

**ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8 2026
SETTING TWO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

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and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
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.
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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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* (ELW 553)

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true and only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

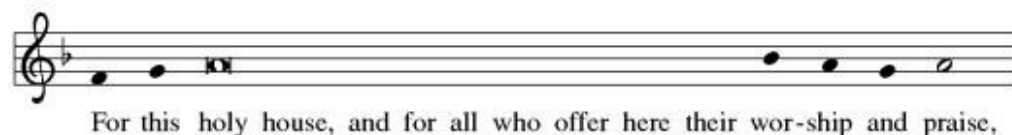
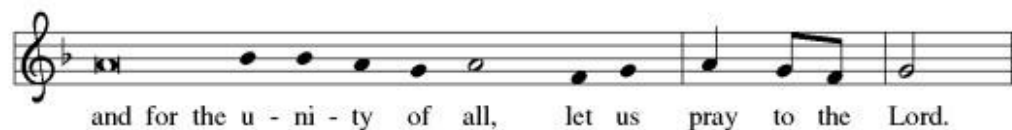
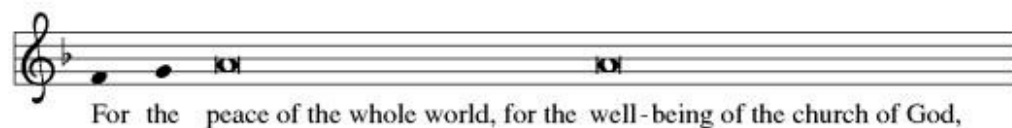
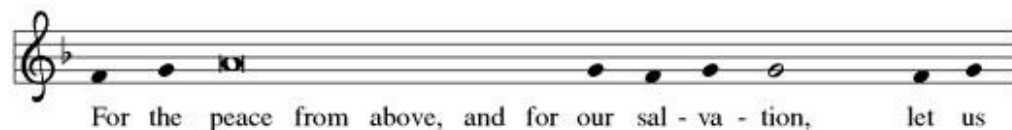
3 Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

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GREETING

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KYRIE (ELW p. 120)



CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 122)

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

MIXED CHOIR ~ 'THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE'

African American Spiritual; arr. By H. C. Boyer

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ Shout out; do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments;
they want God on their side.

³ “Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day
and oppress all your workers.

⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

^{9a} Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 112:1-9

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in God's commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honour.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" —

¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 124)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the

lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord of Light* (ELW 688)

1 Lord of light, your name outshining
all the stars and suns of space,
use our talents in your kingdom
as the servants of your grace;
use us to fulfill your purpose
in the gift of Christ your Son:

Refrain

**Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.**

2 By the toil of faithful workers
in some far outlying field,
by the courage where the radiance
of the cross is still revealed,
by the victories of meekness,
through reproach and suffering won: **Refrain**

3 Grant that knowledge, still increasing,
at your feet may lowly kneel;
with your grace our triumphs hallow,
with your charity our zeal;
lift the nations from the shadows
to the gladness of the sun: **Refrain**

4 By the prayers of faithful watchers,
never silent day or night;
by the cross of Jesus, bringing
peace to all and healing light;
by the love that passes knowledge,
making all your children one: **Refrain**

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

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

Your church does ministry in many and various ways. Keep the baptized true to the mind of Christ, that our works and witness bring hope to a troubled world.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your marvelous creation cries out to you. Restore polluted air, soil, and water sources to wholeness. Guard honeybees, elephants, great whales and songbirds from harm, and renew the face of the earth. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your people in every nation suffer injustice, poverty, and the threat of violence. Guide those in authority to govern with compassion, and bring peace to war zones and places of violence. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your blessings are poured out for all in need. Help and heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease, hunger, abuse, or persecution. Comfort those who are sick or grieving (especially *Jason, Martha, Rhonda, Heather, Joan, Larry, Garnet, Betty, Karl, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Barbara, Inge, Marcella, Kirk, David, Gwen, Jeanette, James, Brittany, Jean, Delton, Jean, June, Katie, Viola, Lorna, Dorothy, Cary, Douglas, and those we name in our hearts and minds*)... Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your wisdom guides this congregation and its ministries. Sustain our ordained leaders, staff, lay leaders, and volunteers. Form us to be salt and light for the neighbors we serve, following the example of Christ. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your saints rejoice at your heavenly banquet. We give thanks for their lives of faith, trusting that we also will be embraced by your eternal love. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING *God of the Fertile Fields* (ACS 1063 verses 1,2)

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.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with
these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD (ELW p. 220)

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you
spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into
being. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts:
freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile,
wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

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Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

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Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory 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.**

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 *God's Work, Our Hands* (ACS 1000)

1 God's work, our hands: working together,
building a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens,
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

2 God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,
following Jesus to places unknown,
walking as friends, marching for freedom,
running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

3 God's work, our voice: singing together,
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
praying for peace, shouting for justice,
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

4 God is at work in and around us:
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ATTENDANCE: Sunday February 1, 2026- 10:00 am: 64

ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: Feb. 09–15 2026

Monday: 8:00 am Pickle Ball
1:00 pm Exercise Class
6:30 pm Pickle Ball
7:00 pm Music Healing Vets

Tuesday: 9:30 am Tai Chi
6:30 pm Tai Chi
7:00 pm Men's Choir

Wednesday: 10:00 am Morning Social
11:00 am E.N.G.T
1:00 pm Exercise 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 Exercise Class

Sunday: 10:00 am Blended Worship Service
Following Worship Valentine Extravaganza!

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP LEADERS

Worship Leader: Susan Dupuis
Worship Assistant: Krista Smith
Director of Music: Blaine Sack
Sexton: Diane Hammel
Projector Operator: Gerry Vandersleen
Video Recorder: Ellen Vandersleen
Sound Operator: Gerry Vandersleen
Counters: Kathy Godin, Kathy Hoffman, Christine Booth
Altar Care: Maria Denney
Ushers: Alan Rose, Cheryl Sack
Coffee Hour: Denise & Barry Schizkoske

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, Clarence Gagne, Eva Hagenah, Barbara Schoof, Inge Latiok, Marcella Kuehl, Kirk Weichenthal, David Brumm, Gwen Burchart, Jeanette Nevile, James Dean, Brittany, Jean Kuehl, Jean Rutz, Delton Felske, June Popke, Katie, Viola Hill, Lorna Handke, Dorothy Scheuneman, Cary Lien, Douglas Crigger.

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.

<p>PASTOR SCOTT & PASTOR SUE WILL BE AT THE BISHOP'S RETREAT FEBRUARY 8 - 12 2026</p>
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CONFIRMATION CLASS There will not be a confirmation class on Wednesday February 11th.

MORNING SOCIAL Our next Morning Socials will be on **Wednesday February 11th and 25th at 10:00 am.** Come for coffee and conversation!

VALENTINES EXTRAVAGANZA Following worship on **Sunday February 15th!** Stay for games, silent auction, fun for all! Bring a date, a friend, your sweetheart, your kids, parents, a neighbour, whoever you like! Free will offering gathered for the Food Bank.

Looking for auction donation items, ie: gift cards, gifts in kind, services, baked goods... please speak with Pastor Sue.

SHROVE TUESDAY: PANCAKE DINNER Come and Feast before the Fast! **February 17th**, beginning at **5:00 pm**, last pancakes served at **6:30 pm**.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE with Imposition of Ashes **Wednesday February 18th at 7:00 pm.**

<p>ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22 2026 AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE</p>
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SOUP AND SANDWICH DINNERS On Wednesday nights during Lent beginning **February 25th at 5:30 pm.**

SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS Senior Exercise classes on **Monday Wednesday and Friday at 1:00 pm.** Please make sure to tell your friends and we look forward to seeing you!

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

THE COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

It's that time of year again! The Coldest Night of the Year Walk will be happening on February 28. The event will take place at the Algonquin College. Walkers will begin and end their walk there. Hot soup and buns will be served along with delicious cake as we listen to live entertainment. It is a fun evening. The proceeds of the walk go to The Grind and it is their major fundraiser of the year. We are looking for folks to join our Zion's Frozen Few team, as well as sponsors for the walkers. Please contact Ellen or Susan for more information.

Did you know that The Grind serves hot breakfast and lunches to thousands of people each year? These include seniors, families, folks with mental health challenges as well as our homeless. Did you know that The Grind helps with referrals to Mental Health facilities, ODSP, OW and the food bank. Many people need help in knowing how to access help and The Grind is there to help. Did you know that The Grind has shower facilities as well as laundry Assistance. They are now handing out Laundry Vouchers. Imagine if you needed to decide to spend your few dollars on rent or laundry? The Grind Coffee House offers much more than food. It is a place where people are welcomed. It is a place where lonely seniors can come for a social visit. It is a place that offers connection and belonging. Words that fit: family, community, belonging, together, unity, home and kinship. It is a place that offers support and care. Words that fit: support, care, compassion, kindness, understanding, empathy, listening and help. It is a place that offers hope & healing. Words that fit: Hope, healing, recovery, strength, resilience, light, renewal and peace.

The Grind is a faith-based place where prayer is happening everyday.

OFFERINGS

Thank you for your generosity! If you are interested in leaving an offering for the ministry of the church you can do it three ways: 1.) Place it in the offering plates at either of the church sanctuary doors. 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. 3.) Through Pre-authorized Giving (PAR) where an amount is automatically debited from your account each month. If you would like church envelopes or to sign up for PAR, please contact the church office at 613-732-8792.



