday, March 2, 2025: Attendance: 67

ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: March 10–16, 2025

Monday:	8:30 am	Pickle Ball
	1:00 pm	Exercise Class
	7:00 pm	Worship & Music 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	Council Mtg.
	7:00 pm	Mixed Choir
Wednesday:	10:00 am	Morning Social
	1:00 pm	Exercise Class
	5:30 pm	Soup & Sandwich
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service
	8:00 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 & Living Stones Service

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Scott Schellenberger
Music Director:	Blaine Sack
Worship Assistant:	Wayne Kirk
Sexton:	Koit Rull
Projector Operator:	Diane Hammel
Video Recorder:	Ryan Schmidt
Sound Operator:	Noah Schmidt
Counters:	Lisa Campitelli, Karen Gauthier, David Lehman
Altar Care:	Maria Denney
Ushers:	Amanda Campbell & Ryan Parcher
Coffee Hour:	Susan Dupuis & Kathy Hoffman

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, Amy Markus-Burgess, Edie Brum, Otilia Saldana G, Kirk Weichenthal, Joan LaForce, David Brumm, Gwen Burchart, Don and Jeanette Nevile, James Dean.

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.**

DONATION

A donation has been made to the property fund by Robbie Gorr in memory of his father Edward Gorr who passed away March 8 2023.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Meeting **Monday March 10th at 7:00 pm.**

CHURCH COUNCIL Meeting **Tuesday March 11th at 7:00 pm.**

MORNING SOCIAL **Wednesday March 12 2025 at 10:00 am.**

SOUP & SANDWICH **Wednesday March 12, 19, 26th at 5:30 pm.**

LENTEN SERVICE **Wednesday March 12, 19, 26th at 6:30 pm.**

LIVING STONES SERVICE **Sunday March 16th 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.

SOUP & SANDWICH SIGN-UP SHEET There is a sign-up sheet posted by the kitchen for those that wish to bring soup and/or sandwiches to share for our Soup, Sandwich and Service Dinners.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY Please note that the Lenten Book Study has been postponed until the Fall. The new dates will be posted as they become available.

KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS We will have another table of knit and crochet items as part of our Spring Yard Sale this year. Thank you to everyone who contributed items at our last yard sale...it was a wonderful addition to our sale. If you would like to donate items of any sort (dishcloths, hats, scarves, etc.), it would be most appreciated. If you have any questions, please talk to Karen Gauthier or Susan Dupuis.

THE 2025 PEMBROKE KIWANIS MUSIC AND DANCE FESTIVAL! 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.



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



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

Soup and Sandwich Luncheon



Sunday March 23 2025

Following worship

Please join us.

Hosted by: Your Social Ministry Committee
Morning Social Gatherings



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

Wednesday March 12 & 26 at 10:00 am

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

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