

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE  
THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SUNDAY AUGUST 13 2023  
SETTING 10**

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LEADER: CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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 neighbours 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 *Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun* (ELW 557)**

1 Awake, my soul, and with the sun  
thy daily stage of duty run;  
shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise  
to pay thy morning sacrifice.

2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept  
and hast refreshed me while I slept.  
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake,  
I may of endless light partake.

3 Lord, I my vows to thee renew.  
Disperse my sins as morning dew;  
guard my first springs of thought and will;  
and with thyself my spirit fill.

4 Direct, control, suggest, this day,  
all I design or do or say,  
that all my pow'rs, with all their might,  
in thy sole glory may unite.

5 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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#### **LEADER: GREETING (ELW p. 203)**

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.**

#### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 204)**

**Glory be to God in Heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth: we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before you, here on earth our songs we raise.**

**Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love. Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above; on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.**

**Holy one we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call; holy one in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all: Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Fathers splendor bright. For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

#### **ASSISTANT: PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 205)**

Let us pray.

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** - Speak, O Lord, music by K. Getty and S. Townend, arr. by L. Larson.  
Sandra Allen and Blaine Sack

**ASSISTANT:**

**FIRST READING: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28**

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>1</sup>Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. <sup>2</sup>This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. <sup>3</sup>Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. <sup>4</sup>But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

<sup>12</sup>Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. <sup>13</sup>And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." <sup>14</sup>So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, <sup>15</sup>and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" <sup>16</sup>"I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." <sup>17</sup>The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. <sup>18</sup>They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. <sup>19</sup>They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. <sup>20</sup>Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." <sup>21</sup>But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." <sup>22</sup>Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. <sup>23</sup>So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; <sup>24</sup>and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

<sup>25</sup>Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. <sup>26</sup>Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? <sup>27</sup>Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. <sup>28</sup>When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b**

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD and call upon God's name; make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples.<sup>2</sup>**Sing to the LORD, sing praises, and speak of all God's marvellous works.**<sup>3</sup>Glory in God's <sup>1</sup> holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.<sup>4</sup>**Search for the strength of the LORD; continually seek God's face.** <sup>5</sup>Remember the marvels God has done, the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,  
<sup>6</sup>**O offspring of Abraham, God's servant, O children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.** <sup>16</sup>Then God called for a famine in the land and destroyed the supply of bread.<sup>17</sup>**The LORD sent a man before them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.** <sup>18</sup>They bruised his feet in fetters; his neck they put in an iron collar.<sup>19</sup>**Until his prediction came to pass, the word of the LORD tested him.** <sup>20</sup>The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free,<sup>21</sup>**setting him as a master over his household, as a ruler over all his possessions,** <sup>22</sup>to instruct his princes according to his will and to teach his elders wisdom. <sup>45b1</sup> Hallelujah!

**SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15**

A reading from Romans.

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say?

"The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**LEADER: GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)**

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.**

**Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.**

**Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

**LEADER: GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds.<sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,<sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.<sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.<sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.<sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."<sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.<sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"<sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"<sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.<sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.****SERMON - REV. CHRISTIE MORROW-WOLFE *Matthew 14:22-33*  
Assistant to the Bishop - Eastern Synod****"Keep the Faith"**

In County Antrim in Northern Ireland, is a rope bridge which stretches about 20 metres across from the mainland to the Isle of Carrick-a-rede. At some 30 metres high, it crosses a rough part of the Atlantic Ocean; the water swirling and churning below. The current suspension bridge was built in 2008, but it is believed that local salmon fishermen had erected a path or bridge there...of sorts...as early as the 1700s.

Now a tourist attraction, for 9 pounds, you can choose to embark on a bit of an adventure, and walk across the Carrick-a-rede Rope Bridge, which is exactly what I did when my husband and I visited there in 2012. My husband, who has a great and abiding fear of heights, had declared early on that he would await my return in what he coined "the chicken section," situated securely on the mainland. He had a fear, not only of the height of this swaying bridge, but of being "that tourist" who would need rescuing by the British Air force should he make it across to the island, but be unable to make the return trek. I'm not much of a risk taker myself,

but a greater sense of adventure always seems to take over my person when I travel and I'm there for all the things...new foods, new opportunities ...meeting new people. I figure I didn't travel all this way just to watch and who knows when I'll get back here again, so let's go!

Crossing the Carrick-a-rede Rope Bridge is probably the closest I'll ever get to walking on water...or above water, anyway. There's a natural sway and quite a bit of movement on the bridge both from the wind and other adventurers crossing to the isle at the same time. You can not only hear the ocean which is a deafening roar, but you can also feel the odd bit of spray from where the relentless waves are crashing over the craggy, jagged rocks below. Just enough of a gap exists between the boards on the floor of the bridge to give you a glimpse of what's happening beneath you...if you dare to look down. The tentative, but determined steps I took on that swaying bridge, reminds me a little of what I imagine Peter's first steps were like beyond the relative safety of the boat on that stormy night.

