

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE
REFORMATION SUNDAY – CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 29 2023
SETTING 4**

**PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

GATHERING SONG *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (isometric)* (ELW 504)

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

2 No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

3 Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
they cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

4 God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,

through life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.

The kingdom's ours forever!

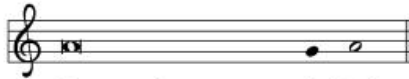
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GREETING (ELW p. 147)

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. 147)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



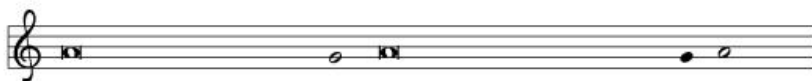
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 150)

Let us pray.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving 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 – Count Your Blessings, by J. Oatman Jr. and E. O. Excell.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

A reading from Romans.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 151)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON (ELW p. 151)

HYMN OF THE DAY *We Are Called* (ELW 720)

PRESENTATION (ELW p. 234)

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these people*, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of *their* baptism.

I present :

William Timothy Michael Gleason

Emma Marie Helen Graham

Timothy Allen Roger Levoy

Zac Garry Phannenhour

Ava Rebecca Jean Schmidt

Noah Ryan Matthew Schmidt

Isabelle Faith Marie Sell

Korbin Harvey Smith

who *desire* to make public affirmation of *their* baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for *these sisters and brothers*, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called *them* to yourself, enlightened *them* with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished *them* in the community of faith.

Uphold your *servants* in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (ELW p. 235)

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (ELW p. 236)

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters and brothers* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

Stir up in *Emma, William, Timothy, Zac, Ava, Noah, Isabel, Korbin* the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Men's Choir - 'The Aaronic Blessing' by Lowell Mason

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God our parent, you call us your children and have made us siblings through your son Jesus. Heal the church's many divisions, bring understanding and peace where there has been contention and strife, and unite us in one body through the love of Christ. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our saviour, you call us your children and encourage all on their journeys of faith. Be with those confirmed this day and help them to know that faith in Christ will always be the way. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our champion, you are our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. Draw near to all who suffer (**Jason, Erna, Richard, Martha, Charlotte, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Aileen, Douglas, Ruth, Anneliese, Kaitlyn, Vaughan, Joan, Denise, Mervin, Don, Jack, Gerry, Judy, Larry, Peter**). Be their rest and comfort. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our eternal keeper, be with the family and friends of Anne Beech as they mourn her loss this week. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our reformer, you make all things new. Free us from complacency, open us to unexpected ways, and kindle zeal in us for the future. We pray for young people affirming their baptism. With them, stir in us a desire for your wisdom. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our savior, you made yourself known in the lives of all who have died in the hope of your grace. We give thanks for the witness of reformers like Martin Luther and for all whose example has brought us closer to you. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE (ELW p. 152)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING *For the Fruit of All Creation (AR HYD Y NOS)* (ELW 679) v1

1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

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OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 152)

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING 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;
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. 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)

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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 AFTER COMMUNION *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* (ELW 517)

1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;
curb those who by deceit or sword
would wrest the kingdom from your Son
and bring to naught all he has done.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
for you are Lord of lords alone;
defend your holy church, that we
may sing your praise eternally.

3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
send peace and unity on earth;
support us in our final strife
and lead us out of death to life.

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Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am (ELW 814) Repeat

Take, oh, take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 155)

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING (ELW p. 155)

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 All Are One in Mission* (ELW 576)

1 We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love.

2 We all are called for service,
to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different;
our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others

with God's surprising grace,
 so ev'ry folk and nation
 may feel God's warm embrace.

3 Now let us be united,
 and let our song be heard.
 Now let us be a vessel
 for God's redeeming Word.
 We all are one in mission;
 we all are one in call,
 our varied gifts united
 by Christ, the Lord of all.

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DISMISSAL (ELW p. 155)

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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THIS WEEK AT ZION: October 30 – November 5

Monday:	8:30 am	Pickle Ball
	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
	6:00 pm	Pickle Ball
	7:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Tuesday:	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	10:00 am	Baby & Me
	6:30 pm	Tai Chi
	7:00 pm	Men's Choir
Wednesday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
	3:00 pm	ZLW
	6:15 pm	Confirmation
	7:15 pm	Mixed 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 (Congregational Meeting following service)
	2:30 pm	140 th Anniversary Fall Festival of Music)

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Presiding Minister:	Rev. Scott Schellenberger
Music Director:	Blaine Sack
Worship Assistant:	Susan Dupuis
Lector:	Emma Graham
Sexton:	Don Boldt
Projector Operator:	Phillip Vandersleen
Video Recorder:	Ellen Vandersleen
Sound Operator:	Gerry Vandersleen
Counters:	Doug & Pauline Malliff, Sandra Graham
Altar Care:	Carol Boldt
Ushers:	Doug & Pauline Malliff
Coffee Hour:	Debbie & Stan Sitkiewicz

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: 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, Don Markus, Jack Zadow, Gerry Vandersleen, Judy and Larry Blias, Peter Wagner.

