

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE  
140<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 26 2023**

**PRELUDE**

**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 honour and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

# GATHERING SONG *Crown Him with Many Crowns* (ELW 855)

## Crown Him with Many Crowns



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,  
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4  
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

## WELCOME

### GREETING (ELW p. 147)

P: 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.**

# JOINT CHOIR ANTHEM – COME ALL YOU PEOPLE

By Alexander Gondo with arr. By John Bell

## Dialog of Praise

Pastor Sue

A. Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!

**C. Praise the Lord! Give thanks to him!**

A. God has blessed us and brought us to this time.

**C. God has blessed us and brought us to this place.**

A. God has caused his name to dwell in our midst.

**C. God has stirred our hearts and made us glad.**

A. God has shown us his glory in his mighty word.

**C. God has shown us the way of truth and life.**

A. Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!

C. Praise the Lord! Give thanks to him!

A. For 140 years, God has nurtured and fed us.

**C. For 140 years, God has shown us his grace.**

A. For 140 years, God has given himself in Word and Sacrament.

**C. For 140 years, God has empowered us with his Holy Spirit.**

A. For 140 years, God has made us his witnesses in the world.

**C. For 140 years, God has placed us in loving fellowship with one another.**

A. Praise the Lord for 140 years! Praise him for 140 more!

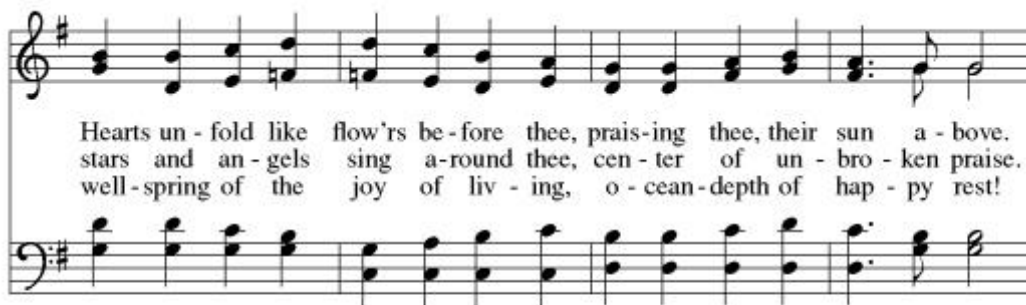
**C. Praise the Lord for evermore! Oh, praise the name of the Lord!**

# HYMN OF PRAISE *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* (ELW 836)

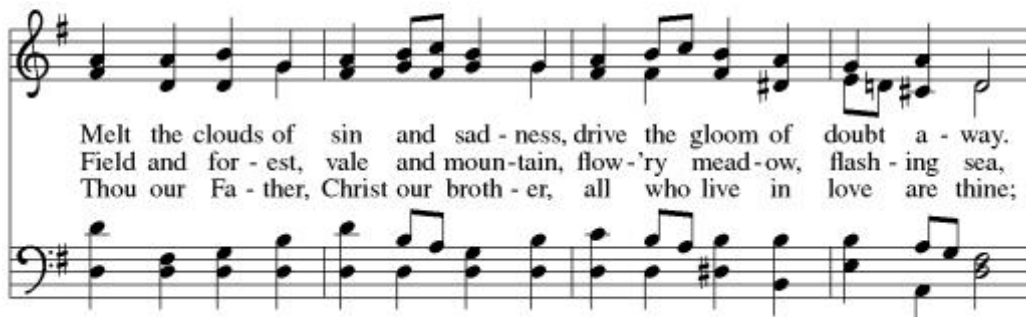
## Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922  
Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 150) (Pastor Scott)**

Let us pray.

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, 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 Anthem – 'Draw the Circle Wide,'**

by Gordon Light, with arr. By Michael Bloss and Scott Knarr

**BLESSING OF ALL CREATION SINGS WORSHIP SUPPLEMENT (BISHOP)**

(instruct the congregation to raise the ACSs)

Bishop: Sisters and brothers in Christ: Today we seek God's blessing as we gather with thankfulness to bless these new hymnal supplements *All Creation Sings* in honour of 140 years of ministry and to the glory of God.

St. Paul writes in Philippians that "we are to make a joyful noise to the Lord." And so we sing our hearts in praise.

All your works praise you, O Lord,  
**And your faithful servants bless you.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe. You made the whole earth for your glory; all creation praises you. We lift our voices to join the songs of heaven and earth, of things seen and unseen.

