

**September 18, 2022– Season of Creation
Zion Lutheran Church Pembroke Ontario
Setting 4**

**PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

GATHERING

PSALMODY (*Psalm 19*)

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of God's hands.

Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

Listen to creation tell of God, listen to God's Word in scripture.

They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

Listen to creation tell of God, listen to God's Word in scripture.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.

Listen to creation tell of God, listen to God's Word in scripture.

The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.

The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous.

Listen to creation tell of God, listen to God's Word in scripture.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE EARTH

Remember the fruits of the earth, for sowing and for harvest. Remember the dew of the air.

Remember the downcoming of the rains and the waters and the rivers.

Remember the plants and the blooms of every year. Remember the safety of humans and of animals and of me, your sinful servant.

For the rain, the wind of the sky, seed, plants, the fruit of the trees and also the vineyards, and for every tree in the entire world, we are grateful.

For the Holy Trinity who brings us to perfection in safety and peace, forgives us our sins, brings us up according to their measure that we may grow and prosper through your grace, who makes the face of the earth to rejoice,

waters her furrows, lets her grain be abundantly multiplied and makes ready her seed-time and harvest, we give You thanks.

(adapted from the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Pre-Anaphora, and Anaphora of Basil)

GATHERING SONG: 655 Son of God, Eternal Saviour

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.

GREETING

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

KYRIE (ELW p. 147)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 148)

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 150)

Let us pray.

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

WORD

FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." ⁷The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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: Luke 16:1-13

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' ³Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I

am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ¹⁰"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *God, Whose Almighty Word* (ELW 673)

1 God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.

2 Christ, who once came to bring,
on your redeeming wing,
healing and sight;
health to the troubled mind,
sight where illusions blind;
oh, now to humankind

let there be light.

3 Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy dove,
speed forth your flight;
move on the water's face
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

4 Holy and blessed three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might:
boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth, far and wide,
let there be light.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

We believe in God, who creates all things, who embraces all things, who celebrates all things, who is present in every part of the fabric of creation. We believe in God as the source of all life, who baptises this planet with living water.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one, the malnourished one, the climate refugee, who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.

And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life, who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, who moves with God and who moves among and with us today.

We believe in everlasting life in God.

And we believe in the hope that one day God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.

(Gurukul Theological college, India / adapted by Keld B. Hansen 2009, from SOC Curriculum 2022)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER (from SEASONS OF CREATION Curriculum 2022)

Loving God during this season of creation let us pray ending each petition

with “God, who listens to every living thing,” and responding **Help us listen as you do**

Loving God, even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she places her young near Your altar. You are attentive to all you have made.

God, who listens to every living thing,

Help us listen as you do.

Loving God, help us provide refuge to every animal and plant with whom we live. Help us be attentive to all you have made.

God, who listens to every living thing,

Help us listen as you do.

Loving God, when Jesus cried out and gave up his Spirit, the earth shook and the rocks split. You are known by the whole of creation that listens to you.

God, who listens to every living thing,

Help us listen as you do.

Loving God, help us hear and know you just as the earth and rocks do. Help us to learn from the way in which we see creation recognise your glorious beauty.

God, who listens to every living thing

Help us listen as you do.

Loving God, you are present in your creation and seek to heal her wounds.

Be with those we love who need our prayers; especially, Jason, Erna, Marilyn, Martha, Lani, Erica, Rhonda, Heather, Aileen, Robert, Brenda, Ruth, Kaitlyn, Danita, Tim, and those in our hearts and on our minds. God, who listens to every living thing

Help us listen as you do.

Loving God, we often abandon your creation and cause its wounds. Help us to follow in your footsteps and learn to walk in the garden like you.

God, who listens to every living thing

Help us listen as you do.

Loving God, who hears every voice, knows each cry of injustice, and is attentive to the suffering of the earth: teach us to listen. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may listen to the world you have created and not close ourselves off from it. Reveal to us the ways in which we have failed to hear your voice in how we treat the earth.