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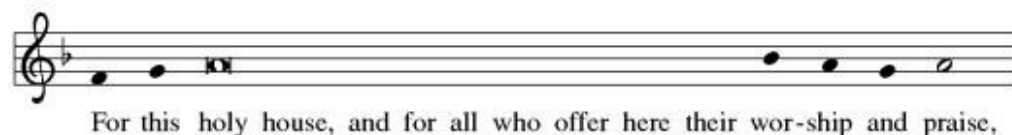
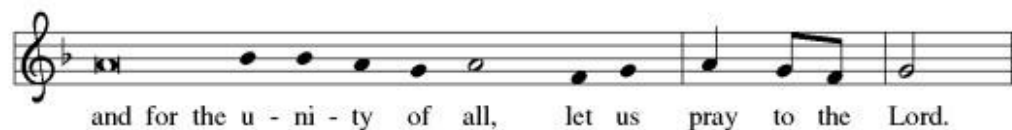
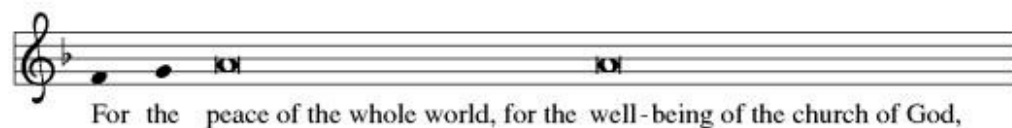
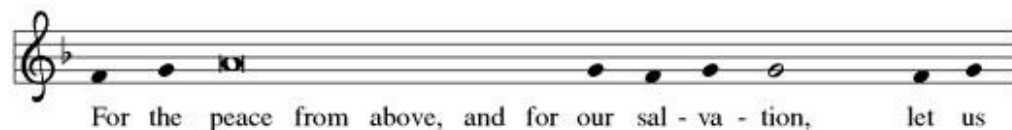
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The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord of Light* (ELW 688)

1 Lord of light, your name outshining
all the stars and suns of space,
use our talents in your kingdom
as the servants of your grace;
use us to fulfill your purpose
in the gift of Christ your Son:

Refrain

**Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.**

2 By the toil of faithful workers
in some far outlying field,
by the courage where the radiance
of the cross is still revealed,
by the victories of meekness,
through reproach and suffering won: **Refrain**

3 Grant that knowledge, still increasing,
at your feet may lowly kneel;
with your grace our triumphs hallow,
with your charity our zeal;
lift the nations from the shadows
to the gladness of the sun: **Refrain**

4 By the prayers of faithful watchers,
never silent day or night;
by the cross of Jesus, bringing
peace to all and healing light;
by the love that passes knowledge,
making all your children one: **Refrain**

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

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

Your church does ministry in many and various ways. Keep the baptized true to the mind of Christ, that our works and witness bring hope to a troubled world.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your marvelous creation cries out to you. Restore polluted air, soil, and water sources to wholeness. Guard honeybees, elephants, great whales and songbirds from harm, and renew the face of the earth. Merciful God,

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Your people in every nation suffer injustice, poverty, and the threat of violence. Guide those in authority to govern with compassion, and bring peace to war zones and places of violence. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God,

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Your blessings are poured out for all in need. Help and heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease, hunger, abuse, or persecution. Comfort those who are sick or grieving (especially *Jason, Martha, Rhonda, Heather, Joan, Larry, Garnet, Betty, Karl, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Barbara, Inge, Marcella, Kirk, David, Gwen, Jeanette, James, Brittany, Jean, Delton, Jean, June, Katie, Viola, Lorna, Dorothy, Cary, Douglas, and those we name in our hearts and minds*)... Merciful God,

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Your wisdom guides this congregation and its ministries. Sustain our ordained leaders, staff, lay leaders, and volunteers. Form us to be salt and light for the neighbors we serve, following the example of Christ. Merciful God,

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Your saints rejoice at your heavenly banquet. We give thanks for their lives of faith, trusting that we also will be embraced by your eternal love. Merciful God,

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Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING *God of the Fertile Fields* (ACS 1063 verses 1,2)

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.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with
these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD (ELW p. 220)

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you
spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into
being. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts:
freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile,
wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

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Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

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Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory 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.**

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 *God's Work, Our Hands* (ACS 1000)

1 God's work, our hands: working together,
building a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens,
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

2 God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,
following Jesus to places unknown,
walking as friends, marching for freedom,
running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

3 God's work, our voice: singing together,
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
praying for peace, shouting for justice,
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

4 God is at work in and around us:
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ATTENDANCE: Sunday February 1, 2026- 10:00 am: 64

ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: Feb. 09–15 2026

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TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP LEADERS

Worship Leader: Susan Dupuis
Worship Assistant: Krista Smith
Director of Music: Blaine Sack
Sexton: Diane Hammel
Projector Operator: Gerry Vandersleen
Video Recorder: Ellen Vandersleen
Sound Operator: Gerry Vandersleen
Counters: Kathy Godin, Kathy Hoffman, Christine Booth
Altar Care: Maria Denney
Ushers: Alan Rose, Cheryl Sack
Coffee Hour: Denise & Barry Schizkoske

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, Clarence Gagne, Eva Hagenah, Barbara Schoof, Inge Latiok, Marcella Kuehl, Kirk Weichenthal, David Brumm, Gwen Burchart, Jeanette Nevile, James Dean, Brittany, Jean Kuehl, Jean Rutz, Delton Felske, June Popke, Katie, Viola Hill, Lorna Handke, Dorothy Scheuneman, Cary Lien, Douglas Crigger.

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.

<p>PASTOR SCOTT & PASTOR SUE WILL BE AT THE BISHOP'S RETREAT FEBRUARY 8 - 12 2026</p>
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CONFIRMATION CLASS There will not be a confirmation class on Wednesday February 11th.

MORNING SOCIAL Our next Morning Socials will be on **Wednesday February 11th and 25th at 10:00 am.** Come for coffee and conversation!

VALENTINES EXTRAVAGANZA Following worship on **Sunday February 15th!** Stay for games, silent auction, fun for all! Bring a date, a friend, your sweetheart, your kids, parents, a neighbour, whoever you like! Free will offering gathered for the Food Bank.

Looking for auction donation items, ie: gift cards, gifts in kind, services, baked goods... please speak with Pastor Sue.

SHROVE TUESDAY: PANCAKE DINNER Come and Feast before the Fast! **February 17th**, beginning at **5:00 pm**, last pancakes served at **6:30 pm**.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE with Imposition of Ashes **Wednesday February 18th at 7:00 pm.**

<p>ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22 2026 AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE</p>
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SOUP AND SANDWICH DINNERS On Wednesday nights during Lent beginning **February 25th at 5:30 pm.**

SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS Senior Exercise classes on **Monday Wednesday and Friday at 1:00 pm.** Please make sure to tell your friends and we look forward to seeing you!

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

THE COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

It's that time of year again! The Coldest Night of the Year Walk will be happening on February 28. The event will take place at the Algonquin College. Walkers will begin and end their walk there. Hot soup and buns will be served along with delicious cake as we listen to live entertainment. It is a fun evening. The proceeds of the walk go to The Grind and it is their major fundraiser of the year. We are looking for folks to join our Zion's Frozen Few team, as well as sponsors for the walkers. Please contact Ellen or Susan for more information.

Did you know that The Grind serves hot breakfast and lunches to thousands of people each year? These include seniors, families, folks with mental health challenges as well as our homeless. Did you know that The Grind helps with referrals to Mental Health facilities, ODSP, OW and the food bank. Many people need help in knowing how to access help and The Grind is there to help. Did you know that The Grind has shower facilities as well as laundry Assistance. They are now handing out Laundry Vouchers. Imagine if you needed to decide to spend your few dollars on rent or laundry? The Grind Coffee House offers much more than food. It is a place where people are welcomed. It is a place where lonely seniors can come for a social visit. It is a place that offers connection and belonging. Words that fit: family, community, belonging, together, unity, home and kinship. It is a place that offers support and care. Words that fit: support, care, compassion, kindness, understanding, empathy, listening and help. It is a place that offers hope & healing. Words that fit: Hope, healing, recovery, strength, resilience, light, renewal and peace.

The Grind is a faith-based place where prayer is happening everyday.

OFFERINGS

Thank you for your generosity! If you are interested in leaving an offering for the ministry of the church you can do it three ways: 1.) Place it in the offering plates at either of the church sanctuary doors. 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. 3.) Through Pre-authorized Giving (PAR) where an amount is automatically debited from your account each month. If you would like church envelopes or to sign up for PAR, please contact the church office at 613-732-8792.



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**PRELUDE
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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

In the name of the Father,
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and of the Holy Spirit.
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.
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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.
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Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* (ELW 553)

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true and only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3 Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
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shining to the perfect day.

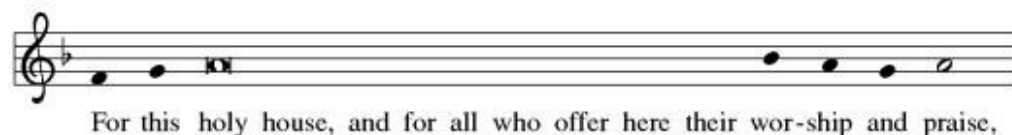
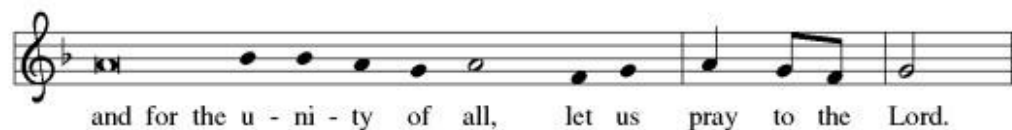
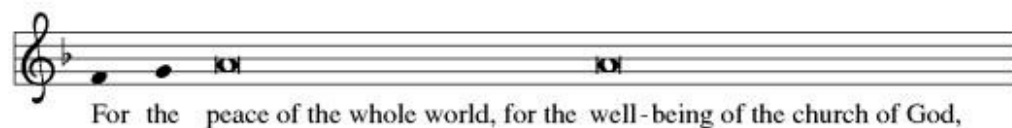
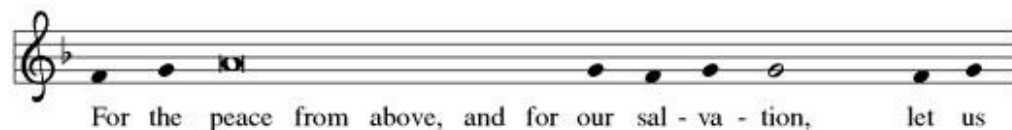
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GREETING

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. 120)



CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 122)

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



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lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



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The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord of Light* (ELW 688)

1 Lord of light, your name outshining
all the stars and suns of space,
use our talents in your kingdom
as the servants of your grace;
use us to fulfill your purpose
in the gift of Christ your Son:

Refrain

**Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.**

2 By the toil of faithful workers
in some far outlying field,
by the courage where the radiance
of the cross is still revealed,
by the victories of meekness,
through reproach and suffering won: **Refrain**

3 Grant that knowledge, still increasing,
at your feet may lowly kneel;
with your grace our triumphs hallow,
with your charity our zeal;
lift the nations from the shadows
to the gladness of the sun: **Refrain**

4 By the prayers of faithful watchers,
never silent day or night;
by the cross of Jesus, bringing
peace to all and healing light;
by the love that passes knowledge,
making all your children one: **Refrain**

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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.**

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As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

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Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING *God of the Fertile Fields* (ACS 1063 verses 1,2)

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.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with
these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD (ELW p. 220)

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you
spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into
being. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts:
freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile,
wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

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Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

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Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory 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.**

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 *God's Work, Our Hands* (ACS 1000)

1 God's work, our hands: working together,
building a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens,
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

2 God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,
following Jesus to places unknown,
walking as friends, marching for freedom,
running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

3 God's work, our voice: singing together,
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
praying for peace, shouting for justice,
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

4 God is at work in and around us:
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ATTENDANCE: Sunday February 1, 2026- 10:00 am: 64

ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: Feb. 09–15 2026

Monday: 8:00 am Pickle Ball
1:00 pm Exercise Class
6:30 pm Pickle Ball
7:00 pm Music Healing Vets

Tuesday: 9:30 am Tai Chi
6:30 pm Tai Chi
7:00 pm Men's Choir

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11:00 am E.N.G.T
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7:00 pm Mixed Choir

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Friday: 10:00 am Home School Group
1:00 pm Exercise Class

Sunday: 10:00 am Blended Worship Service
Following Worship Valentine Extravaganza!

