ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 7TH 2023

PRELUDE

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen indeed Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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! Sing to Jesus (ELW 392) verses 1-4

1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph. his the victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood: "Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."

2 Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now: Alleluia! he is near us: faith believes, nor questions how. Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?

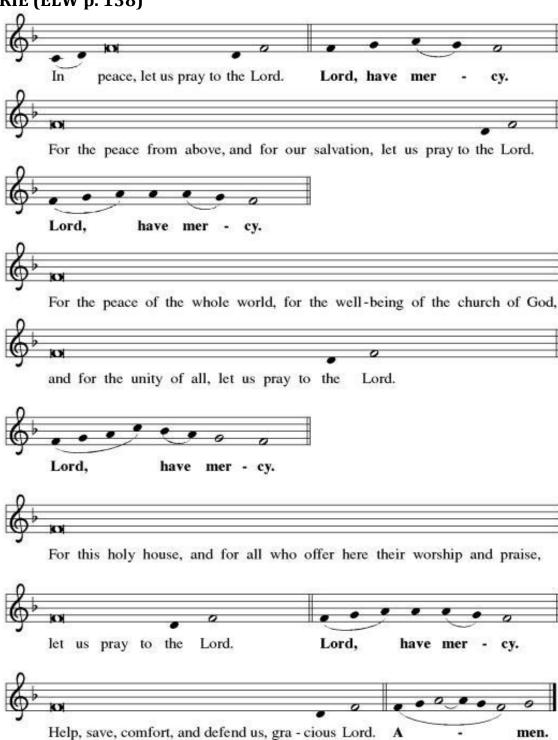
3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay; Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day. Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own; Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heav'n your throne. As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

GREETING (ELW p. 138)

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. 138)



CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 139)



PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 142)

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

CHILDREN'S CHAT

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60A reading from Acts.

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

- ¹In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver mein your righteousness.
- ²Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.
- ³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.
- ⁴Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.
- ⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.
- ¹⁵My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
 - ¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your | steadfast love."

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

A reading from 1 Peter.

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,"

⁸ and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

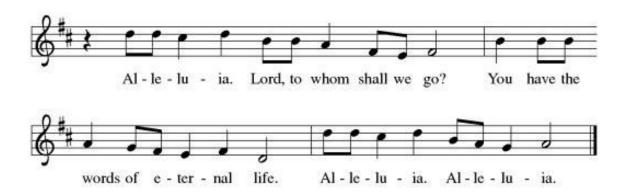
⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)



GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁵If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON (ELW p. 143)

HYMN OF THE DAY You Are the Way (ELW 758)

1 You are the way; to you alone from sin and death we flee; all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.

2 You are the truth; your word alone true wisdom can impart; you only can inform the mind and purify the heart.

3 You are the life; the rending tomb proclaims your conqu'ring arm; and those who put their trust in you

not death nor hell shall harm.

4 You are the way, the truth, the life: grant us that way to know. that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys eternal flow.
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NICENE CREED (ELW p. 104) We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead. and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God of life, strengthen your church to proclaim your gospel even in times of trouble. As we remember Stephen, we give thanks for diaconal ministry. Bless all deacons and strengthen them for their bridge-building ministry between church and world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, you show your steadfast love through mighty waters, towering mountains, verdant fields, and arid deserts. Protect the earth's diverse habitats from the forces of pollution, erosion, extinction, and global warming. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Mighty God, your Spirit guides us into all truth. Give wisdom to world and local leaders and organizations as they begin, build, or renew relationships. Strengthen leaders and aid organizations in areas needing to be rebuilt following conflict, unrest, or natural disaster (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Loving God, you make your home among us. Abide with refugees, those experiencing homelessness, those fleeing war and poverty, and all who question if there is a home in your heart. We pray for all who are sick (*especially* Ann, Jason, Erna, Richard, Martha, Lani, Charlotte, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Aileen, Brenda and Douglas, Ruth, Anneliese, Kaitlyn, Danita, Vaughan, Joan, Denise, Mervin, Ty.)

We pray for the family of Dawn Howard as they mourn her death. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Assuring God, you accompany your people amid uncertainty and change. Uphold people in this community who have recently moved, changed jobs or schools, retired, or are going through transitions of any kind. Lead us in your ways. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Renewing God, you gather the saints at your heavenly banquet. We give you thanks for the care shown us by those who have gone before us (*especially*). Grant confidence and comfort for all awaiting the place you have prepared. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

PEACE (ELW p. 143)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING Be Not Afraid (ELW 388) 2x

Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia! Be not afraid, sing out for joy!