God, who listens to every living thing,

Help us listen as you do. Amen

SHARING OF THE PEACE

If we are in Christ, we are becoming a new creation.
The peace of the Creator be with you in all Things.
And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN: For the Fruit of All Creation ELW 679

- 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.

- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

OFFERING PRAYER (*from Sundays and Seasons 2022*)

Gracious God,
in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing and make us ready to serve all creation; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

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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

It is right to give you thanks, loving Creator. Your Word is the impulse for all things to be, for space, stars and stardust to appear, for Earth to emerge from the deep, for life to be born of Earth and for humans to be born of Earth and the Spirit.

You chose to be born a human being, to become a part of Earth, to suffer, die and rise from death to redeem humankind, renew creation, and affirm all born of Earth and the Spirit.

Your presence is the living impulse in all things, the Christ deep among us, filling Earth—land, sea and air; filling every element and place; filling the grain and the grape we share with you this day.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, ancient voices in the forest, high voices from the sky,
deep voices from the sea and the whole company of creation, we proclaim your presence among us:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ELW p.153

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

TABLE BLESSING

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance. You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

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 life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. Amen

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 154)

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

Come to the table for all is now ready.

LAMB OF GOD (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 *Break Now the Bread of Life* (ELW 515)

1 Break now the bread of life,
dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page
I seek you, Lord;
my spirit waits for you,
O living Word.

2 Bless your own word of truth,
dear Lord, to me,
as when you blessed the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease,
all fetters fall;
and I shall find my peace,
my All-in-All!

3 You are the bread of life,
dear Lord, to me,
your holy word the truth that rescues me.
Give me to eat and live
with you above;

teach me to love your truth,
for you are love.

Be Thou My Vision (ELW 793)

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

May God who established the dance of creation, Who marvelled at the lilies of the field, Who transforms chaos to order, Lead us to transform our lives and the Church To listen to the voice of all creatures, That reflect God's glory in creation.

(adapted from the CTBI Eco-Congregation Programme)

SENDING SONG *O Jesus, I Have Promised (ELW 810)*

1 O Jesus, I have promised

to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me,
my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle
if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide.

2 Oh, let me feel you near me;
the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer
to shield my soul from sin.

3 Oh, let me hear you speaking
in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will.
Now speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
now speak and make me listen,
O Guardian of my soul.

4 O Jesus, you have promised
to all who follow you
that where you are in glory
your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
oh, give me grace to follow,
my master and my friend.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be stewards of our world.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Please Pray for Those Who are Ill, in Hospital, or Requested Special Prayers: Jason Godin, Erna Handke, Marilyn Kathen, Martha Kodzynski, Lani Lange, Erica Loevenmark, Rhonda Mau, Heather Miller, Aileen Roesler, Robert Schoof, Brenda Sperberg, Ruth Thom, Kaitlyn Vaillancourt, Danita Wolfgram, Tim Zadow.

Please Pray For Those Who Recently Exchanged Marriage Vows: especially, this day we pray for Maria Doiron & Hunter Denney as they begin their new life together.

News & Announcements

DONATION

A donation has been made to the General Fund by Gail Roesler with thanks to God for helping Aileen heal and for **helping Edgar** to continue his exceptional care. May God bless them. *“I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness.” Isaiah 61:10*

THANK YOU

1. A big “Thank You” is extended to Lillian Michel for providing our musical accompaniment for today’s worship service.
2. A big “Thank You” is also extended to Peter Wegner for replacing a toilet in one of the bathrooms in the Parish Hall.

GUIDING LIGHT DEADLINE

Please note this Friday, September 23rd is the deadline for the October issue of our newsletter. Please have all submissions in to Jean in the office by this date. Thank you!

SEASONS OF CREATION

Today we begin a month long journey joining with our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world celebrating the Season of Creation.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for anyone helping with donating things for the food bank.