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP LEADERS

Worship Leader: Susan Dupuis
Worship Assistant: Krista Smith
Director of Music: Blaine Sack
Sexton: Diane Hammel
Projector Operator: Gerry Vandersleen
Video Recorder: Ellen Vandersleen
Sound Operator: Gerry Vandersleen
Counters: Kathy Godin, Kathy Hoffman, Christine Booth
Altar Care: Maria Denney
Ushers: Alan Rose, Cheryl Sack
Coffee Hour: Denise & Barry Schizkoske

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, Clarence Gagne, Eva Hagenah, Barbara Schoof, Inge Latiok, Marcella Kuehl, Kirk Weichenthal, David Brumm, Gwen Burchart, Jeanette Nevile, James Dean, Brittany, Jean Kuehl, Jean Rutz, Delton Felske, June Popke, Katie, Viola Hill, Lorna Handke, Dorothy Scheuneman, Cary Lien, Douglas Crigger.

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.

<p>PASTOR SCOTT & PASTOR SUE WILL BE AT THE BISHOP'S RETREAT FEBRUARY 8 - 12 2026</p>
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CONFIRMATION CLASS There will not be a confirmation class on Wednesday February 11th.

MORNING SOCIAL Our next Morning Socials will be on **Wednesday February 11th and 25th at 10:00 am.** Come for coffee and conversation!

VALENTINES EXTRAVAGANZA Following worship on **Sunday February 15th!** Stay for games, silent auction, fun for all! Bring a date, a friend, your sweetheart, your kids, parents, a neighbour, whoever you like! Free will offering gathered for the Food Bank.

Looking for auction donation items, ie: gift cards, gifts in kind, services, baked goods... please speak with Pastor Sue.

SHROVE TUESDAY: PANCAKE DINNER Come and Feast before the Fast! **February 17th, beginning at 5:00 pm, last pancakes served at 6:30 pm.**

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE with Imposition of Ashes **Wednesday February 18th at 7:00 pm.**

<p>ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22 2026 AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE</p>
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SOUP AND SANDWICH DINNERS On Wednesday nights during Lent beginning **February 25th at 5:30 pm.**

SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS Senior Exercise classes on **Monday Wednesday and Friday at 1:00 pm.** Please make sure to tell your friends and we look forward to seeing you!

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

THE COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

It's that time of year again! The Coldest Night of the Year Walk will be happening on February 28. The event will take place at the Algonquin College. Walkers will begin and end their walk there. Hot soup and buns will be served along with delicious cake as we listen to live entertainment. It is a fun evening. The proceeds of the walk go to The Grind and it is their major fundraiser of the year. We are looking for folks to join our Zion's Frozen Few team, as well as sponsors for the walkers. Please contact Ellen or Susan for more information.

Did you know that The Grind serves hot breakfast and lunches to thousands of people each year? These include seniors, families, folks with mental health challenges as well as our homeless. Did you know that The Grind helps with referrals to Mental Health facilities, ODSP, OW and the food bank. Many people need help in knowing how to access help and The Grind is there to help. Did you know that The Grind has shower facilities as well as laundry Assistance. They are now handing out Laundry Vouchers. Imagine if you needed to decide to spend your few dollars on rent or laundry? The Grind Coffee House offers much more than food. It is a place where people are welcomed. It is a place where lonely seniors can come for a social visit. It is a place that offers connection and belonging. Words that fit: family, community, belonging, together, unity, home and kinship. It is a place that offers support and care. Words that fit: support, care, compassion, kindness, understanding, empathy, listening and help. It is a place that offers hope & healing. Words that fit: Hope, healing, recovery, strength, resilience, light, renewal and peace.

The Grind is a faith-based place where prayer is happening everyday.

OFFERINGS

Thank you for your generosity! If you are interested in leaving an offering for the ministry of the church you can do it three ways: 1.) Place it in the offering plates at either of the church sanctuary doors. 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. 3.) Through Pre-authorized Giving (PAR) where an amount is automatically debited from your account each month. If you would like church envelopes or to sign up for PAR, please contact the church office at 613-732-8792.



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**ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8 2026
SETTING TWO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* (ELW 553)

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true and only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3 Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

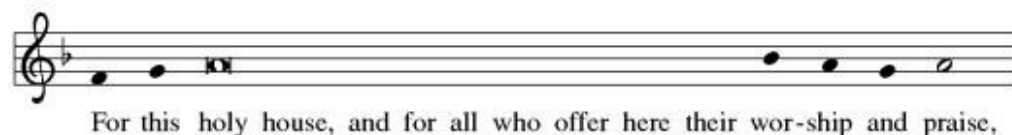
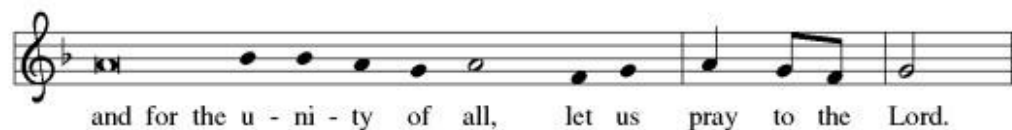
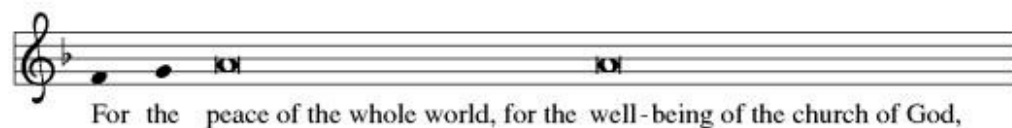
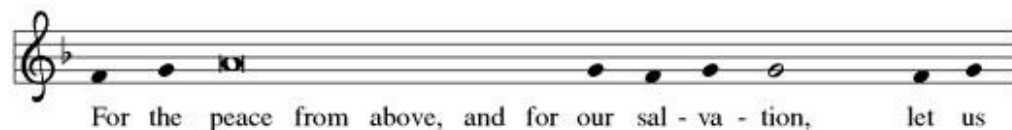
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GREETING

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. 120)



CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 122)

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

MIXED CHOIR ~ 'THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE'

African American Spiritual; arr. By H. C. Boyer

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ Shout out; do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments;
they want God on their side.

³ "Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day
and oppress all your workers.

⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

^{9a} Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 112:1-9

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in God's commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honour.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" —

¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 124)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

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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.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with
these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD (ELW p. 220)

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you
spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into
being. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts:
freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile,
wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

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Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

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Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory 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.**

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 *God's Work, Our Hands* (ACS 1000)

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building a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens,
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

2 God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,
following Jesus to places unknown,
walking as friends, marching for freedom,
running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

3 God's work, our voice: singing together,
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
praying for peace, shouting for justice,
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
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4 God is at work in and around us:
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,
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Director of Music: Blaine Sack
Sexton: Diane Hammel
Projector Operator: Gerry Vandersleen
Video Recorder: Ellen Vandersleen
Sound Operator: Gerry Vandersleen
Counters: Kathy Godin, Kathy Hoffman, Christine Booth
Altar Care: Maria Denney
Ushers: Alan Rose, Cheryl Sack
Coffee Hour: Denise & Barry Schizkoske

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, Clarence Gagne, Eva Hagenah, Barbara Schoof, Inge Latiok, Marcella Kuehl, Kirk Weichenthal, David Brumm, Gwen Burchart, Jeanette Nevile, James Dean, Brittany, Jean Kuehl, Jean Rutz, Delton Felske, June Popke, Katie, Viola Hill, Lorna Handke, Dorothy Scheuneman, Cary Lien, Douglas Crigger.

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.

<p>PASTOR SCOTT & PASTOR SUE WILL BE AT THE BISHOP'S RETREAT FEBRUARY 8 - 12 2026</p>
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CONFIRMATION CLASS There will not be a confirmation class on Wednesday February 11th.

MORNING SOCIAL Our next Morning Socials will be on **Wednesday February 11th and 25th at 10:00 am.** Come for coffee and conversation!

VALENTINES EXTRAVAGANZA Following worship on **Sunday February 15th!** Stay for games, silent auction, fun for all! Bring a date, a friend, your sweetheart, your kids, parents, a neighbour, whoever you like! Free will offering gathered for the Food Bank.

Looking for auction donation items, ie: gift cards, gifts in kind, services, baked goods... please speak with Pastor Sue.

SHROVE TUESDAY: PANCAKE DINNER Come and Feast before the Fast! **February 17th**, beginning at **5:00 pm**, last pancakes served at **6:30 pm**.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE with Imposition of Ashes **Wednesday February 18th at 7:00 pm.**

<p>ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22 2026 AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE</p>
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SOUP AND SANDWICH DINNERS On Wednesday nights during Lent beginning **February 25th at 5:30 pm.**

SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS Senior Exercise classes on **Monday Wednesday and Friday at 1:00 pm.** Please make sure to tell your friends and we look forward to seeing you!

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

THE COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

It's that time of year again! The Coldest Night of the Year Walk will be happening on February 28. The event will take place at the Algonquin College. Walkers will begin and end their walk there. Hot soup and buns will be served along with delicious cake as we listen to live entertainment. It is a fun evening. The proceeds of the walk go to The Grind and it is their major fundraiser of the year. We are looking for folks to join our Zion's Frozen Few team, as well as sponsors for the walkers. Please contact Ellen or Susan for more information.