Please join us in prayer for the family and friends of Anne Beech as they mourn the death of their loved one. Funeral arrangements TBD.

MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

Please join us Wednesdays at 10:30 am for services with Holy Communion. Our next midweek worship service will be **Wednesday, November 15th at 10:30 am.**

ANNUAL JAM JAR FUNDRAISER

Social Ministry has kicked off the annual Jam Jar Fundraiser. This year your donations will be directed to the Good Shepherding Fund. It is in need of replenishment. The Good Shepherding fund helps Zion's members who may need some assistance. This year we helped send 9 children to Camp Lutherlyn. We are so very grateful and blessed that we have a fund that can help. This years' campaign will wrap up with a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon **Sunday November 19th** following worship. Thank you for your continuing support.

NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On **Sunday November 5th**, immediately following our worship service, we will be holding a congregational meeting. The business to be discussed is a proposal coming from the Pembroke and Area Community Taskforce. This group has been formed as a result of Steve Boland's request to look into emergency sheltering here at Zion. You can learn more about this before the meeting by speaking with Steve directly.

TO ALL COMMITTEES:

It's that time of year again to discuss budgets for the coming year. Please send the budgets to the treasurer @ g.e.vandersleen@gmail.com or leave a copy in the treasurer's slot in the office. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION CLASS FLOWERS

The flowers and corsages have been sponsored by Murray and Sandra Sell in honour of the 2023 Confirmation class and their granddaughter Isabelle Sell.

ZLW invites you to join us for cake and coffee today to celebrate our confirmands and new members.

BABY & ME GROUP

Join us on **Tuesday October 31st** for a fun playgroup. Coffee, juice and snacks provided. Join us **at 10:00 am** in the nursery. All caregivers and little ones 0-4 years of age are welcomed and encouraged to come for play and chat!

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 November 6th at 5:30 pm**.

MORNING SOCIAL

Please join us on **Wednesday November 15th 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.

ZION GARAGE SALE

Thank you to all who volunteered to make the Zion garage sale a great success. Proceeds of \$4925.00 going to the Food Bank and the general fund.

ALL CREATIONS SINGS 140th ANNIVERSARY PROJECT

Congratulations! We have met our goal. 100 All Creation Sings Hymnal supplements have been donated to the glory of God by you. If you'd still like to make a special donation to the general fund in honour of the 140th Anniversary, your gift will be used for the ministry of the church.

ZLW

Our next Faith & Life Program will be November 1st at 3:00 pm. Wear a Poppy – Remembrance Day with Susan Dupuis

140th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Members of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pembroke

Invite all members, former members, sister congregations, family members and friends to attend our **140th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, November 26th 2023**.

There will be a celebration service at **3:00 pm with Bishop Michael Pryse** as guest speaker. Following the service there will be a social hour with a historical display in the Parish hall

followed by a roast beef and ham dinner at 5:30 pm catered by The Kitchen Eatery and Catering Company.

Tickets will be \$30 for adults and \$15 for ages 12 and under. **Deadline for ticket sales is November 17th** with tickets available at the church office and can also be purchased after Sunday worship during coffee hour from Lorraine, Kathy Nieman or Blaine, of the anniversary committee. All events will be held at the church at 454 Miller Street, Pembroke.

We hope you can join us for our special celebration.

The 140th Anniversary Committee

CHRISTMAS SERVICES (NOTE SERVICE TIME CHANGE)

Sunday December 24th:

10:00 am 4th Sunday Of Advent Service & Holy Communion

3:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & Holy Communion

7:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & Holy Communion

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

(68 Renfrew St., Pembroke) is holding their Holly Bazaar and Lunch on Thursday, Nov. 9 from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm. Lunch (tickets \$12) will begin at 11 am with homemade soup, sandwiches, dessert and tea or coffee. Bake table, knitting, handcrafts, re-gifting and Christmas items. Also, the Combined Choirs from Ottawa to sing on Remembrance Day. The Combined Choirs of Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa sing Faure's Requiem on Saturday, Nov. 11th at 4 pm in Holy Trinity Anglican Church (68 Renfrew St., Pembroke). Admission by donation.

LADIES AUXILIARY Thursday 9 November 2023, 6:00 pm for 7:00 pm in the Church Hall of First Presbyterian Church, 257 Pembroke Street West. The Ladies Auxiliary excitedly invites all women, their daughters, friends and members of the local community to a Barbie-themed pink event! Tickets are \$10, with an extra \$5 for a glass of wine. Teams of 4 to 6 are asked to pre-register by 7 November with Brenda Jamieson at 613 633-8750 or Heather Saar at 613 281-3974

ATTENDANCE : Sunday October 22 – 68
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