I would like to ask for some help if you have any of these things:

- 1) Plastic bags from the grocery store
- 2) Plastic outside milk bags
- 3) Any type of plastic bottle except water bottles as they are too flimsy. Ensure bottles, small juice bottles, Gatorade bottles or small juice bottles or vitamin bottles are all used. We use these bottles to give out laundry detergent, dish detergent, shampoo etc. We need about 100 bottles per week. We usually can only hand out a portion of the ones needed as I do not get enough.
- 4) Plastic bags that the papers (blue) come in or small plastic bags you get with fruits and vegetables. I use these to put their detergents in so in case of spillage the liquid does not get on their regular groceries. If anyone can help me with any of these things please bring to church and put in the food bank box at the top of the stairs. Our food bank is so busy now as things get harder for a lot of people so thank you for anything you can contribute. - Debbie Sitkiewicz

NEW MEMBERS

Are you looking to join Zion Lutheran Church? For those of you that are interested, please talk to Pastor Scott, call the church office at 613-732-8792 or send an email to zionoffice@nrtco.net. There will be an informal meeting following worship on September 25th. Our plan will be to welcome you as a member of Zion Lutheran Church on Reformation Sunday October 30, 2022.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

Are you looking to volunteer? Why not teach Sunday School? This year we are creating a six week rotation for teachers. As a teacher you would be recruited to teach twice in the fall and and two or three times in the new year. Enquire to Kim Schmidt, Ellen Vandersleen or Pastor Scott for more info.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

1. Confirmation first year orientation will be today at 11:20am in the youth room.

2. Confirmation classes for years one and two start Wednesday, October 5th at 6:15pm

ETERNITY FOR TODAY

The next issue of the devotional “Eternity for Today” is now in the church office. Please make arrangements to pick up your copy. Also, if you would like to receive this devotional or make changes to your existing subscription, please call the church office this week to let Jean know.

SERVICE OF BLESSING OF ANIMALS-OCTOBER 2nd AT 3:00PM

Join us with a Service of Blessing of the Animals on October 2nd at 3:00pm. The service will be held in the parish hall. It is a fun service and joy to be with all God’s creatures. No Giraffes allowed.

COFFEE HOUR

We have started up our coffee hour again after the worship service. We are in need of some sweets that can be served and enjoyed by all. If you would like to donate something for all to enjoy please bring them in on Sunday mornings and leave them in the kitchen. We presently have lots of coffee and tea. Thanks to all who help with this ministry. Susan Dupuis

UPDATE ON CHURCH DIRECTORY

I know that many of you are wondering when our new church directory will arrive. We wanted to include photos of our committees as well as photos of some of our activities here at the church. Unfortunately, this took longer than expected to put together causing a delay in getting these to the directory company. I have been in contact with them and hope to see the draft of the directory in the next few weeks. We will let everyone know once they are received. Thanks to all for your patients. Susan Dupuis



PULSE MINISTRY

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

Messy Church is another alternative, in addition to Sunday School (not in place of), that is held in the evening once a



month. It includes Food, Crafts, Games, Faith Talk, and Fun! It is for all individuals young and old. The next event is October 3rd at 5:30pm.



Youth Group ages 12-16. If older kids show up we won't turn them away. We will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month from 6:30pm – 9pm.

The next **“Living Stones”** worship is today at **12:30pm**. It is an intergenerational service. It is in the gym and is led by a praise team. If you have musical gifts you would like to share please contact Pastor Scott or Pastor Sue. Those that want to come to worship can come early for coffee.



This Week at Zion – September 19 – 25

Tues	7pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Wed	10am	Personnel Cte. Mtg.
	7pm	Men's Choir Practice
Thurs	7pm	Mixed Choir Practice
	7pm	Music Healing Vets
Fri	6:30pm	Pulse Youth Night
		Guiding Light Deadline
Sunday	10am	Worship Service with Holy Communion

Today's Scheduled Worship Volunteers

Worship Assistant: Michael Lange

Sexton: Diane Hammel

Projector Operator: Krista Grosskleg

Video Recorder: Daniel Reid

Sound Operator: Murray Sell

Counters: Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Altar Care: Tanya Reid

Ushers: Peter & Patty Wegner

Coffee Hour: Debbie Sitkiewicz, Susan Dupuis