

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE  
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3 2023  
THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEASON OF CREATION**

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***Gathering-* ELW 879 - For the Beauty of the Earth**

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,  
sun and moon and stars of light: Refrain

3 For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight: Refrain

4 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above;  
for all gentle thoughts and mild: Refrain

5 For each perfect gift of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;  
for thyself, best gift divine,  
to our world so freely giv'n: Refrain

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## Welcome

***“Listen carefully, I am about to do a new thing, now it will spring wilderness, rivers in the desert.”(Isaiah 43: 19)***

We gather in the name of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of the Earth and all creatures! Amen.

Praise be to the Holy Trinity! God is sound and life, Creator of the Universe, Source of all life, whom the angels sing; wondrous Light of all mysteries known or unknown to humankind, and life that lives in all.

(Hildegard of Bingen, 13th Century)

## Opening Prayer

Blessed are you, Creator of all to you be praise and glory forever as your dawn renews the face of the earth bringing light and life to all creation bring hope to your people. May we rejoice in this day you have made open our eyes to behold your presence and strengthen our hands to work for justice for all of creation, that the world may rejoice together and give you praise.

(Adapted from Lancelot Andrewes, 1626)

## Litany of Repentance

God of light, life and love, God of land, and sea, and sky, who called creation into existence and wove it into a rich tapestry, a fine mat, a web of life

Your Spirit hovered over the face of the primordial waters, and was breathed into humankind after you made us equally in Your image. Your Word was made flesh and embodied your divine love as it took root and bore fruit in us, restoring our relationship with you.

**Yet we have not honored this relationship with you and the rest of your creation. We have disrespected the web of life. We have devalued the fine ecological mat that you wove with so much love. We have uprooted your tree of life and sold it as logs. We have forgotten that we sweat and cry saltwater and have polluted your oceans and rivers... oceans that cry for justice and rivers that call to righteousness.**

**Instead of everything that has breath praising You, all creation groans in pain as trees and phytoplankton choke on carbon belched from our desire for more, and our care for less.**

**All around we see the consequences of our ecological sin as we**

**extract and exploit, as we defile and pillage our sister and brother creation:**

**Heat waves and wildfires, bitter winters, droughts and floods, rising sea levels and rising ocean temperatures more extreme cyclones, typhoons and hurricanes**

**Yet we are blind. Creation roars in pain. Yet we are deaf. You call us in Christ, to speak truth to power and peace to this planet, our common home. Yet we are silent.**

### **Repentance**

In God there is forgiveness.

Loving and all-seeing God, forgive us where we have failed to support one another and to be what we claim to be. Forgive us where we have failed to serve you; and where our thoughts and actions have been contrary to yours we ask your pardon.

God forgives us; be at peace. [Silence]

Rejoice and be glad, for Christ is resurrection, reconciliation for all the human race and for the whole of creation.

Amen.

(Adapted from the New Zealand Prayer Book - Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia)

### **Greeting - A Four Direction Prayer**

Let us turn our hearts to the West. From there the thunders bring us cleansing rain.

**Creator God, heal us and our relatives.**

Let us turn our hearts to the North. Winter comes to us from there and calls us to rest.

**Creator God, restore our strength.**

Let us turn our hearts to the East. The morning Sun begins each day there.

**Creator God awaken us and help us to walk with a renewed life.**

Let us turn our hearts to the South where the warm winds come from to give us comfort and joy.

**Creator God soothe our aching souls.**

Let us turn our hearts to the sky. From there our Creator sees all around us.

**Creator God help us to trust you to lead us.**

Let us turn our hearts to the Earth. From there quiet wisdom comes to teach us.

**Creator God hear us as we pray**

(Adapted from Diocese of Western North Carolina - Anglican Indigenous Ministries)

## **FIRST READING: Exodus 3:1-15**

A reading from Exodus.

<sup>1</sup>Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." <sup>4</sup>When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup>and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup>He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

<sup>13</sup>But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" <sup>15</sup>God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalmody- Psalm 85**

We are presently more aware than ever of the link between fossil fuels, and violence and war. Let us pray and proclaim with the Psalmist: Lord, you poured out blessings on your land! You restored the fortunes of Israel. You forgave the guilt of your people— yes, you covered all their sins.

### **May love and truth meet together Let justice and mercy kiss**

You held back your fury. You kept back your blazing anger. Now restore us again, O God of our salvation. Put aside your anger against us once more. Will you be angry with us always? Will you prolong your wrath to all generations? Won't you revive us again, so your people can rejoice in you?

### **May love and truth meet together Let justice and mercy kiss**

Show us your unfailing love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. I listen carefully to what God the Lord is saying, for he speaks peace to his faithful people.

