

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 14 2023**

HYMN SING

**CHRIST IS RISEN!
HE IS RISEN INDEED ALLELUIA!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *O Day of Rest and Gladness* (ELW 521)

1 O day of rest and gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm for care and sadness,
most beautiful, most bright:
on you the high and lowly,
through ages joined in tune,
sing, "Holy, holy, holy,"
to the great God triune.

2 On you, at earth's creation,
the light first had its birth;
on you, for our salvation,
Christ rose from depths of earth;
on you, our Lord victorious
the Spirit sent from heav'n;
and thus on you, most glorious,
a threefold light was giv'n.

3 Today on weary nations
the heav'nly manna falls;
to holy convocations
the silver trumpet calls,
where gospel light is glowing
with pure and radiant beams
and living water flowing
with soul-refreshing streams.

4 New graces ever gaining
from this our day of rest,
we reach the rest remaining

to spirits of the blest.
We sing to you our praises,
O Father, Spirit, Son;
the church its voice upraises
to you, blest Three in One.

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GREETING (ELW p. 213)

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.

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 (ELW p. 215)

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Men's Choir – Come Share the Spirit,, by Grindal and Hobby

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

A reading from Acts.

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’

²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 66:8-20

⁸Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

⁹**Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

¹¹**You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

¹²You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

¹³**I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—**

¹⁴those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

¹⁵**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.**

¹⁶Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

¹⁷**I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

¹⁸If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

¹⁹**but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

²⁰Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

A reading from 1 Peter.

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 216)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le -
lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Come Down, O Love Divine* (ELW 804)

1 Come down, O Love divine;
seek thou this soul of mine
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near;
within my heart appear
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

2 Oh, let it freely burn,
till worldly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

3 Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing--
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

4 And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;
no soul can guess Love's grace

till it become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

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APOSTLES CREED (ELW 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.**

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

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 our faithful companion, you promise to never leave us and to send your Spirit to guide us in wisdom and truth. Send your people into the world to serve as mirrors that reflect and magnify your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

All the earth sings praises to you. Grant your care to the creatures, plants, and places that are suffering, and equip us to respond to their song. Make us agents of restoration and refreshment for all your beloved creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You call all people of the world your children. Judge the nations justly, show mercy to all who are oppressed, and speak truth to power through your prophets. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Nurturing Lord, you sent your Spirit to grant us peace. Make your presence known to those who feel abandoned or alone, and to all who are sick or grieving (Ann, Jason, Erna, Richard, Martha, Lani, Charlotte, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Aileen, Brenda and Douglas, Ruth, Anneliese, Kaitlyn, Danita, Vaughan, Joan, Denise, Mervin, Ty, Don). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You hold us in your loving care. We pray for mothers and mother figures. Console all who long to be mothers, children estranged from their mothers, anyone grieving the death of a mother, and mothers who have lost a child. Support all for whom this day is difficult. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Almighty God, you give life and breath to all things. We give thanks for the apostle Matthias and all your saints (*especially*). Sustain us by your love until we join the saints in glory. 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. 217)

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

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.

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 (ELW p. 221)

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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 (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 *We Know That Christ Is Raised* (ELW 449)

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.
Hallelujah!

2 We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life,
as living members of our Savior Christ.
Hallelujah!

3 The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God.
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One.
Hallelujah!

4 A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing:
Hallelujah!

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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PASTOR SCOTT AWAY MAY 14TH TO 19TH - FESTIVAL OF HOMILETICS

THIS WEEK AT ZION: May 15 – May 21

Tuesday:	7:00 pm	Church Council
	7:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Wednesday:	7:00 pm	Men's Choir
Thursday:	7:00 pm	Mixed Choir
	7:00 pm	Healing Vets
Sunday:	10:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Living Stones Service

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Presiding Minister:	Susan Dupuis
Music Director:	Blaine Sack
Worship Assistant:	Wayne Kirk
Sexton:	Diane Hammel
Projector Operator:	Rick Gerundin
Video Recorder:	Ellen Vandersleen
Sound Operator:	Gerry Vandersleen
Counters:	Lisa Campitelli, Kathy Green, Christopher Booth
Altar Care:	Sandra Graham
Ushers:	Denise Schizkoske and Cheryl Sack
Coffee Hour:	Patti and Peter Wegner

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Ann Beech, Jason Godin, Erna Handke, Richard Hubert, Martha Kodzynski, 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, Don Markus.

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

May God continue his blessings on Aileen and Edgar Roesler as they celebrated their 66th Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday, May 10th. Happy Anniversary!

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

Sunday School class is scheduled for May 14th and 28th.

LITTLE ONES AND CAREGIVERS PLAYGROUP

Please join us on May 24th at 9:30 am 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.

PASTOR SUE INSTALLATION

We are looking for donations of appetizers' or sweets for the lunch after service on May 28th for Pastor Sue's installation meet and greet. If you can help, please call Jill Kellough at (613) 735-0524

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 inter-generational 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 at an estimated \$2000. cost). 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, please email: info@lutherlyncamp.ca

CAMP LUTHERLYN - CRAFT SUPPLIES

Last year we put out a request for craft supplies and we were overwhelmed with the response. Most of what we asked for was simple recycling items. We now have enough for the next couple of years! We are now looking for the following craft supplies: 6 packages of washable crayola markers, 8 adult size scissors, smaller bottles of acrylic paints (various colours), packages of modeling clay, glue sticks, etc...

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.

ATTENDANCE
Wednesday May 3rd - 9
Sunday Worship May 7th - 72