Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Pembroke The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost The Season of Creation Setting 2 Sunday September 8 2024

**PRELUDE** 

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let god hear the voice

Of beloved creation

Of people of trees,

Of birds beasts and fish

Let life breathe out praise from the heights

To the depths to god

The creator, sustainer and friend

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 116)**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

#### Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

#### Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

## GATHERING SONG Earth and All Stars! (ELW 731)

1 Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song! Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm! Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

#### Refrain

God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!

2 Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals! Sing to the Lord a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

3 Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers! Sing to the Lord a new song! Limestone and beams! Loud building workers! Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

4 Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes! Sing to the Lord a new song! Athlete and band! Loud cheering people! Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

5 Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain
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## **GREETING (ELW p. 120)**

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. 120)**



# **CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 121)**



## PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 124)

Let us pray.

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

## FIRST READING: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A reading from Proverbs.

1A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.

2The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all.

8Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail.

9Those who are generous are blessed,

for they share their bread with the poor.

22Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate;

23 for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM: Psalm 125**

1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but stands fast forever.

## 2The mountains surround Jerusalem;

so you surround your people, O Lord, from this time forth for- evermore.

3The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

# 4Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good and to those who are true of heart.

5As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers;

but peace be upon Israel.

# **SECOND READING: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17**

A reading from James.

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the

poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

<sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 124)**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** Mark 7:24-37

The holy gospel according to Mark.

## Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,<sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak." The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON (ELW p. 125)

## HYMN OF THE DAY We Come to You for Healing, Lord (ELW 617)

1 We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul, and pray that by your Spirit's touch we may again be whole.

2 As once you walked through ancient streets and reached toward those in pain, come, risen Christ, among us still with pow'r to heal again.

3 You touch us through physicians' skills, through nurses' gifts of care, and through the love of faithful friends who lift our lives in prayer.

4 When nights are long with wakefulness, through days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of patience, Lord, your calming peace to know.

5 We come to you, O loving Lord, in our distress and pain, in trust that through our nights and days your grace will heal, sustain.

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## APOSTLES' CREED (ELW p. 126)

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

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of all hopefulness, we bring before You our concerns for the world and her people. Gracious God, we turn to You,

## For You are the source of our hope and the creator of the Kingdom.

We pray for parents around the world who reach out in hope for their children. We pray for justice: when they struggle to provide food for their families; when they cannot find a place to make a home for their children.

Gracious God, we turn to You,

## For You are the source of our hope and the creator of the Kingdom.

We pray for those who find themselves on the margins of their societies. We pray for justice: that they might confront centres of power with the experience of life on the margins; that they might be allowed to contribute to the welfare of society; that we may all be enriched by the insights and wisdom they bring to our communities.

Gracious God, we turn to You,

# For You are the source of our hope and the creator of the Kingdom.

We pray for those who are struggling with ailments, who are sick or suffering. We pray for those facing surgery. We pray for those who grieving. Especially we pray for those we name before you now (Jason, Martha, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Aileen, Anneliese, Kaitlyn, Vaughan, Joan, Mervin, Don, Judy, Larry, Garnet, Betty, Lily, Karl, Ingrid, Sharon, Melissa, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Paul, Charlotte, Barbara, Anita, Kinsley, Inga, Danita, Marcella, Marlene) Be with them and assure them of your presence and loving hands. Gracious God, we turn to you.

# For you are the source of our hope and the creator of the Kingdom.

We pray for our common home and all who seek to ensure its wellbeing.

We pray for justice: that all nations of the world will work together for the common good of each person and our planet; that conservation will enable habitats to flourish while meeting the needs of local communities; that we each understand

the impact we have upon the earth and adjust our lifestyle accordingly.

Gracious God, we turn to You,

## For You are the source of our hope and the creator of the Kingdom.

We pray for ourselves,

Disturb us and disquiet us with a passion for justice. Challenge us to grasp a vision of Your new world and motivate us to act to birth it into being.

Enable us to pass on the gift of hope, so others are empowered to continue the journey of faith. Gracious God, we turn to You,

# For You are the source of our hope and the creator of the Kingdom. Amen.

(Scottish Eco-congregation 2018 adapted)

# **PEACE (ELW p. 128)**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

## OFFERING As Saints of Old (ELW 695 vs 1 & 2)

1 As saints of old their firstfruits brought of orchard, flock, and field to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield; so we today firstfruits would bring, the wealth of this good land, of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.

2 A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give; to make our life an offering to God, that all may live.

The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true: a world redeemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.