You stretched out the heavens like a curtain; you divided the day from the night; you appointed times and seasons for work and rest, for tearing down and building up. You blessed your people through all generations and guided them in life and death: Abraham and Sarah, Mary, mother of our Lord; Peter, James, John and all the apostles; and all the saints and witnesses in your Church of ages past in whom your Spirit spoke and moved.

Be with us now and bless the fruit of those who labour at Zion. Grant us faith to know your gracious purpose in all things, and continue your blessings to us through the bounty of your creation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# HYMN ACS 1099 KNEELING IN THE DUST TO FORM US

## Kneeling in the Dust to Form Us

1 Kneel - ing in the dust to form us,  
2 Shaped of flesh and bone to and sin - ew,  
3 Tem - pered bells re - sound more clear - ly,

mold - ing with a pot - ter's care, God blows breath of  
sound - ing cham - bers for the Word, we are tuned by  
forged of met - als bright and pure. So our lives, re -

life and Spir - it - pre - lude in the morn - ing air.  
dai - ly prac - tice, sea - soned by each les - son heard.  
fined by Wis - dom, sound in ac - cents that en - dure.

We be - come God's liv - ing ves - sels:  
Skill - ful - ly, the Spir - it plays us,  
God's own hand rings out the chang - es,

we, the flutes and pipes and reeds, ech - o - ing the  
fin - gers deft on fret and string, pluck - ing mel - o -  
strik - ing chords as yet un - known, till a new earth

Spir - it's mu - sic through the wit - ness of our deeds.  
fills of yearn - ing as our hearts re - spond and sing.  
rich and sweet as heav - en's own.

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**FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (Lay Assistant)**

A reading from Ezekiel.

<sup>11</sup>Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

<sup>20</sup>Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup>I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

<sup>23</sup>I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN *Jesus Loves Me!* (ELW 595)**

1 Jesus loves me! this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong,  
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
the Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! he who died  
heaven's gates to open wide;  
he will wash away my sin,  
let his little child come in. Refrain

3 Jesus loves me! he will stay  
close beside me all the way;  
when at last I come to die,  
he will take me home on high. Refrain

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## SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

A reading from Ephesians.

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 151)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46 (Bishop)

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>31</sup>“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I



tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’<sup>41</sup> Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’<sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’<sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’<sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”  
The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON (ELW p. 151) (Bishop)**

HYMN OF THE DAY *God's Work, Our Hands* (ACS 1000)

God's Work, Our Hands



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,  
 2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,  
 3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,  
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,  
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,  
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,  
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,  
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,  
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,  
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.  
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.  
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.  
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,  
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.  
 shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.  
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 shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.

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## **NICENE CREED (ELW p. 104) Pastor Sue**

**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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (LAY)**

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need ending each petition with “Lord in your mercy,” and responding, “**hear our prayer.**”

Holy God, from Christ we receive our call to feed, clothe, and welcome. Direct your church to respond to this call with faithfulness and generous love. We pray for the work of ELCIC A World Hunger programs like Canadian Lutheran World Relief and partnerships with global feeding ministries. Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

In Christ, the rock of our salvation, we are brought into union with all of creation. With mountains, seas, dry lands, and animals of the field, we seek your guidance and protection. Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

In Christ we know merciful judgment. Guide rulers of every nation in ways of humble leadership and wise decision-making. Allow aid to come to all who are underserved and care to any who are neglected. Be with people in war torn areas like Gaza and Ukraine that the innocent may not be hurt. Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

In Christ we feel the depth of your love and care toward us. Nourish all who hunger, connect any who are isolated, and surround all who experience rejection or abuse. We pray for those who suffer (*especially Jason, Martha, Charlotte, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Aileen, Douglas, Ruth, Anneliese, Kaitlyn, Vaughan, Jack, Joan, Mervin, Don, Judy, Larry, Peter, Garnet, Lori*). Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

In Christ we are made the people of his pasture. Inspire the outreach and social ministries of this congregation. We pray for all people who are homeless in Pembroke and suffering from food insecurity. Help us to help them. Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Holy God, in Christ we are welcomed home. We praise you for the faithful witness of those who have served you and extended your welcome and love to us. Unite us with them as one body of Christ. Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Mixed Anthem – Deep in our Hearts**

by John Oldham and Ron Klusmeier

### **PEACE (ELW p. 152) (Bishop)**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### **OFFERING *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (ELW 884)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heav'nly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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## OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 152) (Lay)

Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING (PASTOR SCOTT)

### DIALOGUE (ELW p. 152)



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. 153)

