ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NOVEMBER 19 2023 SETTING FOUR

PRELUDE ANNOUNCEMENTS CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our 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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG : I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me (ELW 860)

1 I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

2 Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me. *3* When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me. Text: African American spiritual. Text: Public Domain.

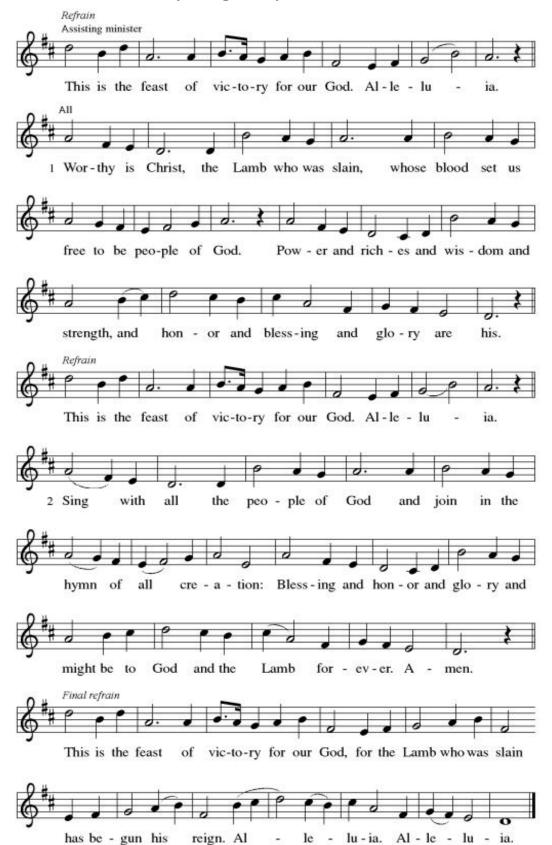
GREETING (ELW p. 147)

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)



CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 148)



PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 150)

Let us pray.

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Judges 4:1-7

A reading from Judges.

¹The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. ²So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. ³Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

⁴At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. ⁵She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. ⁶She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. ⁷I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand".

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

PSALM: Psalm 123

¹To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

²As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God, until you show us your mercy.

³Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt, ⁴too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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: Matthew 25:14-30

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents,' ²¹His master said to him. 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'" The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON (ELW p. 151)

HYMN OF THE DAY Spirit, Open My Heart (ACS 1043)

Refrain Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.

1 God, replace my stony heartwith a heart that's kind and tender.All my coldness and fearto your grace I now surrender. Refrain

2 Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story. In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory. Refrain

3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of friend and neighbour.
As I live from day to day,
love will be my finest labor. Refrain
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APOSTLES CREED (P. 105)

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.

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (ELW 752)

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace. Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943. Text © 1973 Hope Publishing Company. All rights reserved. Used by permission. One License: #A-728050.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Gracious God, you give talents and gifts to all your people, and you equip the church to serve. Turn us from fear and self-serving ways, that we use our talents to glorify you and encourage our neighbour. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You have been our dwelling place from one generation to another. Sustain the life of the planet; protect farmlands and harvests. Direct all people in wise stewardship of all the earth's resources. Hear us. O God.

Your mercy is great.

You call us to honesty and integrity. Instil these values in the hearts of all nations and their leaders. Free any who are oppressed, expose all corruption, and bring redemption to victims of injustice. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Where there is sickness or sorrow, bring healing, and where there is loneliness, reveal your love in community. We remember before you (Jason, Martha, Charlotte, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Aileen, Douglas, Ruth, Anneliese, Kaitlyn, Vaughan, Jack, Joan, Mervin, Don, Judy, Larry, Peter, Garnet, Lori). Hear us. O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the faith formation ministries of our church. Give to all children, youth, and adults who study your word the breastplate of faith and love. Shape us by your love and show us how to encourage one another. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Gracious God, you are faithful in all generations. For the promise of life and rest and for the witness of those who have died in faith (especially Erna Handke) we praise your goodness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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PEACE (ELW p. 152)

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING For the Fruit of All Creation (ELW 679 verse 1)

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. Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000. Text © 1970 Hope Publishing Company. All rights reserved. Used by permission. One License: # A-728050.

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: our selves, 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

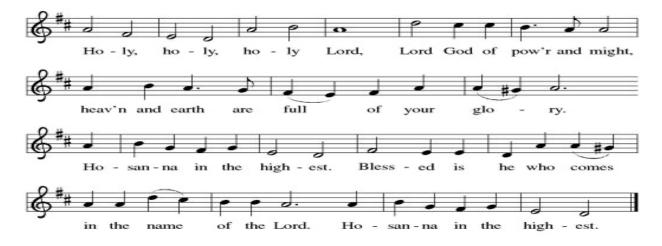
DIALOGUE (ELW p. 152)



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)



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 153)

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Christ has died. Christ is rison. Christ will come again

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen, amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 154)

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 Let Us Break Bread Together (ELW 471)

1 Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees. Refrain

3 Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees. Refrain Text: African American spiritual. Text: Public Domain.