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## **OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 129)**

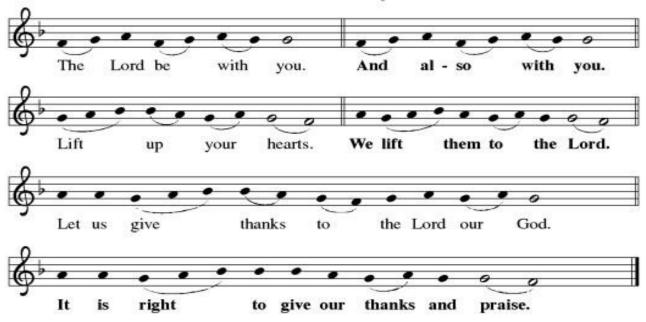
Let us pray.

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. 129)**



## PREFACE (ELW p. 130)

You spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and on the earth, all things, came to be. Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements, and you brought forth life in forms innumerable, including this our fragile earth, and we amongst its inhabitants.

As our past is in you, so our hope for the future rests with you. As we have turned from your way, so we turn again to the warmth of your love. Through you all things are brought to new life.

And now we give you thanks for the glories of your creation given into our care, and for the opportunities we have to share that richness with all your people.

And so with the wonders of creation and the songs of praise of all your creatures both in heaven and on earth we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 130)



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 130)

In the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, work of human hands, gift of our earth, and gave thanks to God. He broke the bread to speak to us of the breaking of his body upon the cross.

He gave it to his friends and said:

Take and eat, for this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

He took the wine, work of human hands, gift of our earth, and gave thanks to God, Creator. He poured out the wine to speak to us of the pouring out of his blood. He gave it to his friends saying:

This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me.

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

Therefore God, we who seek your reconciliation; we who need reconciliation one with another; we who hope for reconciliation with all creation, draw close to this mystery.

In being broken, poured out and buried, life sprang forth again. In the breaking, there is an opening up; in the pouring out, there are the roots of sharing; in death and burial, there is the seed of the new life to come.

As we look in our world, in our lives, and in our hearts, for his second coming, keep us close to this vision that we have seen. Through the giving in the bread and wine, reconcile us to our world.

Send upon us, and upon all your creation, the life-giving Spirit who first moved upon the waters of the deep. Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive. Unite us with you through the body and blood of your Son, your Word made flesh.

By whom, and with whom and in whom, in the unity of your Creative Spirit, with all that has been, is, and will be in your universe, we stand before you and worship you, God of all, in songs of everlasting praise,

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 134)

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. 134)**

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

# **COMMUNION (ELW p. 134)**

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

# **COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 135)**

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.

# DISTRIBUTION HYMN Now We Offer (WOV 761)

#### Refrain

Now we offer you, our Father, with the bread and with the wine all our joys and all our sorrows, all our struggles and our time.

1 As the fields of wheat now growing will become a holy sign, so shall we reveal you, Jesus, that in us you now may shine. Refrain

2 Like the grape put in the cellar, there to change into the wine, all the poor on earth who suffer shed their sorrows in this sign. Refrain **3** In these gifts we see our oneness throughout city and the field, and we find a life of solace where the scars of strife are healed. Refrain

4 All your people who are yearning for the freedom still ahead offer fruits of your creation in these gifts of wine and bread. Refrain

5 We sing glory to the Father and to Christ who lives above, and we praise the Holy Spirit for the gift to us of love. Refrain

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## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN Day by Day (WOV 746)**

1 Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me, bringing comfort to my anxious soul. Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal. Love divine, beyond all mortal measure, brings to naught the burdens of my quest; Savior, lead me to the home I treasure, where at last I'll find eternal rest.

2 Day by day, I know you will provide me strength to serve and wisdom to obey; I will seek your loving will to guide me o'er the paths I struggle day by day. I will fear no evil of the morrow, I will trust in your enduring grace. Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow till in glory I behold your face.

3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my burdens grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no matter what betide me, you will hold me ever in your hand. Savior, with your presence here to guide me, I will reach at last the promised land.

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 136)

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

Go out into the world rejoicing,

and encounter the Creator who waits to meet you there;

Rejoice in its richness and diversity and live as those who praise God for its bounty; and the blessing of the Creator God, the Eternal Father, the Risen Son and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always.

Amen

## SENDING SONG SENDING SONG God of the Fertile Fields (ACS 1063)

1 God of the fertile fields, shaper of earth that yields our daily bread: forth from your bounteous hand come gifts your love has planned, that all in ev'ry land be clothed and fed.