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,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
By the witness of your saints  
you show us the hope of our calling  
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,  
that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.  
And so, with all the saints,  
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 153)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n 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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 153)

O God before time, O God at the end,  
we delight in the splendor of your universe.  
Daily we laud your continuing creation,  
and we give thanks  
*for all the homelands of your Reformation people.*  
We glorify you, now and forever.  
**We glorify you, now and forever.**

O God of the covenant, O God of the church,  
we hear you speaking to centuries of your people.  
We come as your children to this table,  
and we give thanks for your presence  
*among Lutheran congregations around the world.*  
We praise you, now and forever.  
**We praise you, now and forever.**

You gave us Mary and Magdalene, Peter and Paul,  
*Luther and Melancthon, Henry Muhlenberg, and  
Elizabeth Fedde*  
—let us call out more names—  
*Katharina Luther the homemaker, Cranach the artist,  
Bach the musician, Nicolai the hymn writer,  
Nommensen the missionary, Kierkegaard the philosopher,  
Bonhoeffer the martyr, Hammarskjöld the statesman,  
countless other servants of the Reformation.*  
We bless you, now and forever.  
**We bless you, now and forever.**

You came as Jesus, our wisdom, our guide,  
*embodying forgiveness, granting us grace, setting us free,*

dying for sin, and alive for the life of the world.

We worship you, now and forever.

**We worship you, now and forever.**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, 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 his death, we cry out Amen.

**Amen.**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

**Amen.**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

**Amen.**

Come, Holy Spirit, and make here the body of Christ.

Breathe onto this food, that it bring us your life.

*Empower your Reformation people throughout the world  
to preach and teach, baptize and feed,  
pray and sing, comfort and heal.*

By your Spirit,

preserve what is faithful;

reform what we treasure;

create in us what is vital and new.

We honour you, now and forever.

**We honour you, now and forever.**

O God before time, O God at the end, Father, Son, and Spirit,  
we laud you,

*Covenant Lord, our Redeemer, the Strength of truth.*

Glory and praise, blessing and worship,

honour and power and might be to you, our God,

forever and ever.

**Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 154)**

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. 154)**

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

**COMMUNION (ELW p. 154)**

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

**COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 154)**

**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, grant us peace.**

**SONG DURING COMMUNION *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* (ELW 632 verses 1-3, 6)**

**1** O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home:

**2** Under the shadow of your throne  
your saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is your arm alone,  
and our defence is sure.

**3** Before the hills in order stood  
or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting you are God,  
to endless years the same.



6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home.

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**SONG DURING COMMUNION *O Word of God Incarnate* (ELW 514)**

1 O Word of God incarnate,  
O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,  
O Light of our dark sky:  
we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,  
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

2 The church from you, dear Master,  
received the gift divine;  
and still that light is lifted  
o'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass  
that, all life's voyage through,  
mid mists and rocks and quicksands  
still guides, O Christ, to you.

3 Oh, make your church, dear Savior,  
a lamp of burnished gold  
to bear before the nations  
your true light, as of old;  
oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims  
by this their path to trace,  
till, clouds and darkness ended,  
they see you face to face.

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**SONG DURING COMMUNION *This Little Light of Mine* (ELW 677)**

1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;

Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 155) (Lay)**

Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### **AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN VOCATION (P. 84) (P. Scott/P. Sue/Bishop)**

**(Pastor Scott)** Sisters and brothers, both your work and your rest are in God. Will you endeavour to pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others, at morning and evening, at work and play, all the days of your life?

Response: **I will and I ask God to help me.**

**(Pastor Sue)** Almighty God, by the power of the Spirit you have knit these your servants into the one body of your Son, Jesus Christ. Look with favour upon them in their commitment to serve in Christ's name. Give them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**(Bishop)** 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 *Thine the Amen* (ELW 826)

### Thine the Amen

1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise  
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be  
3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest  
4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise  
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light

thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread  
thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee  
thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be  
thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways  
thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly

thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup  
gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry  
then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war  
thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least  
then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee

thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.  
gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.  
thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.  
then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.  
thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

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## DISMISSAL (ELW p. 155)

A. Go in peace serve the Lord!

C. Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

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**ATTENDANCE: Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup> – 71**

