

**ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE
APRIL 27 2025 - THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP
SETTING FOUR /SERVICE OF THE WORD**

HYMN SING

L: CHRIST IS RISEN!

C: HE IS RISEN INDEED ALLELUIA!

L: ANNOUNCEMENTS

L: THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (ELW p. 97)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!* (ELW 377)

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

Trumpets resounding in glorious light!

Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!

Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain

Jesus is risen and we shall arise.

Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2 Walking the way, Christ in the center

telling the story to open our eyes;

breaking our bread, giving us glory:

Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. **Refrain**

3 Jesus the vine, we are the branches;

life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;

heaven to earth, Christ to the people,

gift of the future now flowing to me. **Refrain**

4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:

death put asunder, and Easter is bright.

Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!

Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. **Refrain**

5 City of God, Easter forever,

golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,

river of life, saints and archangels,

sing with creation to God the I AM! **Refrain**

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GREETING (ELW p. 147)

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

And also with you.

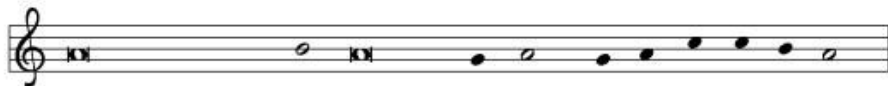
KYRIE (ELW p. 147)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



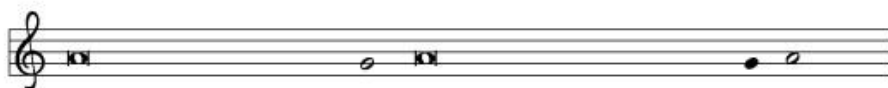
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 148)

Assisting minister

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 150)

A: Let us pray.

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC – SOLOIST: Kara Buelow Fleck *'Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers'* by Bell and Hampton

A: FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32

A reading from Acts.

²⁷ When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 150 (ELW 872) – Led by Kara Buelow Fleck *'Praise Ye The Lord'*

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8

A reading from Revelation.

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 151)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

L: SERMON (ELW p. 151)

HYMN OF THE DAY *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* (ELW 367)

1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Eternal is the gift he brings,
therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life
and by his presence stills all strife.
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life's day
that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Adoring praises now we bring
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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A: NICENE CREED (ELW p. 104)

Let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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

A: PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire deacons and pastors, lay leaders and bishops to boldly proclaim your love for all people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Preserve the earth as a safe home for all creatures. Restore habitats contaminated by pollution or overuse, strengthen efforts to shape more sustainable communities, and make us mindful of the impacts of our daily lives on the well-being of creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Kindle in the nations a spirit of cooperation and mutual care. Raise up creative and courageous leaders committed to shaping just solutions to complex challenges in our local and global communities (*current issues of concern may be named*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Embrace all who carry wounds, that they might know your compassion. Draw near to those with chronic pain or anxiety, and all for whom death is near. Comfort individuals and communities suffering in any way (*especially Jason, Martha, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Anneliese, Joan, Judy, Larry, Garnet, Betty, Lily, Karl, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Barbara, Inge, Otilia, Kirk, Joan, David, Gwen, Don, Jeanette, James, Charlie, Sandra*).

Please pray for the family and friends of Edith Brumm who has passed away.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Transform our fear into curiosity and love, especially across differences in race, religion, sexuality, gender identity, and economic situation. Unravel stereotypes that lead to discrimination, and destroy oppressive systems that marginalize vulnerable communities. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember the faithful departed from all times and places. Confident that you are the Alpha and Omega, we pray for your wisdom and guidance until our earthly pilgrimage is complete. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

SOLOIST: Kara Buelow Fleck – *‘His Eye is on the Sparrow’* by Martin and Gabriel

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* (ELW 384 vs. 2 & 4)

2 O Jesus, king of gentleness,
with constant love our hearts possess;
to you our lips will ever raise
the tribute of our grateful praise.

4 All praise, O risen Lord, we give
to you, once dead, but now alive!
To God the Father equal praise,
and God the Spirit, now we raise!

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A: OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 152)

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

L: 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.

L: LORD'S PRAYER (ELW P. 221)

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.**

L: BLESSING (ELW P. 221)

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 *Christ is alive! Let Christians Sing* (ELW 389)

1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

2 Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching ev'ry place and time.

