

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE
THE 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY AUGUST 30 2026
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP - SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* (ELW 834)

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

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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 - SERVICE OF THE WORD - Page 213 (*sung by all*)

Kyrie eleison: Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison: Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison: Lord, have mercy.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 213)

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Exodus 3:1-15

A reading from Exodus.

¹ Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³ Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴ When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵ Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹ The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹² He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

¹³ But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.' " ¹⁵ God also said

to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

- ¹ Give thanks to the LORD and call upon God's name;
make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples.
- ² **Sing to the LORD, sing praises,
and speak of all God's marvelous works.**
- ³ Glory in God's holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- ⁴ **Search for the strength of the LORD;
continually seek God's face.**
- ⁵ Remember the marvels God has done,
the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,
- ⁶ **O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,
O children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.**
- ²³ Israel came into Egypt,
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
- ²⁴ **The LORD made the people of Israel very fruitful,
more numerous than their enemies,**
- ²⁵ whose hearts God turned, so that they hated God's people,
and dealt unjustly with the servants of God.
- ²⁶ **O LORD, you sent Moses your servant,
and Aaron, your chosen one.** ^{45b} Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

A reading from Romans.

- ⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do

not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 216)

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?

Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷ "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *O Jesus, I Have Promised* (ELW 810)

1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me,
my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle
if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide.

2 Oh, let me feel you near me;
the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer
to shield my soul from sin.

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3 Oh, let me hear you speaking
in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will.
Now speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
now speak and make me listen,
O Guardian of my soul.

4 O Jesus, you have promised
to all who follow you
that where you are in glory
your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
oh, give me grace to follow,
my master and my friend.

APOSTLES' CREED (P. 217)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

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

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

For the church in every land, that its mission and ministry is anchored in the love of Christ. When threats or challenges arise, teach us to take up our cross and follow you in faith. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the well-being of your creation, that all that lives and grows on the earth may thrive. Bring relief to areas ravaged by droughts, floods, fires, storms, and other disasters. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the nations and all in authority, that they seek to live in peace with one another. Bless the work of international and diplomatic organizations and all who work to bring peace to a world scarred by violence. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For all those in need, that they be satisfied. Ensure all your children have safe access to food, water, shelter, and medical care. Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit (*especially Jason, Rhonda, Heather, Joan, Larry, Garnet, Betty, Karl, Trudy, Elva, Eva, Inge, Marcella, David, Gwen, Jeanette, James, Brittany, Jean, June, Katie, Douglas, Cheryl, Roxanna, Bonnie, Dorothy, Kimberly, Freda, Delton, Megan, and those we name in our hearts and minds*). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the congregation gathered here to serve you, that they remain strong in faith and united in purpose. Guide our committees, study groups, and other meetings toward honesty and humility, always seeking genuine love. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the faithful departed, that their witness continues to strengthen and guide the church. Renew our hope in your promises in this life and the life to come. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (ELW 884)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER (P. 107)

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 Saviour and Lord. Amen.

CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING (ELW p. 219)

**Salvation belongs to our God
and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.
Great and wonderful are your deeds,
O God of the universe;
just and true are your ways,
O Ruler of all the nations.
Who can fail to honor you, Lord,
and sing the glory of your name?
Salvation belongs to our God
and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.
For you alone are the Holy One,
and blessed is the one
whose name is the Word of God.
All praise and thanks to you, holy God!
Salvation belongs to our God
and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.**

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 *Let Justice Flow like Streams* (ELW 717)

1 Let justice flow like streams
of sparkling water, pure,
enabling growth, refreshing life,
abundant, cleansing, sure.

2 Let righteousness roll on
as others' cares we heed,
an ever-flowing stream of faith
translated into deed.

3 So may God's plumb line, straight,
define our measure true,
and justice, right, and peace pervade
this world our whole life through.

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DISMISSAL (ELW p. 222)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ATTENDANCE: Sunday August 23rd 2026 – 45

ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: August 31 – September 6

Monday: 7:00 pm Healing Vets
Thursday: 7:00 pm Healing Vets
Sunday: 10:00 am Holy Worship Service

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Worship Leader: Elizabeth Graham
Music Director: Blaine Sack
Sexton: Koit Rull
Projector Operator: Phillip Vandersleen
Video Recorder: Ryan Schmidt
Sound Operator: Noah Schmidt
Counters: Kathy Godin, Kathy Hoffman
Altar Care: Don Boldt
Ushers: Alan Rose, Cheryl Sack



Please join us in extending a warm and heartfelt welcome to our returning guest musician, Robert Murphy.

