

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Pembroke
The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
The Season of Creation
Setting 2
September 22 2024

PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let god hear the voice

Of beloved creation

Of people of trees,

Of birds beasts and fish

Let life breathe out praise from the heights

To the depths to God

The creator, sustainer and friend

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 116)

In the name of the Father,

and of the ✙ Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God* (ELW 458)

1 Praise and thanksgiving be to God our maker,
source of all blessing, prodigal creator.
Baptized and made your own, now we come before you,
and we adore you.

2 Not our own holiness, nor that we have striven
brings us the peace which you, O Christ, have given.
Baptized and set apart, strengthen us, O Savior,
with grace and favor.

3 Come, Holy Spirit, come in visitation;
you are the truth, our hope, and our salvation.
Baptize with joy and pow'r; give, O Dove descending,
life never ending.

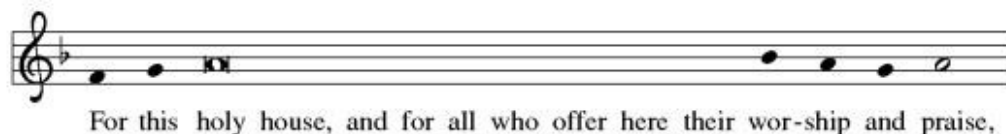
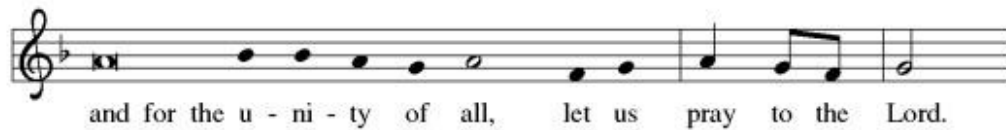
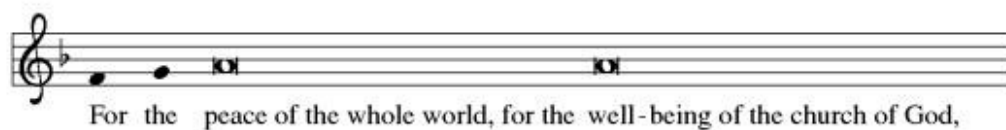
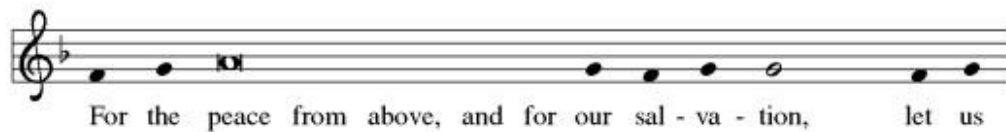
4 Praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
one Lord, one faith, one source of ev'ry merit.
Here now renew your church through this symbol given;
grant peace from heaven.

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GREETING (ELW p. 120)

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 (ELW p. 124)

Let us pray.

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Proverbs 31:10-31

A reading from Proverbs.

¹⁰A capable wife who can find?

She is far more precious than jewels.

¹¹The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.

¹²She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.

¹³She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.

¹⁴She is like the ships of the merchant,
she brings her food from far away.

¹⁵She rises while it is still night
and provides food for her household
and tasks for her servant-girls.

¹⁶She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

¹⁷She girds herself with strength,
and makes her arms strong.

¹⁸She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.

¹⁹She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.

²⁰She opens her hand to the poor,
and reaches out her hands to the needy.

²¹She is not afraid for her household when it snows,
for all her household are clothed in crimson.

²²She makes herself coverings;
her clothing is fine linen and purple.

²³Her husband is known in the city gates,
taking his seat among the elders of the land.

²⁴She makes linen garments and sells them;
she supplies the merchant with sashes.

²⁵Strength and dignity are her clothing,

and she laughs at the time to come.

²⁶She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

²⁷She looks well to the ways of her household,
and does not eat the bread of idleness.

²⁸Her children rise up and call her happy;
her husband too, and he praises her:

²⁹“Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all.”

³⁰Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

³¹Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

SECOND READING: James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

A reading from James.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 124)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON (ELW p. 125)

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* (ELW 712)

1 Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart.

2 Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.

3 As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.

4 Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid and peace we give, that
your servants, Lord, in freedom may
your mercy know and live.

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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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of all hopefulness, we bring before You our concerns for the world and her people.

Gracious God, we turn to You,

For You are the source of our hope and the creator of the Kingdom.

We pray for parents around the world who reach out in hope for their children. We pray for justice: when they struggle to provide food for their families; when they cannot find a place to make a home for their children.

Gracious God, we turn to You,

For You are the source of our hope and the creator of the Kingdom.

We pray for those who find themselves on the margins of their societies. We pray for justice: that they might confront centres of power with the experience of life on the margins; that they might be allowed to contribute to the welfare of society; that we may all be enriched by the insights and wisdom they bring to our communities.

Gracious God, we turn to You,

For You are the source of our hope and the creator of the Kingdom.