Did you know that The Grind serves hot breakfast and lunches to thousands of people each year? These include seniors, families, folks with mental health challenges as well as our homeless. Did you know that The Grind helps with referrals to Mental Health facilities, ODSP, OW and the food bank. Many people need help in knowing how to access help and The Grind is there to help. Did you know that The Grind has shower facilities as well as laundry Assistance. They are now handing out Laundry Vouchers. Imagine if you needed to decide to spend your few dollars on rent or laundry? The Grind Coffee House offers much more than food. It is a place where people are welcomed. It is a place where lonely seniors can come for a social visit. It is a place that offers connection and belonging. Words that fit: family, community, belonging, together, unity, home and kinship. It is a place that offers support and care. Words that fit: support, care, compassion, kindness, understanding, empathy, listening and help. It is a place that offers hope & healing. Words that fit: Hope, healing, recovery, strength, resilience, light, renewal and peace.

The Grind is a faith-based place where prayer is happening everyday.

OFFERINGS

Thank you for your generosity! If you are interested in leaving an offering for the ministry of the church you can do it three ways: 1.) Place it in the offering plates at either of the church sanctuary doors. 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. 3.) Through Pre-authorized Giving (PAR) where an amount is automatically debited from your account each month. If you would like church envelopes or to sign up for PAR, please contact the church office at 613-732-8792.



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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8 2026
SETTING TWO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE
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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* (ELW 553)

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true and only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3 Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

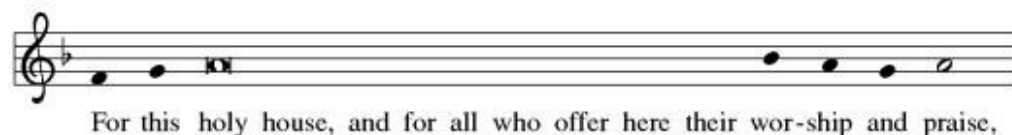
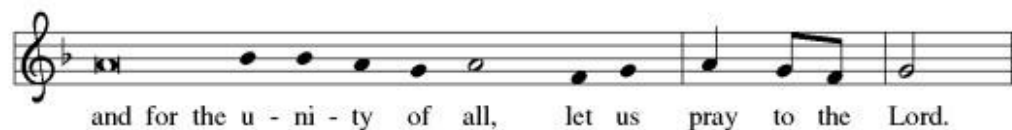
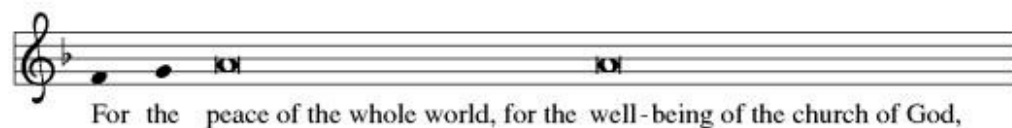
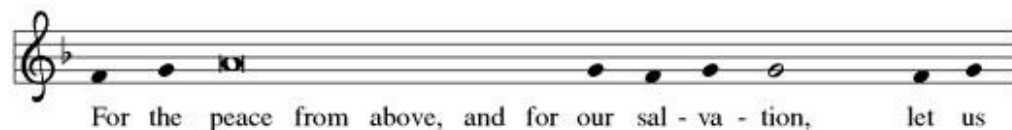
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GREETING

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. 120)



CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 122)

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

MIXED CHOIR ~ 'THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE'

African American Spiritual; arr. By H. C. Boyer

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ Shout out; do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments;
they want God on their side.

³ "Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day
and oppress all your workers.

⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

^{9a} Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 112:1-9

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in God's commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honour.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" —

¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 124)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the

lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord of Light* (ELW 688)

1 Lord of light, your name outshining
all the stars and suns of space,
use our talents in your kingdom
as the servants of your grace;
use us to fulfill your purpose
in the gift of Christ your Son:

Refrain

**Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.**

2 By the toil of faithful workers
in some far outlying field,
by the courage where the radiance
of the cross is still revealed,
by the victories of meekness,
through reproach and suffering won: **Refrain**

3 Grant that knowledge, still increasing,
at your feet may lowly kneel;
with your grace our triumphs hallow,
with your charity our zeal;
lift the nations from the shadows
to the gladness of the sun: **Refrain**

4 By the prayers of faithful watchers,
never silent day or night;
by the cross of Jesus, bringing
peace to all and healing light;
by the love that passes knowledge,
making all your children one: **Refrain**

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

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

Your church does ministry in many and various ways. Keep the baptized true to the mind of Christ, that our works and witness bring hope to a troubled world.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your marvelous creation cries out to you. Restore polluted air, soil, and water sources to wholeness. Guard honeybees, elephants, great whales and songbirds from harm, and renew the face of the earth. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your people in every nation suffer injustice, poverty, and the threat of violence. Guide those in authority to govern with compassion, and bring peace to war zones and places of violence. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your blessings are poured out for all in need. Help and heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease, hunger, abuse, or persecution. Comfort those who are sick or grieving (especially *Jason, Martha, Rhonda, Heather, Joan, Larry, Garnet, Betty, Karl, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Barbara, Inge, Marcella, Kirk, David, Gwen, Jeanette, James, Brittany, Jean, Delton, Jean, June, Katie, Viola, Lorna, Dorothy, Cary, Douglas, and those we name in our hearts and minds*)... Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your wisdom guides this congregation and its ministries. Sustain our ordained leaders, staff, lay leaders, and volunteers. Form us to be salt and light for the neighbors we serve, following the example of Christ. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your saints rejoice at your heavenly banquet. We give thanks for their lives of faith, trusting that we also will be embraced by your eternal love. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING *God of the Fertile Fields* (ACS 1063 verses 1,2)

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
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**PRELUDE
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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✙ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✙ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* (ELW 553)

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true and only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3 Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

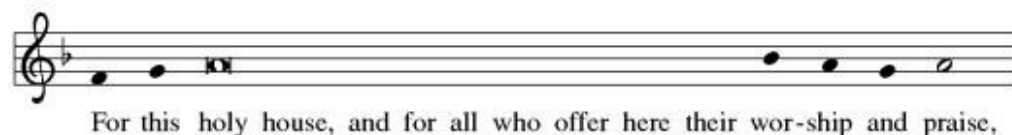
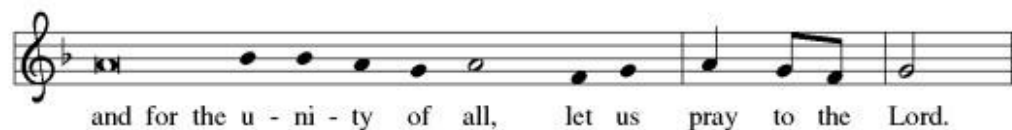
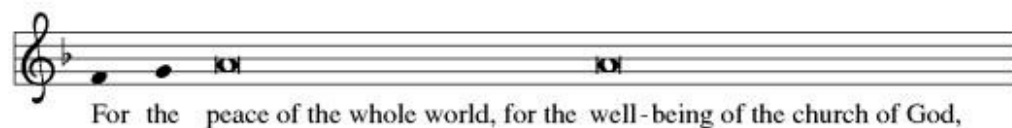
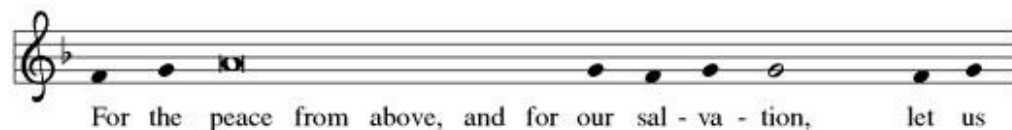
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GREETING

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. 120)



CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 122)

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



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2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

MIXED CHOIR ~ 'THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE'

African American Spiritual; arr. By H. C. Boyer

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ Shout out; do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments;
they want God on their side.

³ “Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day
and oppress all your workers.

⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

^{9a} Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 112:1-9

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in God's commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honour.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" —

¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 124)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the

lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord of Light* (ELW 688)

1 Lord of light, your name outshining
all the stars and suns of space,
use our talents in your kingdom
as the servants of your grace;
use us to fulfill your purpose
in the gift of Christ your Son:

Refrain

**Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.**

2 By the toil of faithful workers
in some far outlying field,
by the courage where the radiance
of the cross is still revealed,
by the victories of meekness,
through reproach and suffering won: **Refrain**

3 Grant that knowledge, still increasing,
at your feet may lowly kneel;
with your grace our triumphs hallow,
with your charity our zeal;
lift the nations from the shadows
to the gladness of the sun: **Refrain**

4 By the prayers of faithful watchers,
never silent day or night;
by the cross of Jesus, bringing
peace to all and healing light;
by the love that passes knowledge,
making all your children one: **Refrain**

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

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

Your church does ministry in many and various ways. Keep the baptized true to the mind of Christ, that our works and witness bring hope to a troubled world.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your marvelous creation cries out to you. Restore polluted air, soil, and water sources to wholeness. Guard honeybees, elephants, great whales and songbirds from harm, and renew the face of the earth. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your people in every nation suffer injustice, poverty, and the threat of violence. Guide those in authority to govern with compassion, and bring peace to war zones and places of violence. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your blessings are poured out for all in need. Help and heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease, hunger, abuse, or persecution. Comfort those who are sick or grieving (especially *Jason, Martha, Rhonda, Heather, Joan, Larry, Garnet, Betty, Karl, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Barbara, Inge, Marcella, Kirk, David, Gwen, Jeanette, James, Brittany, Jean, Delton, Jean, June, Katie, Viola, Lorna, Dorothy, Cary, Douglas, and those we name in our hearts and minds*)... Merciful God,

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Your wisdom guides this congregation and its ministries. Sustain our ordained leaders, staff, lay leaders, and volunteers. Form us to be salt and light for the neighbors we serve, following the example of Christ. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your saints rejoice at your heavenly banquet. We give thanks for their lives of faith, trusting that we also will be embraced by your eternal love. Merciful God,

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Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING *God of the Fertile Fields* (ACS 1063 verses 1,2)

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.

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Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with
these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD (ELW p. 220)

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you
spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into
being. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts:
freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile,
wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

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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.**

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 *God's Work, Our Hands* (ACS 1000)

1 God's work, our hands: working together,
building a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens,
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

2 God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,
following Jesus to places unknown,
walking as friends, marching for freedom,
running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,
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3 God's work, our voice: singing together,
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
praying for peace, shouting for justice,
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
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4 God is at work in and around us:
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

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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.