We are truly grateful that he is sharing his wonderful gift of music with us again today.

His talent is a blessing to our worship.

Thank you, Robert, for sharing your gift of music with us!

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Rhonda Mau, Heather Miller, Joan Lehman, Larry Blais, Garnet Miller, Betty Kuehl, Karl Hausser, Trudy Hausser, Elva Gagne, Eva Hagenah, Inge Latiok, Marcella Kuehl, David Brumm, Gwen Burchart, Jeanette Nevile, James Dean, Brittany, Jean Kuehl, June Popke, Katie, Douglas Crigger, Cheryl, Roxanna, Bonnie Schmidt, Dorothy Guay, Kimberly Wolfgram-Schmidt, Freda Kathen, Delton Felske, Megan.

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.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR MARLYN GRODDE

There will be 2 Celebrations of Life to be held for Marlyn Grodde.

Tuesday, September 8th at 11:00 am with Pastor Sue Nevile at St. John's Lutheran Church, 2132 Route 303 Ladysmith, QC and **Thursday, September 10th at 11:00 am** with Pastor Scott Schellenberger at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church 454 Miller Street Pembroke. A light lunch will follow both services. Marlyn's ashes will be interred in the St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery in Ladysmith. Donations in memory of Marlyn can be made to one of her churches or the charity of choice.

COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday September 8th, 7:00 pm.

SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS: Wednesday September 9th, 1:00 pm.

ZION LUTHERAN WOMEN: Wednesday September 9th, 2:30 pm.

Topic: "Forgiveness" with leader Pam Duplessis and a pot luck!

PASTORAL CARE: Monday September 14th, 10:00 am.

WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING: Monday September 14th, 7:00 pm.

MORNING SOCIALS: Wednesday September 16th & 30th, 10:00 am.

CONFIRMATION 2026-2027 ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be an information meeting after worship on **Sunday, September 13th**, in the parlour. Youth ages 13-14 are invited to join the **2026-2027** Confirmation class. Both years 1 and 2 study together. **Classes are on Wednesday nights from 6:15 pm – 8:00 pm.**

COFFEE HOUR RETURNS!

Coffee Hour will return on **Sunday, September 13th**, the first Sunday after the Labour Day weekend. We look forward to seeing everyone back! This is a wonderful time of fellowship and socializing, enjoyed by so many. A special thank you to all of our Coffee Hour volunteers for generously giving their time and helping make this special time possible. We would be very grateful for donations of baked goods and coffee, as our supplies are running low. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and helps us continue to enjoy this wonderful time of fellowship together. Thank you for your kindness and support!

A Heartfelt Thank You To All

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Dan Duplessis for all his hard work in organizing the removal of the old concrete entrance ramp and the asphalt at the Church entrance. Thank you, Dan, for re-grading the slope and the preparation and compaction work completed in preparation for the new ramp and parking area asphalt and for installing the beautiful new interlocking block ramp, with a special thank you to Kevin Hoffman for assisting with the design.

We would also like to thank Shane Lehman for all his hard work and for providing the equipment needed to remove the old surface materials, as well as for his assistance with the re-grading and compaction.

A heartfelt thank you to the ladies of the church for carefully saving the flowers and shrubs from the old flower bed and creating the beautiful new flower bed once the new ramp was completed. It is a wonderful finishing touch!

We would also like to thank Kevin Rutz for keeping the floors clean from the extra dirt tracked in during construction and for painting the new lines on the parking lot.

Thank you to our congregation for your patience and understanding throughout the construction process.

Everything looks great! A job well done by everyone involved! We are truly grateful for all the time, hard work, care, and dedication that went into improving our church entrance and parking area. Thank you all!

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.



SENIORS EXERCISE CLASS
Resuming
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026
CLASSES ARE MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS
AT 1:00 PM
Stay Active! Stay Strong! Stay Healthy!
All Are Welcome!
Come for Friendship, Fitness & Fun!
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Zion LUTHERAN Women
Please join the Zion Lutheran Women on
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH
at 2:30 p.m.
'Forgiveness'
with leader Pamela Duplessis
and a **POT LUCK!**
All are welcome!



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Confirmation 2026-2027
Growing in Faith, Anchored in Christ.
ANNOUNCEMENT!
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Let your faith be your light!



Morning Social Gatherings
Are you looking to spend some time having coffee, tea and goodies while sharing conversation with others?
Come to our bi-weekly fellowship hours:
Wednesday September 16th and 30th
At 10:00 am
You need not be a member of Zion. Everyone is welcome.

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