Christ is risen, alleluia!

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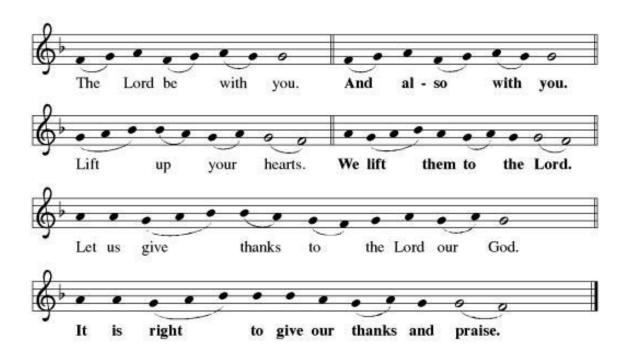
OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 144)

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.

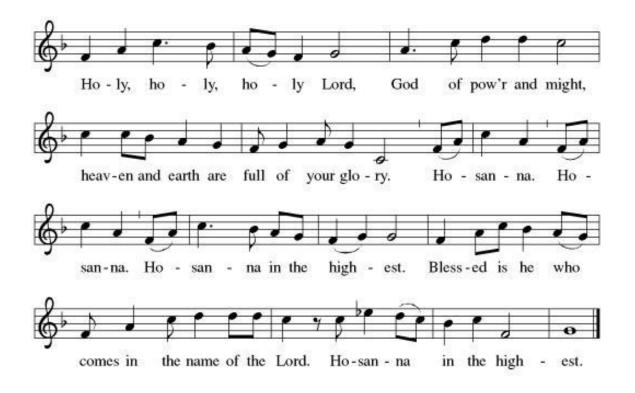
GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE (ELW p. 144)



PREFACE (ELW p. 144)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 144)



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 145)

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things,

and in whom you take delight.
He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.
He there took on our nature and our lot
and was shown forth as your Son,
born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.
He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will
and won for you a holy people;
he stretched out his hands in suffering
in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honour are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 145) (SUNG)

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to sing:
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. 146)

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 146)

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.

SONG DURING COMMUNION I Received the Living God (ELW 477)

Refrain

I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy. I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.

1 Jesus said: I am the bread, kneaded long to give you life; you who will partake of me need not ever fear to die. Refrain 2 Jesus said: I am the way, and my Father longs for you; so I come to bring you home to be one with us anew. Refrain

3 Jesus said: I am the truth; come and follow close to me. You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free. Refrain

4 Jesus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow, but receive this living bread, and my Spirit you shall know. Refrain Text: Anonymous. Text: Public Domain.

SONG DURING COMMUNION Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life (ELW 816)

1 Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death.

2 Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest.

3 Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy as none can move; such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 146)

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING (ELW p. 146)

SENDING SONG The Church's One Foundation (ELW 654)

1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the word. From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

2 Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth: one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

4 Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore; till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace, that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

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DISMISSAL (ELW p. 146)

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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ATTENDANCE

Sunday Worship April 30th - 85

Wednesday May 3rd - 9

THIS WEEK AT ZION: May 8 – May 14

Tuesday: 7:00 pm Worship & Music

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

7:00 pm Council Mtg.

Wednesday: 9:30 am Little One Play Group

12:30 pm Staff Mtg.

6:15 pm Confirmation Class

7:00 pm Men's Choir

Thursday: 7:00 pm Mixed Choir

7:00 pm Healing Vets

Saturday 9:00 am Zion Plant Sale

9:00 am Camp Lutheran Spring Work Day

Sunday: 10:00 am Worship Service, Service Of The Word

& Sunday School

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Presiding Minister: Rev. Scott Schellenberger

Music Director: Blaine Sack

Worship Assistant: Lorraine MacKenzie

Sexton: Don Boldt

Projector Operator: Diane Hammel Video Recorder: Daniel Reid Sound Operator: Noah Schmidt

Counters: Andrew Zadow, Kathy Green, Lori Crigger

Altar Care: Doug and Pauline Maliff

Ushers: Kevin and Jean Rutz

Coffee Hour: Doug and Pauline Maliff

Pastor Scott Away May 14th to 19th - Festival Of Homiletics

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Pray for Those Who are Ill, in Hospital, or Requested Special Prayers: Ann Beech, Jason Godin, Erna Handke, Richard Hubert, Martha Kodrzynski, Lani Lange, Charlotte Layden, Ella Lehman, Rhonda Mau, Heather Miller, Aileen Roesler, Brenda and Douglas Sperberg, Ruth Thom, Anneliese Trautrim, Kaitlyn Vaillancourt, Danita Wolfgram, Vaughan Rosien, Joan Lehman, Denise Schizkoske, Mervin Bimm, Ty Phannenhour.