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Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* (ELW 553)

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true and only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3 Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

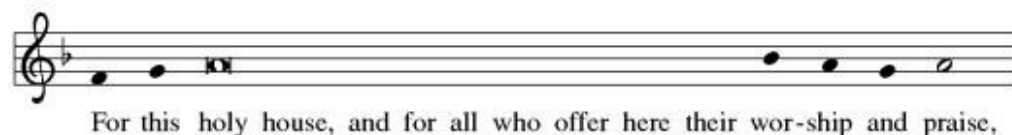
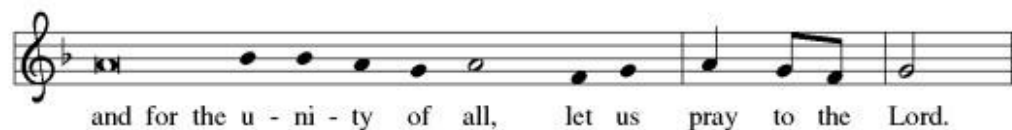
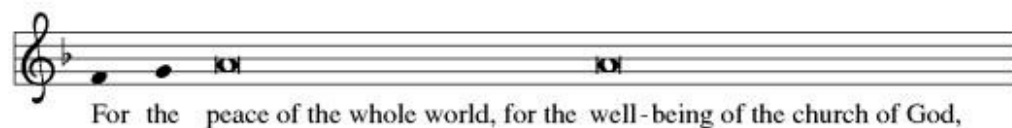
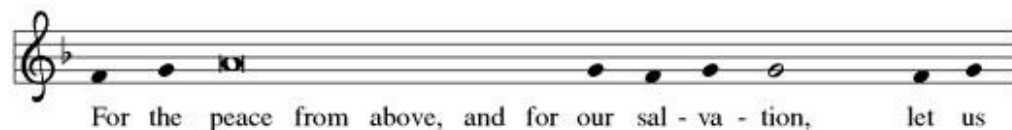
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KYRIE (ELW p. 120)



CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 122)

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

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2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

MIXED CHOIR ~ 'THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE'

African American Spiritual; arr. By H. C. Boyer

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ Shout out; do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments;
they want God on their side.

³ “Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day
and oppress all your workers.

⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

^{9a} Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 112:1-9

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in God's commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honour.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" —

¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 124)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the

lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord of Light* (ELW 688)

1 Lord of light, your name outshining
all the stars and suns of space,
use our talents in your kingdom
as the servants of your grace;
use us to fulfill your purpose
in the gift of Christ your Son:

Refrain

**Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.**

2 By the toil of faithful workers
in some far outlying field,
by the courage where the radiance
of the cross is still revealed,
by the victories of meekness,
through reproach and suffering won: **Refrain**

3 Grant that knowledge, still increasing,
at your feet may lowly kneel;
with your grace our triumphs hallow,
with your charity our zeal;
lift the nations from the shadows
to the gladness of the sun: **Refrain**

4 By the prayers of faithful watchers,
never silent day or night;
by the cross of Jesus, bringing
peace to all and healing light;
by the love that passes knowledge,
making all your children one: **Refrain**

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

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

Your church does ministry in many and various ways. Keep the baptized true to the mind of Christ, that our works and witness bring hope to a troubled world.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your marvelous creation cries out to you. Restore polluted air, soil, and water sources to wholeness. Guard honeybees, elephants, great whales and songbirds from harm, and renew the face of the earth. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your people in every nation suffer injustice, poverty, and the threat of violence. Guide those in authority to govern with compassion, and bring peace to war zones and places of violence. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your blessings are poured out for all in need. Help and heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease, hunger, abuse, or persecution. Comfort those who are sick or grieving (especially *Jason, Martha, Rhonda, Heather, Joan, Larry, Garnet, Betty, Karl, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Barbara, Inge, Marcella, Kirk, David, Gwen, Jeanette, James, Brittany, Jean, Delton, Jean, June, Katie, Viola, Lorna, Dorothy, Cary, Douglas, and those we name in our hearts and minds*)... Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your wisdom guides this congregation and its ministries. Sustain our ordained leaders, staff, lay leaders, and volunteers. Form us to be salt and light for the neighbors we serve, following the example of Christ. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your saints rejoice at your heavenly banquet. We give thanks for their lives of faith, trusting that we also will be embraced by your eternal love. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING *God of the Fertile Fields* (ACS 1063 verses 1,2)

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.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with
these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD (ELW p. 220)

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you
spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into
being. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts:
freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile,
wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

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Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

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Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory 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.**

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 *God's Work, Our Hands* (ACS 1000)

1 God's work, our hands: working together,
building a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens,
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

2 God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,
following Jesus to places unknown,
walking as friends, marching for freedom,
running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

3 God's work, our voice: singing together,
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
praying for peace, shouting for justice,
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

4 God is at work in and around us:
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ATTENDANCE: Sunday February 1, 2026- 10:00 am: 64

ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: Feb. 09–15 2026

Monday: 8:00 am Pickle Ball
1:00 pm Exercise Class
6:30 pm Pickle Ball
7:00 pm Music Healing Vets

Tuesday: 9:30 am Tai Chi
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11:00 am E.N.G.T
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Friday: 10:00 am Home School Group
1:00 pm Exercise Class

Sunday: 10:00 am Blended Worship Service
Following Worship Valentine Extravaganza!

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP LEADERS

Worship Leader: Susan Dupuis
Worship Assistant: Krista Smith
Director of Music: Blaine Sack
Sexton: Diane Hammel
Projector Operator: Gerry Vandersleen
Video Recorder: Ellen Vandersleen
Sound Operator: Gerry Vandersleen
Counters: Kathy Godin, Kathy Hoffman, Christine Booth
Altar Care: Maria Denney
Ushers: Alan Rose, Cheryl Sack
Coffee Hour: Denise & Barry Schizkoske

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, Clarence Gagne, Eva Hagenah, Barbara Schoof, Inge Latiok, Marcella Kuehl, Kirk Weichenthal, David Brumm, Gwen Burchart, Jeanette Nevile, James Dean, Brittany, Jean Kuehl, Jean Rutz, Delton Felske, June Popke, Katie, Viola Hill, Lorna Handke, Dorothy Scheuneman, Cary Lien, Douglas Crigger.

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.

<p>PASTOR SCOTT & PASTOR SUE WILL BE AT THE BISHOP'S RETREAT FEBRUARY 8 - 12 2026</p>
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CONFIRMATION CLASS There will not be a confirmation class on Wednesday February 11th.

MORNING SOCIAL Our next Morning Socials will be on **Wednesday February 11th and 25th at 10:00 am.** Come for coffee and conversation!

VALENTINES EXTRAVAGANZA Following worship on **Sunday February 15th!** Stay for games, silent auction, fun for all! Bring a date, a friend, your sweetheart, your kids, parents, a neighbour, whoever you like! Free will offering gathered for the Food Bank.

Looking for auction donation items, ie: gift cards, gifts in kind, services, baked goods... please speak with Pastor Sue.

SHROVE TUESDAY: PANCAKE DINNER Come and Feast before the Fast! **February 17th**, beginning at **5:00 pm**, last pancakes served at **6:30 pm**.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE with Imposition of Ashes **Wednesday February 18th at 7:00 pm.**

<p>ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22 2026 AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE</p>
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SOUP AND SANDWICH DINNERS On Wednesday nights during Lent beginning **February 25th at 5:30 pm.**

SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS Senior Exercise classes on **Monday Wednesday and Friday at 1:00 pm.** Please make sure to tell your friends and we look forward to seeing you!

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

THE COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

It's that time of year again! The Coldest Night of the Year Walk will be happening on February 28. The event will take place at the Algonquin College. Walkers will begin and end their walk there. Hot soup and buns will be served along with delicious cake as we listen to live entertainment. It is a fun evening. The proceeds of the walk go to The Grind and it is their major fundraiser of the year. We are looking for folks to join our Zion's Frozen Few team, as well as sponsors for the walkers. Please contact Ellen or Susan for more information.

Did you know that The Grind serves hot breakfast and lunches to thousands of people each year? These include seniors, families, folks with mental health challenges as well as our homeless. Did you know that The Grind helps with referrals to Mental Health facilities, ODSP, OW and the food bank. Many people need help in knowing how to access help and The Grind is there to help. Did you know that The Grind has shower facilities as well as laundry Assistance. They are now handing out Laundry Vouchers. Imagine if you needed to decide to spend your few dollars on rent or laundry? The Grind Coffee House offers much more than food. It is a place where people are welcomed. It is a place where lonely seniors can come for a social visit. It is a place that offers connection and belonging. Words that fit: family, community, belonging, together, unity, home and kinship. It is a place that offers support and care. Words that fit: support, care, compassion, kindness, understanding, empathy, listening and help. It is a place that offers hope & healing. Words that fit: Hope, healing, recovery, strength, resilience, light, renewal and peace.