We pray for those who are struggling with ailments, who are sick or suffering. We pray for those facing surgery. We pray for those who are grieving. Especially we pray for those we name before you now *Martha, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Anneliese, Joan, Judy, Larry, Garnet, Betty, Lily, Karl, Ingrid, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Barbara, Inga, Marcella, Marlene, Patricia*. Be with them and assure them of your presence and loving hands. Gracious God, we turn to you.

For you are the source of our hope and the creator of the Kingdom.

We pray for our common home and all who seek to ensure its wellbeing.

We pray for justice: that all nations of the world will work together for the common good of each person and our planet; that conservation will enable habitats to flourish while meeting the needs of local communities; that we each understand the impact we have upon the earth and adjust our lifestyle accordingly.

Gracious God, we turn to You,

For You are the source of our hope and the creator of the Kingdom.

We pray for ourselves,

Disturb us and disquiet us with a passion for justice. Challenge us to grasp a vision of Your new world and motivate us to act to birth it into being.

Enable us to pass on the gift of hope, so others are empowered to continue the journey of faith. Gracious God, we turn to You,

For You are the source of our hope and the creator of the Kingdom. Amen.

(Scottish Eco-congregation 2018 adapted)

PEACE (ELW p. 128)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING *As Saints of Old* (ELW 695 vs. 1 & 2)

1 As saints of old their firstfruits brought
of orchard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good,
the source of bounteous yield;
so we today firstfruits would bring,
the wealth of this good land,
of farm and market, shop and home,
of mind and heart and hand.

2 A world in need now summons us
to labor, love, and give;
to make our life an offering
to God, that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us
to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed by Christ-like love;
all life in Christ made new.

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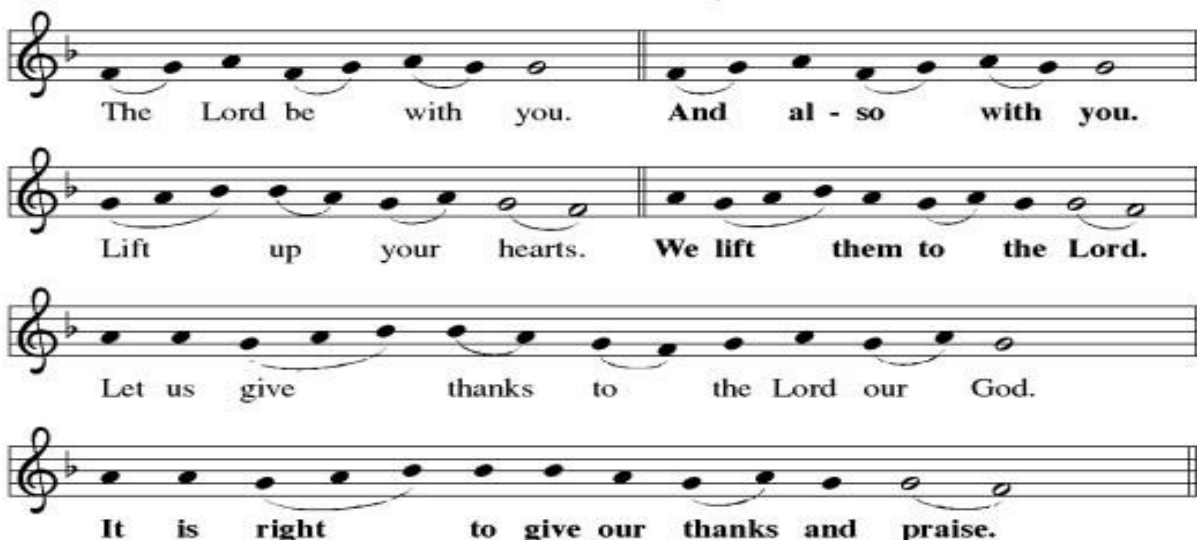
OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 129)

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE (ELW p. 129)



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE (ELW p. 130)

You spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and on the earth, all things, came to be. Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements, and you brought forth life in forms innumerable, including this our fragile earth, and we amongst its inhabitants.

As our past is in you, so our hope for the future rests with you. As we have turned from your way, so we turn again to the warmth of your love. Through you all things are brought to new life.

And now we give you thanks for the glories of your creation given into our care, and for the opportunities we have to share that richness with all your people.

And so with the wonders of creation and the songs of praise of all your creatures both in heaven and on earth we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 130)

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 130)

In the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, work of human hands, gift of our earth, and gave thanks to God. He broke the bread to speak to us of the breaking of his body upon the cross.

He gave it to his friends and said:

Take and eat, for this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

He took the wine, work of human hands, gift of our earth, and gave thanks to God, Creator. He poured out the wine to speak to us of the pouring out of his blood. He gave it to his friends saying:

This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me.

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

Therefore God, we who seek your reconciliation; we who need reconciliation one with another; we who hope for reconciliation with all creation, draw close to this mystery. In being broken, poured out and buried, life sprang forth again. In the breaking, there is an opening up; in the pouring out, there are the roots of sharing; in death and burial, there is the seed of the new life to come.