Fear him, so our land will be filled with his glory. Unfailing love and truth have met together. Justice and peace have kissed!

### **May love and truth meet together Let justice and peace kiss**

Truth springs up from the Earth, and righteousness smiles down from heaven. Yes, the Lord pours down his blessings. Our land will yield its bountiful harvest. Righteousness goes as a herald before him, preparing the way for his steps.

### **May love and truth meet together Let justice and peace kiss**

(Adapted from the New Living Translation)

## **SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21**

A reading from Romans.

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I

will repay, says the Lord.” <sup>20</sup>No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)**

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.**

**Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.**

**Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

<sup>27</sup>“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**SERMON**

***Hymn of the Day* - ELW 798 - Will You Come and Follow Me**

1 "Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?"

2 "Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare,  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray'r  
in you and you in me?"

3 "Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris'ners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?"

4 "Will you love the you you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?"

5 Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.

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### **The Affirmation of Faith**

You, O God, are supreme and holy.  
You create our world and give us life.  
Your purpose overarches everything we do.  
You have always been with us.  
You are God.  
You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.  
You came to us before we came to you.  
You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
God made flesh,  
who lived and died and rose again.  
You are with us now.  
You are God.  
You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you  
overcome death. You are our God. We worship you.

(Adapted from the New Zealand Prayer Book)

### **Intercessory Prayers**

Creator and Redeemer, as we approach you in prayer, make us walk in  
beauty and balance. Make us open our hearts and minds. Make us  
speak the truth. We pray for your community, the Church, the Body of  
Christ. We pray for all our relatives in the circle of life throughout all  
Creation, for those chosen to be our leaders and teachers.

**In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.**

We call upon the Earth, our planet home, with its beautiful depths,  
soaring heights and deep waters, its vitality and abundance of life, and  
together we ask:

**That it may teach us and show us the way.**



We call upon the mountains and deserts, the high green valleys and meadows filled with wildflowers, the snows, the summits of intense silence, and we ask:

**That they may teach us and show us the way.**

We call upon the land which grows our food, the nurturing soil, the fertile fields, the abundant gardens and orchards, and we ask:

**That they may teach us and show us the way.**

We call upon the forests, the great trees reaching strong to the sky with earth in their roots and the heavens in their branches, the fir and the pine and the cedar and we ask:

**That they may teach us and show us the way.**

We call upon the creatures of the fields and forests and the seas, our brothers and sisters the wolves and deer, the eagle and dove, the great whales and the dolphin. We ask:

**That they may teach us and show us the way.**

We call upon all those who have lived on this earth, our ancestors and our friends, who dreamed the best for future generations, and upon whose lives our lives are built, and with thanksgiving, we call upon them too ...

**That they may teach us and show us the way.**

We call upon those in need of the healing of the Lord. Be with those who are hurting or grieving this day. May they know your presence please be with especially *Ann, Jason, Erna, Richard, Martha, Charlotte, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Aileen, Douglas, Ruth, Anneliese, Kaitlyn, Vaughan, Joan, Denise, Mervin, Ty, Don, Jack, Wayne, Margaret.*

**Help them that they may teach us and show us the way.**

We call upon the nations of the world to hear the cry of those who have suffered loss of homes, lives and hope because of climate change. May they hear the cry of those whose schools, churches, hospitals, roads and infrastructure have been damaged. We pray for justice and for peace:

**That they may teach us and show us the way.**

We pray for all victims of war and violence. We pray for countries where the greed for oil and gas are leading to war. We hold in our hearts those

areas where fossil fuel projects have destabilized communities and human rights abuses have occurred. We pray for areas where climate change has led to drought and conflict over water and resources is taking place. May we respond to the cry of all. We ask:

**That they may teach us and show us the way.**

Creator, you made the world and declared it to be good: the beauty of the trees, the softness of the air, the fragrance of the grass speaks to us; the summit of the mountains, the thunder of the sky, the rhythm of the lakes speak to us; the faintness of the stars, the freshness of the morning, the dewdrops on the flower speak to us. But above all, our heart soars for you speak to us in Jesus the Christ, in whose name we offer these prayers.

Amen.

(Adapted from Prayers of the People, the Church of the Four Winds, Portland Oregon.)

### **SHARING OF PEACE**

The peace of God be with you all.

**In God's justice is our peace.**

Brothers and sisters, Christ calls us to live in unity with each other and with the whole of creation. We seek to live in the Spirit of Christ.

### ***Offertory - ELW 884 - Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow***

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. 206)**

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. 206)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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. 207)**

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;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 207)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest.**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 207)**

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:  
you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos;  
you encircled the globe with air;  
you created fire for warmth and light;  
you nourish the lands with water.  
You molded us in your image,

and with mercy higher than the mountains,  
with grace deeper than the seas,  
you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying,  
might be adopted to live in your Spirit,  
you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

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.