**THIS WEEK AT ZION: November 27 – November 30**

Monday:	8:30 am	Pickle Ball
	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
	6:00 pm	Pickle Ball
	7:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous
	7:00 pm	Advent Book Study
Tuesday:	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	6:30 pm	Tai Chi
	7:00 pm	Mixed Choir
Wednesday:	9:00 am	Music Jam
	10:30 am	Mid -Week Service
	12:00 pm	Staff Meeting
	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
	7:15 pm	Men's Choir
	7:30 pm	Scottish Dancers
Thursday:	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	6:00 pm	Pickle Ball
	7:00 pm	Healing Vets
Friday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
Sunday:	10:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church office will be closed from  
Wednesday December 22 to Saturday January 6**

**NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Martha Kodzynski, Charlotte Layden, Ella Lehman, Rhonda Mau, Heather Miller, Aileen Roesler, Douglas Sperberg, Ruth Thom, Anneliese Trautrim, Kaitlyn Vaillancourt, Vaughan Rosien, Jack Zadow, Joan Lehman, Mervin Bimm, Don Markus, Judy and Larry Blais, Peter Wegner, Garnet Miller, Lori Selles.

## IN LOVING MEMORY

†A donation has been made by Cheryl Sack and family to the organ fund in memory of Edith Gorr, a mother, grandmother and great grandmother who passed away November 27, 2021. In thankfulness to God and to Edith's dedication to her church.  
*Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.*  
Psalm 106:1

†A donation has been given to the organ restoration fund in remembrance of Edith Gorr, who passed away November 27, 2021.  
*Revelations 21:4 He will wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying, nor pain. All of that has gone forever.*

## MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

Please join us Wednesdays at 10:30 am for services with Holy Communion. Our next midweek worship service will **Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.**

## BABY and ME

Our next nursery play time will be **Tuesday November 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.** Please join us and let your friends and neighbours know- all are welcome.

## GLOVEMBER

November and December are the months we will prioritize fingers and hands. Please bring in your new and clean gently used gloves during "GLOVEMBER" (November). Save your mittens for the "DECEMITTEN" tree! Let's make a difference helping the coldest of us stay warm and dry this cold winter season.

## ADVENT BOOK STUDY

The Advent Book Study will meet **Monday November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.** Cost per book is \$20. Please speak with Pastor Scott if you are interested in participating.

## MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church is a program for families that runs every month 5:30 pm-7:30 pm. Our next Messy Church will be on **Monday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.**

## ZION LUTHERAN WOMEN

Please join us for our ZLW Christmas Program presented by Ellen Vandersleen on **Wednesday December 6, 2023 at 2:00 pm.** Please bring your favourite finger food to share. Donations for the Food Bank are greatly needed and appreciated.

## SILENT AUCTION

Join us on **December 10<sup>th</sup>** in the evening at **6:30pm** for a fun fellowship and fundraising event. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased through the office, at coffee hour or at the door. There will be desserts and appetizers, coffee, tea, hot chocolate and hot apple cider served as you bid against one another for prizes, gift certificates and even a surprise or two! Funds raised will go towards the food bank and Zion's current operating fund. Come and find yourself a treat or finish off your Christmas shopping. There will be something for everyone!

## **MORNING SOCIAL**

Please join us on **Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am** in the parish hall for our Morning Social. Come out for fellowship, fun, coffee (or tea), and a snack, and bring a friend.

## **NOTES FROM WORSHIP & MUSIC**

**Altar Care:** We are once again looking for volunteers for Altar Care. If you are interested or would like to know what it entails, please call Sandra Graham at (613) 732-3260.

**Hymn Sings:** Due to a number of special services for the remainder of November and into December, the next hymn sing prior to a service will be at the morning service on December 24<sup>th</sup>, Advent 4.

## **WORSHIP AND MUSIC MEETING NOTICE**

Worship & Music meetings will change to the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month. Next Worship & Music meeting will be **Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

## **SUNDAY DECEMBER 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Come for an intergenerational interactive retelling of the Christmas Story. There will be a potluck and fellowship following the Christmas Story. We hope to see you there.

## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES (NOTE SERVICE TIME CHANGES)**

**Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup>:**

**10:00 am 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Service & Holy Communion**

**3:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & Holy Communion**

**7:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & Holy Communion**

## **TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

Presiding Minister:	Rev. Scott Schellenberger
Guest Preacher:	Bishop Michael J. Pryse
Music Director:	Blaine Sack
Worship Assistant:	Susan Dupuis
Worship Assistant:	Rev. Sue Nevile
Sexton:	Koiti Rull
Projector Operator:	Ellen Vandersleen
Video Recorder:	Korbin Smith
Sound Operator:	Brian Smith
Counters:	Kathy Godin, Kathy Hoffman, Christine Booth
Altar Care:	Diane Rull
Ushers:	Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz

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