2 We would be stewards true, holding in trust from you all that you give; help us in love to share, teach us like you to care for people ev'rywhere, that all may live. 3 As grows the hidden seed to fruit that serves our need, so your reign grows.

Let all our toil be used, no gift of yours abused, no humble task refused your love bestows.

4 God of the countryside, dear to the Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our lives anew in faithful love to you. Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

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# DISMISSAL (ELW p. 137)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **POSTLUDE**

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# **ATTENDANCE:** Sunday September 1 - 59

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: September 9 – 15

Monday: 1:00 am Senior Exercise Class

5:30 pm Messy Church

7:00 pm Worship & Music Mtg.

7:00 pm Healing Vets

Tuesday: 7:00 pm Council Mtg.

7:00 pm Mixed Choir

Wednesday: 10:00 am Morning Social

1:00 pm Senior Exercise Class

7:00 pm Men's Choir

Thursday: 7:00 pm Healing Vets

Friday: 1:00 pm Senior Exercise Class

6:30 pm Pulse Youth Group Pizza Party & Sports Night

Sunday: 10:00 am Living Stones Worship Service

6:30 pm Pints (or Pop) With Pastors

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Presiding Minister: Pastor Scott Schellenberger

Worship Assistant:

Music Director:

Sexton:

Projector Operator:

Video Recorder:

Sound Operator:

Paul Merredew
Blaine Sack
Don Boldt
Rick Gerundin
Ryan Schmidt
Noah Schmidt

Counters: Gayle & Larry Seegmiller, Wayne Kirk

Altar Care: Jean Rutz

Ushers: Amanda Campbell, Ryan Parcher

Coffee Hour: Doug & Pauline Malliff

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Martha Kodrzynski, Ella Lehman, Rhonda Mau, Heather Miller, Aileen Roesler, Anneliese Trautrim, Kaitlyn Vaillancourt, Vaughan Rosien, Joan Lehman, Mervin Bimm, Don Markus, Judy and Larry Blais, Garnet Miller, Betty Kuehl, Lily Kubiseski, Karl Hausser, Ingrid Trautrim, Sharon Wall, Melissa Nieman, Elva & Clarence Gagne, Eva Hagenah, Paul Wegner, Charlotte, Barbara Schoof, Anita Parcher, Kinsley Rolfe, Inga Latiok, Danita Wolfgram, Marcella Kuehl, Marlene Schleen.

Please join us in prayer for the family and friends of the late Joyce Schleen. Her funeral was held on Thursday September 5<sup>th</sup> 2024.

#### **LUNCHEON GROUP VOLUNTEERS**

We are looking for a few volunteers for our Funeral Luncheon Group, a very important part of our kitchen group. If you can help out for a couple of hours on an as needed basis, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact June Popke at 613 735-7828.

A great big thank you goes out to the faithful volunteers we currently have the honour of working with. Thank you so much!

#### **OFFERINGS**

Thank you for your generosity! If you are interested in leaving an offering for the ministry of the church you can do it three ways: 1.) Place it in the offering plates at either of the church sanctuary doors. 2.) You can also transfer a donation to the church by sending a gift via etransfer to zionoffice@nrtco.net. Please be sure to leave an address. 3.) Through Preauthorized Giving (PAR) where an amount is automatically debited from your account each month. If you would like church envelopes or to sign up for PAR, please contact the church office at 613-732-8792.

## **SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & HAPPENINGS**

MESSY CHURCH – Monday Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30 pm. Everyone of all ages are welcome to come for food fun games and worship.

#### **WORSHIP & MUSIC**

Worship and Music meeting on Monday Sept 9th at 7:00 pm.

COUNCIL Meeting Tuesday September 10th at 7:00pm.

#### MORNING SOCIAL

Join us on Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am and Wednesday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall. Come on out for fun and fellowship.

## PINTS (OR POP) WITH PASTORS

Pints (or pop) with the Pastors on Sunday September 15th at 6:30 pm at Finnegans.

LIVING STONES WORSHIP will be on Sunday September 15th at 10:00 am.

#### MID-MONTH WORSHIP SERVICES

Please join us for our midmonth worship service on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:30 am for services with Holy Communion. In May Pastor Scott will be away the third week so the Midweek Service will be held **Wednesday September 18**th at 10:30 am.

#### BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY WITH POTLUCK AFTER SERVICE

On Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup> please join us after worship service for a potluck and fellowship in the parish hall. Everyone should invite a friend!

#### SENIORS EXERCISE CLASSES

Join us every **Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 1:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Be Sure to Bring a Friend!