We pray for the family of Dawn Howard as they mourn her death.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Thank you to all who submitted comments and suggestions in the Worship and Music suggestion boxes. We appreciate the feedback and are doing our best to honour your suggestions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Next Sunday School is scheduled for May 14th.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Next class is Wednesday May 10th 6:15 – 7:30 pm

PINT WITH THE PASTORS

Please join us Sunday May 7th 6:30 pm at Finnigan's, 955 Pembroke St. East, for a bite and a pint. We will share some laughs and play some bible trivia. Come out and bring a friend!

LITTLE ONES AND CAREGIVERS PLAYGROUP

Please join us on May 10th at 9:30am outside the Sunday School rooms. Coffee/Tea/Juice and treats provided. Please feel free to bring a friend. Stay, play, talk, listen, and have fun.

CONFIRMATION CAMP

Please remember to complete your registration for Confirmation Camp for July 9th-14th. Cost is \$150.00 and permission forms will be needed.

CAMP LUTHERLYN

Don't forget to register for Camp Lutherlyn Children's Camp, Leader in Training Program and Family Camp. Information is available at www.lutherlyncamp.ca, or contact the office for more information.

PULSE MINISTRY consists of three different programs. Every generation is invited to worship and to Messy Church: Messy Church, Youth Group, and worship. The worship Service is called "Living Stones".

PULSE YOUTH GROUP

Next Youth Group is Friday May 26 2023 at 6:30 pm.

MESSY CHURCH

Join us for a meal, a creative activity, a game and a short worship time. This is an intergenerational event with activities geared to children and the people who love them.

LIVING STONES

Please join us at our next Living Stones service on May 21st at 10:00 am.

CAMP LUTHERLYN REQUEST

We are getting our work lined up at Camp Lutherlyn for spring. Zion Lutheran Church in Pembroke has always been very generous with their time and money in supporting the Agape Cabin. As you know this cabin has a new and central location on the camp property, where the Shepherd's staff cabin used to be. In order to have this cabin ready for summer operations, we will need to have the front deck reinstalled on the cabin; the back steps adjusted to fit properly (both require some hours of our handyman). We also need: 2 long twin mattresses (can be new or excellent used condition). 2 comfortable reading chairs (can be new or excellent used condition). If you can help with the info below please email: info@lutherlyncamp.ca

CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY OF ANGLICAN PARISH OF THE VALLEY

The Clergy Team of the Anglican Parish of the Valley, which covers much of Renfrew County for their denomination, will be formally instituted at a Celebration of New Ministry taking place at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Pembroke (68 Renfrew Street) on Monday, May 8th at 7pm. You are invited to join Pastor Scott in attending the event to celebrate with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

THE SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE will be hosting a *Spring Potluck Luncheon* Sunday May **7th**, following worship. A donation jar will be out asking for contributions towards Zion's Good Shepherding Fund. Presently, our fund is low and in need of topping up. This Good Shepherding Fund helps members of Zion who may find themselves in need. It is always good to have some funds ahead to be prepared. Please come out for some fellowship and bring your favourite dish. Donations will be greatly appreciated and our drive will continue for the month of May. Many Thanks.

CALLING ALL GARDENERS

Attention all gardeners, want-to-be gardeners or "I would just like to help out with" gardeners! On Wednesday May 10 at 9:00 am we will be meeting at the church to revitalize our flower beds. We need helps to dig and separate plants and to pot and label them. NO experience is necessary. Come out and be a part of a group who not only work together but have lots of fun doing it. Please let Ellen Vandersleen or Susan Dupuis know if you can join us.

PLANT SALE

We will be holding a plant sale on Saturday May 13 from 9:00 am -12:00 with these plants. If you have some at home that you would like to donate that would be greatly appreciated. The funds raised will be used to purchase new plants and shrubs for the garden beds. We are also looking for pots to use for the plants that we will sell as well as old mini blinds that we will use as labels. These can be dropped off at the church and left on the stage.

FIRST STEP OPTIONS

2023 Virtual Baby Bottle Fundraising Campaign will be running from Sunday May 14th to Sunday June 18th. Please help us to compassionately support families in our community surrounding pregnancy related and parenting circumstances.

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