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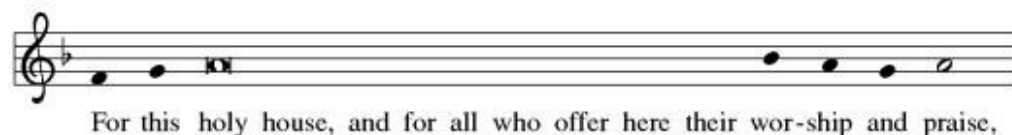
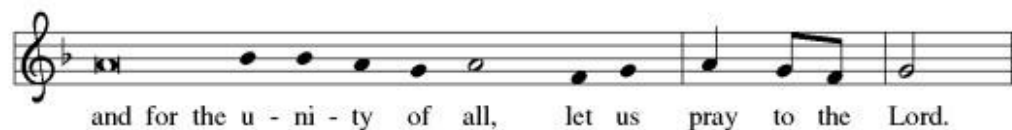
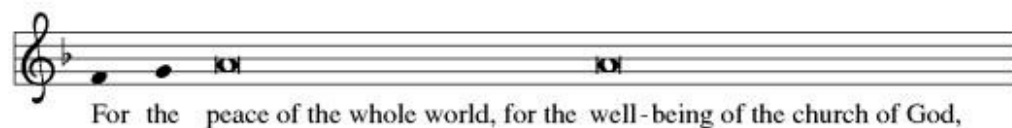
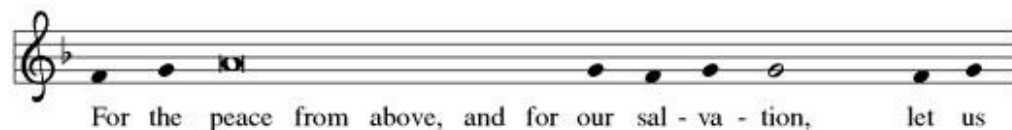
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 124)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

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lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

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The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord of Light* (ELW 688)

1 Lord of light, your name outshining
all the stars and suns of space,
use our talents in your kingdom
as the servants of your grace;
use us to fulfill your purpose
in the gift of Christ your Son:

Refrain

**Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.**

2 By the toil of faithful workers
in some far outlying field,
by the courage where the radiance
of the cross is still revealed,
by the victories of meekness,
through reproach and suffering won: **Refrain**

3 Grant that knowledge, still increasing,
at your feet may lowly kneel;
with your grace our triumphs hallow,
with your charity our zeal;
lift the nations from the shadows
to the gladness of the sun: **Refrain**

4 By the prayers of faithful watchers,
never silent day or night;
by the cross of Jesus, bringing
peace to all and healing light;
by the love that passes knowledge,
making all your children one: **Refrain**

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

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

Your church does ministry in many and various ways. Keep the baptized true to the mind of Christ, that our works and witness bring hope to a troubled world.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your marvelous creation cries out to you. Restore polluted air, soil, and water sources to wholeness. Guard honeybees, elephants, great whales and songbirds from harm, and renew the face of the earth. Merciful God,

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Your people in every nation suffer injustice, poverty, and the threat of violence. Guide those in authority to govern with compassion, and bring peace to war zones and places of violence. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your blessings are poured out for all in need. Help and heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease, hunger, abuse, or persecution. Comfort those who are sick or grieving (especially *Jason, Martha, Rhonda, Heather, Joan, Larry, Garnet, Betty, Karl, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Barbara, Inge, Marcella, Kirk, David, Gwen, Jeanette, James, Brittany, Jean, Delton, Jean, June, Katie, Viola, Lorna, Dorothy, Cary, Douglas, and those we name in our hearts and minds*)... Merciful God,

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Your wisdom guides this congregation and its ministries. Sustain our ordained leaders, staff, lay leaders, and volunteers. Form us to be salt and light for the neighbors we serve, following the example of Christ. Merciful God,

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Your saints rejoice at your heavenly banquet. We give thanks for their lives of faith, trusting that we also will be embraced by your eternal love. Merciful God,

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Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING *God of the Fertile Fields* (ACS 1063 verses 1,2)

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.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with
these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD (ELW p. 220)

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you
spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into
being. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts:
freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile,
wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

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Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

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Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory 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.**

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 *God's Work, Our Hands* (ACS 1000)

1 God's work, our hands: working together,
building a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens,
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

2 God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,
following Jesus to places unknown,
walking as friends, marching for freedom,
running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

3 God's work, our voice: singing together,
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
praying for peace, shouting for justice,
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

4 God is at work in and around us:
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ATTENDANCE: Sunday February 1, 2026- 10:00 am: 64

ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: Feb. 09–15 2026

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Following Worship Valentine Extravaganza!

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP LEADERS

Worship Leader: Susan Dupuis
Worship Assistant: Krista Smith
Director of Music: Blaine Sack
Sexton: Diane Hammel
Projector Operator: Gerry Vandersleen
Video Recorder: Ellen Vandersleen
Sound Operator: Gerry Vandersleen
Counters: Kathy Godin, Kathy Hoffman, Christine Booth
Altar Care: Maria Denney
Ushers: Alan Rose, Cheryl Sack
Coffee Hour: Denise & Barry Schizkoske

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, Clarence Gagne, Eva Hagenah, Barbara Schoof, Inge Latiok, Marcella Kuehl, Kirk Weichenthal, David Brumm, Gwen Burchart, Jeanette Nevile, James Dean, Brittany, Jean Kuehl, Jean Rutz, Delton Felske, June Popke, Katie, Viola Hill, Lorna Handke, Dorothy Scheuneman, Cary Lien, Douglas Crigger.

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.

<p>PASTOR SCOTT & PASTOR SUE WILL BE AT THE BISHOP'S RETREAT FEBRUARY 8 - 12 2026</p>
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CONFIRMATION CLASS There will not be a confirmation class on Wednesday February 11th.

MORNING SOCIAL Our next Morning Socials will be on **Wednesday February 11th and 25th at 10:00 am.** Come for coffee and conversation!

VALENTINES EXTRAVAGANZA Following worship on **Sunday February 15th!** Stay for games, silent auction, fun for all! Bring a date, a friend, your sweetheart, your kids, parents, a neighbour, whoever you like! Free will offering gathered for the Food Bank.

Looking for auction donation items, ie: gift cards, gifts in kind, services, baked goods... please speak with Pastor Sue.

SHROVE TUESDAY: PANCAKE DINNER Come and Feast before the Fast! **February 17th, beginning at 5:00 pm, last pancakes served at 6:30 pm.**

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE with Imposition of Ashes **Wednesday February 18th at 7:00 pm.**

<p>ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22 2026 AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE</p>
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SOUP AND SANDWICH DINNERS On Wednesday nights during Lent beginning **February 25th at 5:30 pm.**

SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS Senior Exercise classes on **Monday Wednesday and Friday at 1:00 pm.** Please make sure to tell your friends and we look forward to seeing you!

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

THE COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

It's that time of year again! The Coldest Night of the Year Walk will be happening on February 28. The event will take place at the Algonquin College. Walkers will begin and end their walk there. Hot soup and buns will be served along with delicious cake as we listen to live entertainment. It is a fun evening. The proceeds of the walk go to The Grind and it is their major fundraiser of the year. We are looking for folks to join our Zion's Frozen Few team, as well as sponsors for the walkers. Please contact Ellen or Susan for more information.

Did you know that The Grind serves hot breakfast and lunches to thousands of people each year? These include seniors, families, folks with mental health challenges as well as our homeless. Did you know that The Grind helps with referrals to Mental Health facilities, ODSP, OW and the food bank. Many people need help in knowing how to access help and The Grind is there to help. Did you know that The Grind has shower facilities as well as laundry Assistance. They are now handing out Laundry Vouchers. Imagine if you needed to decide to spend your few dollars on rent or laundry? The Grind Coffee House offers much more than food. It is a place where people are welcomed. It is a place where lonely seniors can come for a social visit. It is a place that offers connection and belonging. Words that fit: family, community, belonging, together, unity, home and kinship. It is a place that offers support and care. Words that fit: support, care, compassion, kindness, understanding, empathy, listening and help. It is a place that offers hope & healing. Words that fit: Hope, healing, recovery, strength, resilience, light, renewal and peace.

The Grind is a faith-based place where prayer is happening everyday.

OFFERINGS

Thank you for your generosity! If you are interested in leaving an offering for the ministry of the church you can do it three ways: 1.) Place it in the offering plates at either of the church sanctuary doors. 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. 3.) Through Pre-authorized Giving (PAR) where an amount is automatically debited from your account each month. If you would like church envelopes or to sign up for PAR, please contact the church office at 613-732-8792.



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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

In the name of the Father,
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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.
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Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,
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God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* (ELW 553)

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true and only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

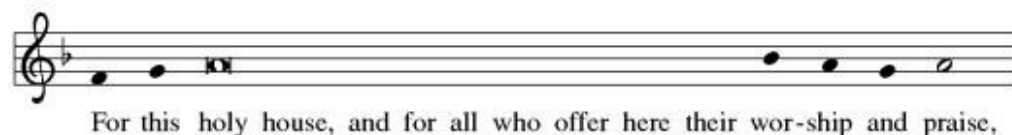
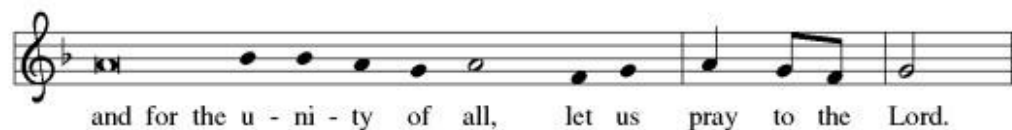
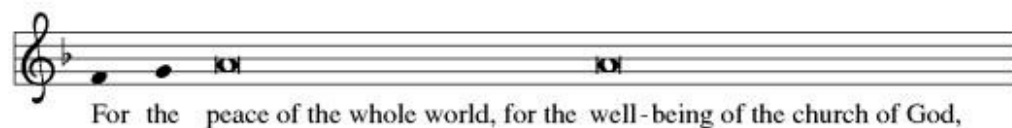
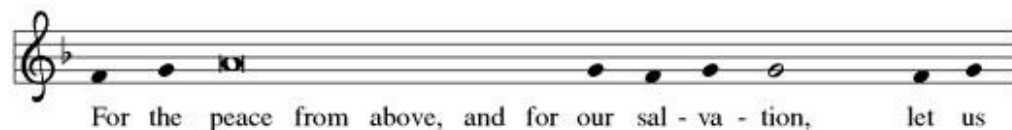
3 Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

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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. 120)



CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 122)

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
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GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord of Light* (ELW 688)

1 Lord of light, your name outshining
all the stars and suns of space,
use our talents in your kingdom
as the servants of your grace;
use us to fulfill your purpose
in the gift of Christ your Son:

Refrain

**Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.**

2 By the toil of faithful workers
in some far outlying field,
by the courage where the radiance
of the cross is still revealed,
by the victories of meekness,
through reproach and suffering won: **Refrain**

3 Grant that knowledge, still increasing,
at your feet may lowly kneel;
with your grace our triumphs hallow,
with your charity our zeal;
lift the nations from the shadows
to the gladness of the sun: **Refrain**

4 By the prayers of faithful watchers,
never silent day or night;
by the cross of Jesus, bringing
peace to all and healing light;
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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.**

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Your marvelous creation cries out to you. Restore polluted air, soil, and water sources to wholeness. Guard honeybees, elephants, great whales and songbirds from harm, and renew the face of the earth. Merciful God,

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Your wisdom guides this congregation and its ministries. Sustain our ordained leaders, staff, lay leaders, and volunteers. Form us to be salt and light for the neighbors we serve, following the example of Christ. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your saints rejoice at your heavenly banquet. We give thanks for their lives of faith, trusting that we also will be embraced by your eternal love. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING *God of the Fertile Fields* (ACS 1063 verses 1,2)

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.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with
these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD (ELW p. 220)

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you
spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into
being. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts:
freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile,
wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

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Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

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Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory 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.**

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 *God's Work, Our Hands* (ACS 1000)

1 God's work, our hands: working together,
building a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens,
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

2 God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,
following Jesus to places unknown,
walking as friends, marching for freedom,
running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

3 God's work, our voice: singing together,
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
praying for peace, shouting for justice,
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

4 God is at work in and around us:
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ATTENDANCE: Sunday February 1, 2026- 10:00 am: 64

ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: Feb. 09–15 2026

Monday: 8:00 am Pickle Ball
1:00 pm Exercise Class
6:30 pm Pickle Ball
7:00 pm Music Healing Vets

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7:00 pm Men's Choir

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Friday: 10:00 am Home School Group
1:00 pm Exercise Class

Sunday: 10:00 am Blended Worship Service
Following Worship Valentine Extravaganza!