Soon and Very Soon (ELW 439)

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 Light Dawns on a Weary World (ELW 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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DISMISSAL (ELW p. 155)

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Monday:	8:30 am 10:00 am 1:00 pm 2:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Pickle Ball Pastoral Care Senior Exercise Class Social Ministry Mtg. Pickle Ball Narcotics Anonymous
Tuesday:	9:30 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Tai Chi Tai Chi Church Council Mtg. Men's Choir
Wednesday:	9:00 am 1:00 pm 6:15 pm 7:15 pm 7:30 pm	Music Jam Senior Exercise Class Confirmation Mixed Choir Scottish Dancers
Thursday:	9:30 am 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Tai Chi The Grind Spaghetti Dinner Pickle Ball Healing Vets
Friday:	1:00 pm 6:30 pm	Senior Exercise Class Pulse Youth Group
Sunday:	3:00 pm	140 th Anniversary Worship Service

THIS WEEK AT ZION: November 20 – November 26

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Presiding Minister:	Rev. Scott Schellenberger
Music Director:	Blaine Sack
Worship Assistant:	Paul Merredew
Sexton:	Don Boldt
Projector Operator:	Zac Phannenhour
Video Recorder:	Ty Phannenhour
Sound Operator:	Todd Phannenhour
Counters:	Andrew Zadow, Kathy Green, Lori Crigger
Altar Care:	Tanya Reid
Ushers:	Pam Duplessis, Cindy Thrasher

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Martha Kodrzynski, Charlotte Layden, Ella Lehman, Rhonda Mau, Heather Miller, Aileen Roesler, Douglas Sperberg, Ruth Thom, Anneliese Trautrim, Kaitlyn Vaillancourt, Vaughan Rosien, Jack Zadow, Joan Lehman, Mervin Bimm, Don Markus, Judy and Larry Blais, Peter Wegner, Garnet Miller, Lori Selles.

Please join us in prayer for the family and friends of Erna Handke as they mourn the death of their loved one. Visitation Thursday November 23^{rd,} 2-4 pm at Malcolm Deavitt&Binhammer. Funeral will be Friday November 24th at 11 am At Zion Lutheran Church.

CORRECTION TO NOVEMBER GUIDING LIGHT

There is no Living Stones Worship Service on Wednesday November 22nd.

MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

Please join us Wednesdays at 10:30 am for services with Holy Communion. Our next midweek worship service will **Wednesday, November 29**th at 10:30 am.

JAM JAR CAMPAIGN SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCHEON

Please join us today at 11:00 am in the parish hall as the Annual Jam Jar campaign wraps up with a Soup and Sandwich luncheon. Thank you for your continuing support.

BABY and ME

Our next nursery play time will be **November 28th** at 10:00 am. Please join us and let your friends and neighbours know- all are welcome.

GLOVEMBER

November and December are the months we will prioritize fingers and hands. Please bring in your new and clean gently used gloves during "GLOVEMBER" (November). Save your mittens for the "DECEMITTEN" (December) tree! Let's make a difference helping the coldest of us stay warm and dry this cold winter season.

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 December 4th at 5:30 pm**.

MORNING SOCIAL

Please join us on **Wednesday December 13th 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.

SILENT AUCTION

Join us on **December 10th** in the evening at **6:30pm** for a fun fellowship and fundraising event. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased through the office, at coffee hour or at the door. There will be desserts and appetizers, coffee, tea, hot chocolate and hot apple cider served as you bid against one another for prizes, gift certificates and even a surprise or two! Funds raised will go towards the food bank and Zion's current operating fund. Come and find yourself a treat or finish off your Christmas shopping.

There will be something for everyone!

GARAGE SALE

Thank you everyone for such a resounding success on our garage sale this year held on Oct 20 and Oct 21. It is absolutely amazing! Every year we have such wonderful donations of "stuff". It is hard to believe where it all comes from. We have a truly incredible team of hard working organized volunteers who bring order to the chaos. They come up with great ideas on how to display the thousands of pieces. Thank you to everyone who also brought in baked goods. The cafe is always a big hit as well. We made \$340.00 on the jewellery, \$350.00 in the cafe, for a grand total of: \$5020.45, 50% donated to the Food Bank and 50% to the general fund. I thank God for all of you people of Zion. *Ellen*

WARMING CENTRE UPDATE

After meeting on November 14th, council has decided <u>not to go ahead with the</u> <u>warming centre at Zion.</u> At the congregational meeting the motion to host the warming centre passed by 2 votes, just over half the people at the meeting. A letter has been published and is available on your way out this morning. At the city council meeting held on the same evening they approved a budget of \$100 000. Industrial trailers will be setup at the farmers market to be the warming centre. They will include bathrooms and a warm spot. They will be looking for volunteers to help.

NOTES FROM WORSHIP & MUSIC

Altar Care: We are once again looking for volunteers for Altar Care. If you are interested or would like to know what it entails, please call Sandra Graham at (613) 732-3260. **Hymn Sings:** Due to a number of special services for the remainder of November and into December, the next hymn sing prior to a service will be at the morning service on December 24th, Advent 4.

140th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Members of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pembroke invites 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 needed to be purchased by Friday November 17th.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 17th 10:00 AM CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Come for an intergenerational interactive retelling of the Christmas Story. There will be a Christian fellowship following the Christmas Story. We hope to see you there.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES (NOTE SERVICE TIME CHANGES) Sunday December 24^{th:} 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

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