As we look in our world, in our lives, and in our hearts, for his second coming, keep us close to this vision that we have seen. Through the giving in the bread and wine, reconcile us to our world.

Send upon us, and upon all your creation, the life-giving Spirit who first moved upon the waters of the deep. Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive. Unite us with you through the body and blood of your Son, your Word made flesh.

By whom, and with whom and in whom, in the unity of your Creative Spirit, with all that has been, is, and will be in your universe, we stand before you and worship you, God of all, in songs of everlasting praise,
Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 134)

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

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (ELW p. 134)

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION (ELW p. 134)

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

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 135)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (ELW 815)

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my
path, and show me the way to the Father.

Refrain

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. **Refrain**

Children of the Heavenly Father (ELW 781)

1 Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.

2 God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.

3 Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.

4 Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 136)

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

Go out into the world rejoicing,
and encounter the Creator who waits to meet you there;
Rejoice in its richness and diversity and live as those who praise God for its bounty;
and the blessing of the Creator God, the Eternal Father, the Risen Son and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always.

Amen

SENDING SONG *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* (ELW 843)

- 1** Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.
- 2** Praise the One who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out demons
with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
- 3** Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
praise the One who makes us one.

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DISMISSAL (ELW p. 137)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ATTENDANCE:

Sunday September 15: 55 & Living Stones: 30

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: September 23 – 29

Monday:	8:30 am	Pickle Ball
	1:00 am	Senior Exercise Class
	6:30 am	Pickle Ball
	7:00 pm	Healing Vets
Tuesday:	7:00 pm	Mixed Choir
Wednesday:	10:00 am	Morning Social
	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
	7:00 pm	Men's Choir
Thursday:	6:00 pm	ALPHA Program
	7:00 pm	Healing Vets
Friday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
Saturday:	9:30 am	Tai Chi Demo Class
Sunday:	10:00 am	Worship Service with Holy
		Communion & Back to Church
		Sunday Pot Luck after service

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Scott Schellenberger
Worship Assistant:	Susan Dupuis
Music Director:	Blaine Sack
Sexton:	Diane Hammel
Projector Operator:	Ellen Vandersleen
Video Recorder:	Korbin Smith
Sound Operator:	Brian Smith
Counters:	Lisa Campitelli, Karen Gauthier, David Leman
Altar Care:	Cheryl Sack
Ushers:	Doug & Pauline Malliff
Coffee Hour:	Patti & Peter Wegner

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Martha Kodzynski, Ella Lehman, Rhonda Mau, Heather Miller, Anneliese Trautrim, Joan Lehman, Judy and Larry Blais, Garnet Miller, Betty Kuehl, Lily Kubiseski, Karl Hausser, Ingrid Trautrim, Elva & Clarence Gagne, Eva Hagenah, Barbara Schoof, Inga Latiok, Marcella Kuehl, Marlene Schleen, Patricia Zohr .

YARD SALE DONATIONS

We are now accepting donations for our yard sale that will be held at Zion on October 26th. You can place your items on the stage. Thank you for your support.

ETERNITY FOR TODAY BOOKLETS

An order for the Eternity For Today booklets for 2025 will be placed on Monday September 30th, 2024. Please inform the church office if you would like to subscribe for 2025. Cost is \$17.00 for the year.

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.

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

MORNING SOCIAL

Join us on **Wednesday September 25th at 10:00 am** in the Parish Hall. Come on out for fun and fellowship.

ALPHA PROGRAM

The ALPHA Program will meet on **Thursday September 26th from 6-8 pm**. Please contact Pastor Scott or the church office if you are interested in attending.

PULSE YOUTH GROUP

Pulse Youth Group has been cancelled for this Friday. Our next meet will be in October. Date to be announced in later bulletin. Keep in mind- all are welcome, and bring a friend!

HYMN SING

There will be a hymn sing before the Worship service on **Sunday, September 29th**.

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY WITH POTLUCK AFTER SERVICE

On **Sunday, September 29th**, please join us after worship service for a potluck and fellowship in the parish hall. Everyone should invite a friend!

MIXED & MEN'S CHOIRS

Mixed Choir will meet on **Tuesday's** at **7:00 pm** and Men's Choir will meet on **Wednesday's** at **7:00 pm**.

SENIORS EXERCISE CLASSES

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

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

New Confirmation Class Orientation following worship today. Classes to begin in October on October 2nd 6:15pm-7:15pm.



FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

The Zion Lutheran Women invite you to support The FLC on September 22, 2024 – the loose offerings will be designated to the Fellowship of the Least Coin. You can also donate by envelope donation or PAR offering, but please mark as Fellowship of the Least Coin.

Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement for justice, peace, and reconciliation led by Christian women. Least coins are collected and the International Committee for the Fellowship of the Least Coin disburses them all over the world as grants for post-secondary education and training for women; grassroots projects that empower women and girls, advocates for their rights, and work to end gender-based violence and poverty; and provide relief in times of natural and human-made disasters.

Your support would be much appreciated.



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