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP LEADERS

Worship Leader: Susan Dupuis
Worship Assistant: Krista Smith
Director of Music: Blaine Sack
Sexton: Diane Hammel
Projector Operator: Gerry Vandersleen
Video Recorder: Ellen Vandersleen
Sound Operator: Gerry Vandersleen
Counters: Kathy Godin, Kathy Hoffman, Christine Booth
Altar Care: Maria Denney
Ushers: Alan Rose, Cheryl Sack
Coffee Hour: Denise & Barry Schizkoske

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, Clarence Gagne, Eva Hagenah, Barbara Schoof, Inge Latiok, Marcella Kuehl, Kirk Weichenthal, David Brumm, Gwen Burchart, Jeanette Nevile, James Dean, Brittany, Jean Kuehl, Jean Rutz, Delton Felske, June Popke, Katie, Viola Hill, Lorna Handke, Dorothy Scheuneman, Cary Lien, Douglas Crigger.

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.

<p>PASTOR SCOTT & PASTOR SUE WILL BE AT THE BISHOP'S RETREAT FEBRUARY 8 - 12 2026</p>
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CONFIRMATION CLASS There will not be a confirmation class on Wednesday February 11th.

MORNING SOCIAL Our next Morning Socials will be on **Wednesday February 11th and 25th at 10:00 am.** Come for coffee and conversation!

VALENTINES EXTRAVAGANZA Following worship on **Sunday February 15th!** Stay for games, silent auction, fun for all! Bring a date, a friend, your sweetheart, your kids, parents, a neighbour, whoever you like! Free will offering gathered for the Food Bank.

Looking for auction donation items, ie: gift cards, gifts in kind, services, baked goods... please speak with Pastor Sue.

SHROVE TUESDAY: PANCAKE DINNER Come and Feast before the Fast! **February 17th**, beginning at **5:00 pm**, last pancakes served at **6:30 pm**.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE with Imposition of Ashes **Wednesday February 18th at 7:00 pm.**

<p>ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22 2026 AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE</p>
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SOUP AND SANDWICH DINNERS On Wednesday nights during Lent beginning **February 25th at 5:30 pm.**

SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS Senior Exercise classes on **Monday Wednesday and Friday at 1:00 pm.** Please make sure to tell your friends and we look forward to seeing you!

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

THE COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

It's that time of year again! The Coldest Night of the Year Walk will be happening on February 28. The event will take place at the Algonquin College. Walkers will begin and end their walk there. Hot soup and buns will be served along with delicious cake as we listen to live entertainment. It is a fun evening. The proceeds of the walk go to The Grind and it is their major fundraiser of the year. We are looking for folks to join our Zion's Frozen Few team, as well as sponsors for the walkers. Please contact Ellen or Susan for more information.

Did you know that The Grind serves hot breakfast and lunches to thousands of people each year? These include seniors, families, folks with mental health challenges as well as our homeless. Did you know that The Grind helps with referrals to Mental Health facilities, ODSP, OW and the food bank. Many people need help in knowing how to access help and The Grind is there to help. Did you know that The Grind has shower facilities as well as laundry Assistance. They are now handing out Laundry Vouchers. Imagine if you needed to decide to spend your few dollars on rent or laundry? The Grind Coffee House offers much more than food. It is a place where people are welcomed. It is a place where lonely seniors can come for a social visit. It is a place that offers connection and belonging. Words that fit: family, community, belonging, together, unity, home and kinship. It is a place that offers support and care. Words that fit: support, care, compassion, kindness, understanding, empathy, listening and help. It is a place that offers hope & healing. Words that fit: Hope, healing, recovery, strength, resilience, light, renewal and peace.

The Grind is a faith-based place where prayer is happening everyday.

OFFERINGS

Thank you for your generosity! If you are interested in leaving an offering for the ministry of the church you can do it three ways: 1.) Place it in the offering plates at either of the church sanctuary doors. 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. 3.) Through Pre-authorized Giving (PAR) where an amount is automatically debited from your account each month. If you would like church envelopes or to sign up for PAR, please contact the church office at 613-732-8792.



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ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
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SETTING TWO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* (ELW 553)

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true and only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3 Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

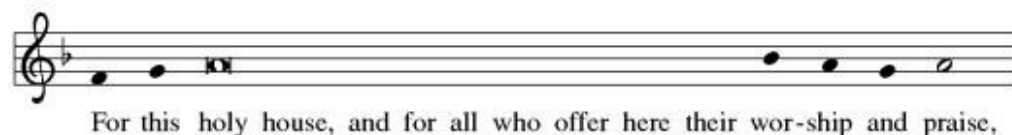
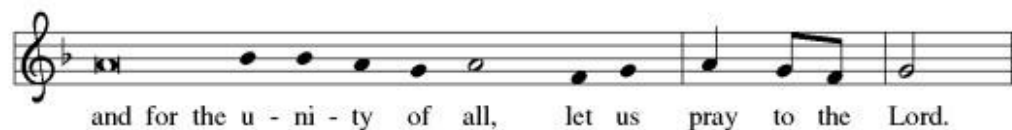
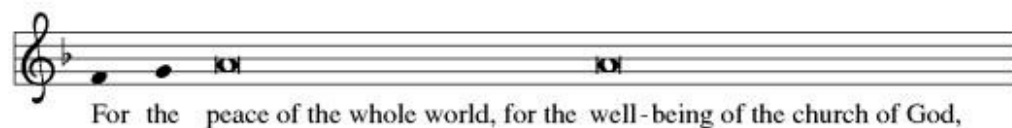
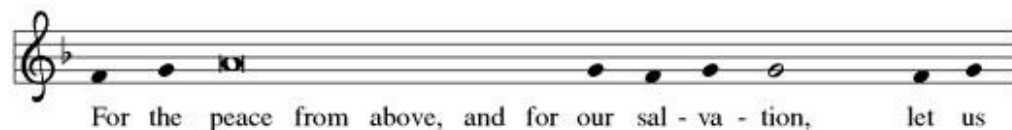
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GREETING

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. 120)



CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 122)

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

MIXED CHOIR ~ 'THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE'

African American Spiritual; arr. By H. C. Boyer

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ Shout out; do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments;
they want God on their side.

³ “Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day
and oppress all your workers.

⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

^{9a} Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 112:1-9

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in God's commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honour.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" —

¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING *God of the Fertile Fields* (ACS 1063 verses 1,2)

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.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with
these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD (ELW p. 220)

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you
spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into
being. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts:
freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile,
wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory 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.**

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 *God's Work, Our Hands* (ACS 1000)

1 God's work, our hands: working together,
building a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens,
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

2 God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,
following Jesus to places unknown,
walking as friends, marching for freedom,
running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

3 God's work, our voice: singing together,
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
praying for peace, shouting for justice,
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

4 God is at work in and around us:
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

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DISMISSAL

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ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: Feb. 09–15 2026

Monday: 8:00 am Pickle Ball
1:00 pm Exercise Class
6:30 pm Pickle Ball
7:00 pm Music Healing Vets

Tuesday: 9:30 am Tai Chi
6:30 pm Tai Chi
7:00 pm Men's Choir

Wednesday: 10:00 am Morning Social
11:00 am E.N.G.T
1:00 pm Exercise 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 Exercise Class

Sunday: 10:00 am Blended Worship Service
Following Worship Valentine Extravaganza!

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP LEADERS

Worship Leader: Susan Dupuis
Worship Assistant: Krista Smith
Director of Music: Blaine Sack
Sexton: Diane Hammel
Projector Operator: Gerry Vandersleen
Video Recorder: Ellen Vandersleen
Sound Operator: Gerry Vandersleen
Counters: Kathy Godin, Kathy Hoffman, Christine Booth
Altar Care: Maria Denney
Ushers: Alan Rose, Cheryl Sack
Coffee Hour: Denise & Barry Schizkoske

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, Clarence Gagne, Eva Hagenah, Barbara Schoof, Inge Latiok, Marcella Kuehl, Kirk Weichenthal, David Brumm, Gwen Burchart, Jeanette Nevile, James Dean, Brittany, Jean Kuehl, Jean Rutz, Delton Felske, June Popke, Katie, Viola Hill, Lorna Handke, Dorothy Scheuneman, Cary Lien, Douglas Crigger.

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.

<p>PASTOR SCOTT & PASTOR SUE WILL BE AT THE BISHOP'S RETREAT FEBRUARY 8 - 12 2026</p>
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CONFIRMATION CLASS There will not be a confirmation class on Wednesday February 11th.

MORNING SOCIAL Our next Morning Socials will be on **Wednesday February 11th and 25th at 10:00 am.** Come for coffee and conversation!

VALENTINES EXTRAVAGANZA Following worship on **Sunday February 15th!** Stay for games, silent auction, fun for all! Bring a date, a friend, your sweetheart, your kids, parents, a neighbour, whoever you like! Free will offering gathered for the Food Bank.

Looking for auction donation items, ie: gift cards, gifts in kind, services, baked goods... please speak with Pastor Sue.

SHROVE TUESDAY: PANCAKE DINNER Come and Feast before the Fast! **February 17th**, beginning at **5:00 pm**, last pancakes served at **6:30 pm**.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE with Imposition of Ashes **Wednesday February 18th at 7:00 pm.**

<p>ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22 2026 AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE</p>
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SOUP AND SANDWICH DINNERS On Wednesday nights during Lent beginning **February 25th at 5:30 pm.**

SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS Senior Exercise classes on **Monday Wednesday and Friday at 1:00 pm.** Please make sure to tell your friends and we look forward to seeing you!