Together as the body of Christ,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Son,  
the first-born of your new creation.  
We remember his life lived for others,  
and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.  
We await his coming,  
when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom,  
all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate,  
send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit,  
whose breath revives us for life,  
whose fire rouses us to love.  
Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.

Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit,  
that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.  
**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Holy and benevolent God,  
receive our praise and petitions,  
as Jesus received the cry of the needy,  
and fill us with your blessing,  
until, needy no longer and bound to you in love,  
we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb:  
through whom all glory and honour is yours, O God, O Living One,  
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray with the Lord's Prayer that Jesus has taught us.

***[Pray the traditional version of the Lord's Prayer or the following version  
by Jim Cotter adapted in the New Zealand Prayer Book]:***

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and  
that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe! The way of your  
justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

**Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!**

Your communion of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on  
Earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

**In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.**

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION (ELW p. 208)**

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

## **COMMUNION**

### **COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 208)**

**Lamb of God, you bear the sin of the world away;  
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.  
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.  
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

### ***Communion Hymns-* ELW 696- Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult**

1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea,  
day by day his clear voice sounding,  
saying, "Christian, follow me":

2 As of old Saint Andrew heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred,  
leaving all for Jesus' sake.

3 Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more."

4 In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."

5 Jesus calls us! By your mercy,  
Savior, may we hear your call,  
give our hearts to your obedience,  
serve and love you best of all.

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## **ELW 802 - Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
follow his example pure,  
through a world that would deceive us  
and to sin our spirits lure.

Onward in his footsteps treading,  
trav'lers here, our home above,  
full of faith and hope and love,  
let us do our Saviour's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide;  
I shall follow where you guide.

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus,  
and with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness;  
where he is there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter,  
we shall reap celestial joy:  
all discomforts that annoy  
shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share your woe;  
help me there your joy to know.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.  
Since by death he conquered death,  
he will free us from destruction,  
give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion  
that would lead us into sin;  
and the grave that shuts us in  
shall but prove the gate of heaven.  
Jesus, here with you I die,  
there to live with you on high.

4 Let us also live with Jesus.  
He has risen from the dead  
that to life we may awaken.  
Jesus, you are now our head,  
we are your own living members;

where you live, there we shall be  
in your presence constantly,  
living there with you forever.

Jesus, let me faithful be;  
life eternal grant to me.

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### **Prayer after Communion**

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 of Water**

Blessed are you, Creator God, who in Christ, the living water of salvation, blessed and transformed us. Grant that when we are sprinkled with this water we will be refreshed by the power of the Holy Spirit. May we draw water from the springs of salvation and continue to walk together in the new life we received at Baptism.

### **The sprinkling of the congregation**

Christ is the living water cleansing, refreshing, making all things new. Christ is the living bread; food for the hungry, strength for the pilgrim and the laborer.

(Fr Joshtröm Kureethadam, Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development)

### **Benediction**

May we be blessed to open our hearts to receive “the living waters of God’s justice and peace” within us:

**Amen.**

May we be blessed to share “the living waters of God’s justice and peace” with our suffering brothers and sisters and all creatures around us:

**Amen.**

May we be blessed to walk together with all people of good will so that the many streams of “the living waters of God’s justice and peace” may become a mighty river all over the Earth:

**Amen.**



And may God bless us on this journey, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

(FrJoshfromKureethadam,VaticanDicasteryforPromotingIntegralHumanDevelopment)

### **HYMN ELW 655 - Son of God, Eternal Savior**

1 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
hallows all our human race,  
you our head, who, throned in glory,  
for your own will ever plead:  
fill us with your love and pity,  
heal our wrong, and help our need.

2 As you, Lord, have lived for others,  
so may we for others live.  
Freely have your gifts been granted;  
freely may your servants give.  
Yours the gold and yours the silver,  
yours the wealth of land and sea;  
we but stewards of your bounty  
held in solemn trust will be.

3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,  
King of love and Prince of peace;  
hush the storm of strife and passion,  
bid its cruel discords cease.  
By your patient years of toiling,  
by your silent hours of pain,  
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,  
stem our selfish greed of gain.

4 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
hallows all our human race:  
by your praying, by your willing  
that your people should be one,

grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:  
here on earth your will be done.