3 In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

4 Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and ev'ry age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

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A: DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ATTENDANCE

Thursday, April 17, 2025: 29 Friday April 18, 2025: 59

Easter Sunday April 20, 2025: - 8am: 56 - 10 am: 92

ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: APRIL 28 – May 4

Monday:	8:30 am	Pickle Ball
	10:00 am	Pastoral Care
	1:00 pm	Exercise Class
	7:00 pm	Pickle Ball
	7:00 pm	Healing Vets
Tuesday:	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	6:30 pm	Tai Chi
	7:00 pm	Mixed Choir
Wednesday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
	7:00 pm	Men's Choir
Thursday:	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	7:00 pm	Healing Vets-Pot Luck
Friday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
Saturday:	8 am-12	Zion Garage Sale
Sunday:	10:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP LEADERS

Lead Worship Assistant:	Susan Dupuis
Worship Assistant:	Ellen Vandersleen
Director of Music:	Blaine Sack
Guest Musician:	Kara Buelow Fleck
Sexton:	David Lehman
Projector Operator:	Rick Gerundin
Video Recorder:	Ty Phannenhour
Sound Operator:	Brian Smith
Counters:	Andrew Zadow, Kathy Green, Lori Crigger
Altar Care:	Kathy Godin
Ushers:	Peter & Patti Wegner
Coffee Hour:	Debbie & Stan Sitkiewicz

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Martha Kodrzynski, Ella Lehman, Rhonda Mau, Heather Miller, Anneliese Trautrim, Joan Lehman, Judy and Larry Blais, Garnet Miller, Betty Kuehl, Lily Kubiseski, Karl Hausser, Elva & Clarence Gagne, Eva Hagenah, Barbara Schoof, Inge Latiok, Marcella Kuehl, Kirk Weichenthal, Joan LaForce, David Brumm, Gwen Burchart, Don and Jeanette Nevile, James Dean, Charlie Merredew, Sandra Sell.

✠ Please pray for the family and friends of Isobel Edith “Edie” Brumm who passed away Sunday, April 20, 2025. Funeral arrangements have been made with Malcolm, Deavitt & Binhammer Funeral Home. A Graveside Service will be held at Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Boundary Rd. on Saturday, May 10th, at 1:00 p.m. followed by a Celebration of Life at Zion Lutheran Church.

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.

EASTER DONATION

The Easter ferns were donated by Mona Zadow, Cindy, Tim & Karen, Shiela & Kris, Andy & Tanya and families in loving memory of Milton, Jack and Tylor Zadow. This was omitted from the Easter Bulletin and . sincere apologies are extended for this omission.

GUEST MUSICIAN A big heartfelt thank you to soloist Kara Buelow Fleck who will be sharing her musical talents with us today. She will be singing two pieces, and will also lead some of our service music. Please join us as we celebrate our risen Lord!

EXERCISE CLASS Please join us for our Seniors Exercise classes **Monday April 28th , Wednesday April 30th and Friday May 2nd at 1:00 pm.**

ZION GARAGE SALE Zion Lutheran Church will be holding a Garage Sale on **Saturday May 3rd from 8am to 12:00**, at 454 Miller Street in the Parish Hall. Tools, housewares, toys, furniture and more- treasures for everyone. Come enjoy our café with baked goods sale, and we hope to see you there!

MESSY CHURCH Join us for Messy Church on **Monday May 5th at 5:30 pm** starting with a meal, and moving on to crafts, stories, games - so much fun! Bring a friend! All ages are from 1month to 110 welcome!

WORSHIP & MUSIC MTG. Will be meeting on **Monday May 5th at 7:00 pm.**

COUNCIL MTG. Council will meet on **Tuesday May 13th at 7:00 pm**

RETIREMENT HOME SERVICES Heritage Manor Worship on **Tuesday May 6th at 11:00 am** and Supples Landing Worship on **Thursday May 22nd at 2:00 pm.**

MORNING SOCIAL Join us on **Wednesday May 7th at 10:00 am** and **Wednesday May 21st at 10:00 am** in the Parish Hall. Come on out for fun and fellowship.

ZLW Please join the ZLW at Zion on **Wednesday May 7th, 2:30 pm** for “Mothers in the Bible” with Sandra Graham and Pastor Sue.

MAY GUIDING LIGHT will be available for pick up on **Sunday May 4th.**

BULLETIN DELIVERY The Social Ministry's' last bulletin delivery will be **May** and resume in **September.**

OFFERINGS – HOW CAN YOU LEAVE A DONATION?

- 1.) Place your gift in the **OFFERING PLATES AT EITHER ENTRANCE** to the of the church sanctuary.
- 2.) You can also transfer a donation to the church by sending a gift via e-transfer to **zionoffice@nrtco.net**. Please be sure to leave an address for tax receipts.

Garage Sale

**Saturday May 3, 2025
8:00 am- 12:00 noon**



**Zion Lutheran Church
454 Miller St, Pembroke, ON**

Come enjoy our café.

We welcome donations of tools, household items, toys, furniture, baking, etc. Please no clothing

Proceeds: 50% to Food Bank, 50% to General fund.



Food Crafts Story Games Fun. Free!

Join us

**The first Monday
every month.**

We begin each night with a meal at 530pm.

Next Date: Monday May 5th

**Come for an evening of so much FUN!
Bring a friend!**

All ages from 1 month to 110 are welcome!

Zion Lutheran Women

*Please join us on
Wed. May 7, 2025
At 2:30 pm*

*Presentation by
Sandra Graham & Pastor Sue
Mothers in the Bible*

Coffee and snacks to follow!

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