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

THE COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

It's that time of year again! The Coldest Night of the Year Walk will be happening on February 28. The event will take place at the Algonquin College. Walkers will begin and end their walk there. Hot soup and buns will be served along with delicious cake as we listen to live entertainment. It is a fun evening. The proceeds of the walk go to The Grind and it is their major fundraiser of the year. We are looking for folks to join our Zion's Frozen Few team, as well as sponsors for the walkers. Please contact Ellen or Susan for more information.

Did you know that The Grind serves hot breakfast and lunches to thousands of people each year? These include seniors, families, folks with mental health challenges as well as our homeless. Did you know that The Grind helps with referrals to Mental Health facilities, ODSP, OW and the food bank. Many people need help in knowing how to access help and The Grind is there to help. Did you know that The Grind has shower facilities as well as laundry Assistance. They are now handing out Laundry Vouchers. Imagine if you needed to decide to spend your few dollars on rent or laundry? The Grind Coffee House offers much more than food. It is a place where people are welcomed. It is a place where lonely seniors can come for a social visit. It is a place that offers connection and belonging. Words that fit: family, community, belonging, together, unity, home and kinship. It is a place that offers support and care. Words that fit: support, care, compassion, kindness, understanding, empathy, listening and help. It is a place that offers hope & healing. Words that fit: Hope, healing, recovery, strength, resilience, light, renewal and peace.

The Grind is a faith-based place where prayer is happening everyday.

OFFERINGS

Thank you for your generosity! If you are interested in leaving an offering for the ministry of the church you can do it three ways: 1.) Place it in the offering plates at either of the church sanctuary doors. 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. 3.) Through Pre-authorized Giving (PAR) where an amount is automatically debited from your account each month. If you would like church envelopes or to sign up for PAR, please contact the church office at 613-732-8792.



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**ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8 2026
SETTING TWO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* (ELW 553)

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true and only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

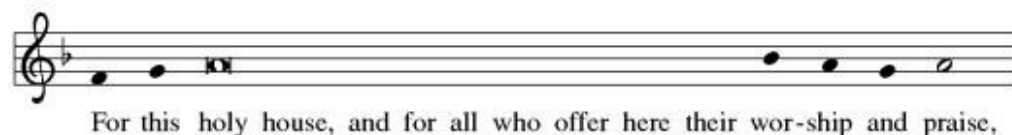
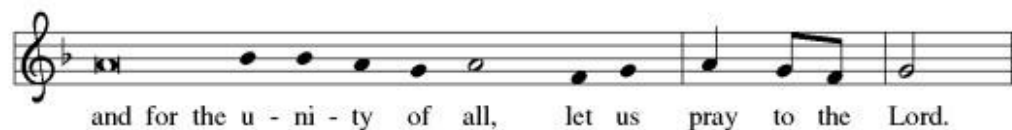
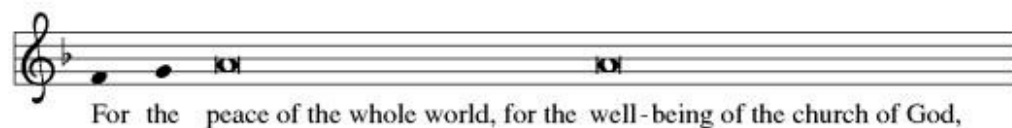
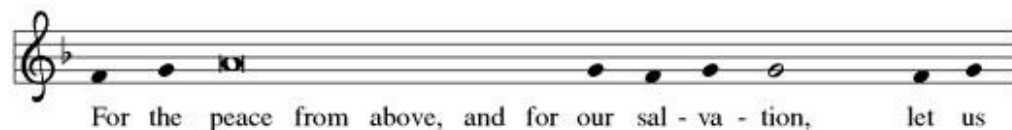
3 Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

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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. 120)



CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 122)

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

MIXED CHOIR ~ 'THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE'

African American Spiritual; arr. By H. C. Boyer

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ Shout out; do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments;
they want God on their side.

³ “Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day
and oppress all your workers.

⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

^{9a} Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 112:1-9

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in God's commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honour.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" —

¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 124)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the

lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord of Light* (ELW 688)

1 Lord of light, your name outshining
all the stars and suns of space,
use our talents in your kingdom
as the servants of your grace;
use us to fulfill your purpose
in the gift of Christ your Son:

Refrain

**Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.**

2 By the toil of faithful workers
in some far outlying field,
by the courage where the radiance
of the cross is still revealed,
by the victories of meekness,
through reproach and suffering won: **Refrain**

3 Grant that knowledge, still increasing,
at your feet may lowly kneel;
with your grace our triumphs hallow,
with your charity our zeal;
lift the nations from the shadows
to the gladness of the sun: **Refrain**

4 By the prayers of faithful watchers,
never silent day or night;
by the cross of Jesus, bringing
peace to all and healing light;
by the love that passes knowledge,
making all your children one: **Refrain**

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

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

Your church does ministry in many and various ways. Keep the baptized true to the mind of Christ, that our works and witness bring hope to a troubled world.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your marvelous creation cries out to you. Restore polluted air, soil, and water sources to wholeness. Guard honeybees, elephants, great whales and songbirds from harm, and renew the face of the earth. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your people in every nation suffer injustice, poverty, and the threat of violence. Guide those in authority to govern with compassion, and bring peace to war zones and places of violence. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your blessings are poured out for all in need. Help and heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease, hunger, abuse, or persecution. Comfort those who are sick or grieving (especially *Jason, Martha, Rhonda, Heather, Joan, Larry, Garnet, Betty, Karl, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Barbara, Inge, Marcella, Kirk, David, Gwen, Jeanette, James, Brittany, Jean, Delton, Jean, June, Katie, Viola, Lorna, Dorothy, Cary, Douglas, and those we name in our hearts and minds*)... Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your wisdom guides this congregation and its ministries. Sustain our ordained leaders, staff, lay leaders, and volunteers. Form us to be salt and light for the neighbors we serve, following the example of Christ. Merciful God,

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thy will be done,
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ATTENDANCE: Sunday February 1, 2026- 10:00 am: 64

ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: Feb. 09–15 2026

Monday: 8:00 am Pickle Ball
1:00 pm Exercise Class
6:30 pm Pickle Ball
7:00 pm Music Healing Vets

Tuesday: 9:30 am Tai Chi
6:30 pm Tai Chi
7:00 pm Men's Choir

Wednesday: 10:00 am Morning Social
11:00 am E.N.G.T
1:00 pm Exercise 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 Exercise Class

Sunday: 10:00 am Blended Worship Service
Following Worship Valentine Extravaganza!

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP LEADERS

Worship Leader: Susan Dupuis
Worship Assistant: Krista Smith
Director of Music: Blaine Sack
Sexton: Diane Hammel
Projector Operator: Gerry Vandersleen
Video Recorder: Ellen Vandersleen
Sound Operator: Gerry Vandersleen
Counters: Kathy Godin, Kathy Hoffman, Christine Booth
Altar Care: Maria Denney
Ushers: Alan Rose, Cheryl Sack
Coffee Hour: Denise & Barry Schizkoske

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, Clarence Gagne, Eva Hagenah, Barbara Schoof, Inge Latiok, Marcella Kuehl, Kirk Weichenthal, David Brumm, Gwen Burchart, Jeanette Nevile, James Dean, Brittany, Jean Kuehl, Jean Rutz, Delton Felske, June Popke, Katie, Viola Hill, Lorna Handke, Dorothy Scheuneman, Cary Lien, Douglas Crigger.

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.

<p>PASTOR SCOTT & PASTOR SUE WILL BE AT THE BISHOP'S RETREAT FEBRUARY 8 - 12 2026</p>
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CONFIRMATION CLASS There will not be a confirmation class on Wednesday February 11th.

MORNING SOCIAL Our next Morning Socials will be on **Wednesday February 11th and 25th at 10:00 am.** Come for coffee and conversation!

VALENTINES EXTRAVAGANZA Following worship on **Sunday February 15th!** Stay for games, silent auction, fun for all! Bring a date, a friend, your sweetheart, your kids, parents, a neighbour, whoever you like! Free will offering gathered for the Food Bank.

Looking for auction donation items, ie: gift cards, gifts in kind, services, baked goods... please speak with Pastor Sue.

SHROVE TUESDAY: PANCAKE DINNER Come and Feast before the Fast! **February 17th**, beginning at **5:00 pm**, last pancakes served at **6:30 pm**.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE with Imposition of Ashes **Wednesday February 18th at 7:00 pm.**

<p>ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22 2026 AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE</p>
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SOUP AND SANDWICH DINNERS On Wednesday nights during Lent beginning **February 25th at 5:30 pm.**

SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS Senior Exercise classes on **Monday Wednesday and Friday at 1:00 pm.** Please make sure to tell your friends and we look forward to seeing you!

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

THE COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

It's that time of year again! The Coldest Night of the Year Walk will be happening on February 28. The event will take place at the Algonquin College. Walkers will begin and end their walk there. Hot soup and buns will be served along with delicious cake as we listen to live entertainment. It is a fun evening. The proceeds of the walk go to The Grind and it is their major fundraiser of the year. We are looking for folks to join our Zion's Frozen Few team, as well as sponsors for the walkers. Please contact Ellen or Susan for more information.

Did you know that The Grind serves hot breakfast and lunches to thousands of people each year? These include seniors, families, folks with mental health challenges as well as our homeless. Did you know that The Grind helps with referrals to Mental Health facilities, ODSP, OW and the food bank. Many people need help in knowing how to access help and The Grind is there to help. Did you know that The Grind has shower facilities as well as laundry Assistance. They are now handing out Laundry Vouchers. Imagine if you needed to decide to spend your few dollars on rent or laundry? The Grind Coffee House offers much more than food. It is a place where people are welcomed. It is a place where lonely seniors can come for a social visit. It is a place that offers connection and belonging. Words that fit: family, community, belonging, together, unity, home and kinship. It is a place that offers support and care. Words that fit: support, care, compassion, kindness, understanding, empathy, listening and help. It is a place that offers hope & healing. Words that fit: Hope, healing, recovery, strength, resilience, light, renewal and peace.

The Grind is a faith-based place where prayer is happening everyday.

OFFERINGS

Thank you for your generosity! If you are interested in leaving an offering for the ministry of the church you can do it three ways: 1.) Place it in the offering plates at either of the church sanctuary doors. 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. 3.) Through Pre-authorized Giving (PAR) where an amount is automatically debited from your account each month. If you would like church envelopes or to sign up for PAR, please contact the church office at 613-732-8792.



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