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**DISMISSAL (ELW p. 209)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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**THIS WEEK AT ZION: September 4 – 10**

Monday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
Tuesday:	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	7:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous
	7:00 pm	Worship & Music
Wednesday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
	7:00 pm	Men's Choir
Thursday:	3:00 pm	ZLW
	7:00 pm	Healing Vets
	7:00 pm	Mixed Choir
Friday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
Sunday:	10:00 am	Worship Service

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

Presiding Minister:	Rev. Scott Schellenberger
Music Director:	Blaine Sack
Worship Assistant:	Susan Dupuis
Sexton:	Diane Hammel
Projector Operator:	Diane Hammel
Video Recorder:	
Sound Operator:	Noah Schmidt
Counters:	Gayle & Larry Seegmiller
Altar Care:	Cheryl Sack
Ushers:	Amanda Campbell, Ryan Parcher

## **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, Charlotte Layden, Ella Lehman, Rhonda Mau, Heather Miller, Aileen Roesler, Douglas Sperberg, Ruth Thom, Anneliese Trautrim, Kaitlyn Vaillancourt, Vaughan Rosien, Joan Lehman, Denise Schizkoske, Mervin Bimm, Ty Phannenhour, Don Markus, Jack Zadow, Margaret King.

## **EXERCISE CLASSES**

Please join us on Monday September 4, Wednesday September 6, and Friday September 8 at 1:00 pm for our Senior Exercise classes. Bring a friend!

## **ZLW**

Please join us on Wed. September 6, 2023, at 3:00 pm (new time)  
For "Exploring Roots and Wings" program with Pam and Ellen.  
Special Offering to Fellowship of the Least Coin, Pot Luck Supper to Follow!

## **CHOIR PRACTICES**

Choir practices for both the Men's and Mixed choirs will resume this week, on Wednesday, September 6th @ 7pm, and Thursday, September 7th @ 7pm, respectively. New singers are always welcome!

### **MESSY CHURCH**

Messy Church is a program that runs every month 5:30 pm-7:30 pm. Due to the Labour Day Holiday on September 4th, our next Messy Church will be on Monday September 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

### **SOCIAL MINISTRY MEETING**

The next Social Ministry Meeting is Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.

### **MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE**

Midweek Worship Services are starting up again. Please join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 10:30 am for services with Holy Communion. September Services will be September 13<sup>th</sup> and September 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.

### **CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

Years One and Two of Confirmation will be run together this year. An information meeting will be held after worship on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **BROADCAST & RECORDING**

We are blessed to be able to broadcast our worship services to our parishioners and to people of the Valley on Cogeco TV. We couldn't do it without the equipment we are fortunate to have. However, to be able to continue this service we are in need of \$2000 to upgrade. We ask you to consider this vital ministry, possibly donating to this fund so that we may continue to provide the recordings and broadcast to our community.

### **HOLD THE DATE! 140<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATION**

Zion Lutheran Church is celebrating their 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> 2023, Bishop Michael Pryce attending. Further details to follow.

### ***140th Anniversary Worship Project***

*For the 140th Anniversary we will be purchasing the new 'All Creation Sings' supplement, to the current ELW hymnal (2006). Please consider donating a copy of this new resource in memory of loved ones, birthdays, or celebrations. Cost per copy is \$20.*

### **UPDATE from ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE**

Zion's Anniversary Committee met twice over the summer; most recently on August 23rd. Good discussions and brainstorming have led to the planning of

different celebratory events for the Fall. An Anniversary banner is also being designed for the lawn on the corner of Miller and Munroe Streets. Please speak to Committee members Lorraine MacKenzie, Kathy Nieman or Blaine Sack if you have any questions, ideas, or would like to join our planning team. Stay tuned for more information on special events as we roll into September.

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, RANKIN, to celebrate with Anniversary service!**

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rankin, will be celebrating 160 years as a church family, with a special service on Sunday, September 10th @ 3pm. Blaine Sack has been asked to share music and play for their afternoon Anniversary service – thank you Blaine! Please contact Delores Lamkay at 613-649-2616 for more information about the service, tickets to a catered dinner, or refer to the Grace Lutheran Church Facebook page.

**EVERYONE LOVES A PARADE!**

On Saturday, September 16th, Carefor Health and Community Services will be hosting a fundraising walk called ‘The Grand Parade’. The walk will be held at The Pembroke Marina and waterfront. Funds raised will go for services to Ottawa Valley seniors to get to essential medical appointments and the meal delivery program to keeps seniors fed and healthy! Please consider donating to help celebrate seniors every step of the way! Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$20 or more. Information can be found online at [thegrandparade.org](http://thegrandparade.org). ‘Team Zion’ will be led by Captain Blaine. Please speak to Blaine for more information; he can be reached by email at [pianobyblaine@gmail.com](mailto:pianobyblaine@gmail.com), or by phone at 343-369-8700.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Sunday August 27 – 49**

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