

**September 25, 2022– Season of Creation
Zion Lutheran Church Pembroke Ontario
Setting 8**

**PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

GATHERING

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)

LITANY FOR NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION *(adapted*

from the Litany by Ron Flaming, Truth and Reconciliation Action Group Waterloo North Mennonite Church)

In gratitude to God who makes all things new, we receive a call to the Ministry of Reconciliation as a paradigm for healing broken relationships.

Today we turn our hearts to acknowledge:

Our role in the pain and violence experienced by Indigenous peoples in this place we call home. We settler peoples have reaped the benefits of the land by pushing aside Indigenous peoples in order to seize their land.

Today we lament:

The attempted erasure of Indigenous peoples by Canada through the Indian Act, which criminalized the practice of traditions and cultures and mandated the seizure and indoctrination of children in residential schools.

Today we acknowledge we have no appropriate words, so we stand respectfully in silent lament: for the children who died while in custody of residential schools, died of active abuse, died of lonely hearts and separation from family.

Pause in silence

Today we acknowledge we have no appropriate words, so we stand in silent respect:

for the families and communities who mourn, mourn their children who did not come home from residential schools, mourn the disruption of family and way of life, mourn the exploitation and desecration of their traditional lands.

Pause in silence

In gratitude to God who demonstrated the way of reconciliation with us, We commit to walking together in a new way, acknowledging the true history of Indigenous Peoples and supporting their land rights. We ask for the grace to humbly listen and learn as we move forward on the path of true reconciliation.

GATHERING SONG - "God of the Sparrow" #740

- 1 God of the sparrow God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise

- 2 God of the earthquake God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature say Woe
How does the creature say Save

- 3 God of the rainbow God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks

- 4 God of the hungry God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life

- 5 God of the neighbor God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace

6 God of the ages God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

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KYRIE (ELW p. 184)

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 185)

This is the feast of vict'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of vict'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of vict'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Men's Choir - Ten Thousand Reasons, by Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin

CHILDREN'S CHAT

FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

^{1a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, ⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; ⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; ⁶who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 146

¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

²**I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

³Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The Lord sets the captive free.

⁸**The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

⁹The Lord cares for the stranger; the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰**The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 188)

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

GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where

he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' ²⁷He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' ³⁰He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'”

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

SERMON

Hymn of the Day – “Light Dawns on a Dreary World” #726

1 Light dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see
all people's dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world:
the promised day of justice comes.

Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

2 Love grows in a weary world
when hungry hearts find bread
and children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world:

the promised feast of plenty comes. *Refrain*

3 Hope blooms in a weary world
when creatures, once forlorn,
find wilderness reborn.

Hope blooms in a weary world:
the promised green of Eden comes. *Refrain*

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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. You can be found walking in the garden. Open our eyes to see you, the gardener.

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 own minds. 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 (vs. 1 & 3)

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.

DIALOGUE AND PREFACE p. 190

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.190

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, 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, Lamb of God.**

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Many And Great, O God” #837

ENGLISH

1 Many and great, O God, are your works,
maker of earth and sky.
Your hands have set the heavens with stars;
your fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at your word the waters were formed;
deep seas obey your voice.

2 Grant unto us communion with you,
O Star-abiding One.
Come unto us and dwell with us;
with you are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end,
eternal life with you.

Text: Joseph R. Renville, 1779-1846; para. Philip Frazier, 1892-1964, alt.

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love” #708

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,

master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain*

2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are near us and far away. *Refrain*

3 These are the ones we will serve,
these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain*

4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain*

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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 – “To Be Your Presence” #546

1 To be your presence is our mission here,
to show compassion's face and list'ning ear,
to be your heart of mercy ever near,
alleluia!

2 To be your presence is our mission bold,
to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,
to be your hands of justice, right uphold,
alleluia!

3 To be your presence is our mission blest,
to speak for all the broken and oppressed,
to be your voice of hope, your love expressed,
alleluia!

4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,
to serve your people is our call and choice,
and in this mission we, the church, rejoice,
alleluia!

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POSTLUDE

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.

News & Announcements

DONATION

Donations have been made to the General Fund by William MacKinnon; Jamie & Erica; Rob & Leah and families in loving memory of a dear wife; mother and grandmother, Ann MacKinnon, who passed away on September 26, 2021. *"And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died."* 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

SEASONS OF CREATION

We have begun a month long journey joining with our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world celebrating the Season of Creation.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

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

UPDATE FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE

A new door bell has been installed on the elevator entrance door. It is located on the left hand side of the doorway. It is a black box with a blue button. Please use this from now on. It now rings in the kitchen, and in the main office. In the past, Jean could never hear the door bell in the church office when someone was there and rang it, but now it comes in loud and clear. Shortly, another hub will be connected so the door bell can be heard downstairs. Thank you for this.

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 two or three times in the new year. Enquire to Kim Schmidt, Ellen Vandersleen or Pastor Scott for more info.

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 **Sunday, October 16th 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 26 – October 2

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| Tues | 9:30am | Tai Chi Executive Mtg. |
| | 7pm | Narcotics Anonymous |
| Wed | 10:30am | Mid Week Service |
| | 7pm | Men's Choir Practice |
| Thurs | 7pm | Mixed Choir Practice |
| | 7pm | Music Healing Vets |

Sunday 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion
3pm Blessing of Animals Service

Today's Scheduled Worship Volunteers

Worship Assistant: Ellen Vandersleen

Sexton: Diane Hammel

Projector Operator: Rick Gerundin

Video Recorder: Alex Hammel

Sound Operator: Krista Hammel

Counters: Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Altar Care: Cheryl Sack

Ushers: Pam Duplessis, Cindy Thrasher

Coffee Hour: Barry & Denise Schizkoske