There is something so relatable about Peter, isn't there? From very early on, we learn that Peter is all in. In his role as a disciple, Peter continually seems unafraid to ask questions and to try—even when his faith appears to fail him. It's Peter who asks Jesus to explain things; it is Peter whom Jesus calls both a cornerstone and a stumbling block; it is Peter who promises to keep watch in the Garden of Gethsemane...and then it is Peter who falls asleep.<sup>1</sup> Over and over again, it is Peter who is doing all the things, who is seemingly fearless in taking leaps of faith. It is Peter who questions the shadowy figure making its way on top the tempestuous waters, saying “prove it's you, Lord, by having me join you out there!”

Not only was Peter asking Jesus if he could join him in this miracle, but it also means that Peter was going to encounter the same, unknown forces of the deep which is how the ancient world tended to view these...as a wild, untamed place where evil, unpredictable, unknown powers resided. Jesus was able to tame this wild unknown with just the touch of his feet; the stormy, life-threatening waters are no match for the Son of God. But for Peter, venturing out in this storm represented a huge risk ...and you know, for a minute or two, it seemed to work. Peter took a few, tentative steps while the water swirled and the waves were relentless and the

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<sup>1</sup>*The Seeds of Heaven: Sermons on the Gospel of Matthew*, Barbara Brown Taylor, 2004, p.56.

wind howled....It was the wind, however, that finally got him—the howling wind caused him to be afraid and Peter began to drown. In this moment, we are reminded that Peter is very human and is also in need of a Saviour. Just think! If Peter were to hop out of the boat and skip across the water, he'd have no need for Jesus. Instead, it's in Jesus' saving touch and in his helping Peter back to the relative safety of the boat, that the disciples are able to recognize Jesus as the I Am, and worship him as a saviour who has dominion over even the waves and the wind...the disciples exclaimed, “truly you are the Son of God!” (14:33). A recognition and a revelation had been made.

A recognition and a revelation. This makes me wonder...how is Christ revealing himself to the church today? Where do you recognize Jesus in your context? It goes without saying that the responses to this question will differ across the board. Where you see Jesus in your life and in the life of your church community is going to look different in your context than it does in mine. This is right and good. But I do feel that this time we continue to live into—this emerging post-pandemic reality is very much a liminal space, time and place. A liminal space could be described as a “threshold space—the space between ‘now and not yet.’ It’s the space where things aren’t familiar and things are changing. And yet, we don’t know where exactly we’re headed.”<sup>2</sup>

This makes it hard to name where exactly the church is at today. It’s sometimes hard to name the space we’re in when we’re in the middle of it. For those of us who appreciate having a clear path and a plan before us, this can be incredibly discombobulating, and unsettling. It’s hard living in the not knowing and the ‘not yet.’ And yet, we know that God’s spirit is very much at the centre of this unknown, moving through this time and this place. The curious part of my faith is intrigued to see where we are heading as people of God and as communities of faith, as uncertain and uncomfortable as this time might be.

I’m finding more and more, what helps to ground me in this time and place is my prayer life. And when I’ve prayed recently, I regularly hear three words. KEEP. THE. FAITH. As attendance dwindles and more churches talk about mergers, amalgamations or closure – keep

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<sup>2</sup> Rev. Lawrence T. Richardson, [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org), “Now and Not Yet,” accessed on June 28, 2023.

the faith. As we contend with fewer resources—both monetary and people—keep the faith. As we wrestle with challenging but necessary questions around inclusion and radical hospitality and the systemic nature of our church structure—keep the faith. As we continue to dream and discern what new thing God is already doing—keep the faith. As we go about doing God’s work in this world, not sure if we’re making a difference and not sure if we can keep going—keep the faith. In this way, I believe God is and has already revealed God’s self to us as people of God and as the church in this day in age...even as we wait for the fullness of time for all to be revealed, our work in the here and now is simply to keep the faith. We do so by continuing to love, learn, pray, preach and sing—all the things the church has been about for hundreds and hundreds of years. We keep drawing the circle wide so that no one is left behind. Some days we do this with the certainty and conviction of a bold disciple. Other times, we call out for God to save us from all this uncertainty and unknowing because our faith feels like it can’t stretch that far. And it’s on these days that I remember those disciples on that stormy night on the Sea of Galilee, who were there, ultimately, because they had just enough faith to get into that boat. They got into the boat because that’s what Jesus asked them to do. They kept the faith—even if they were afraid and their faith in Jesus wasn’t perfect. And you know, this was enough—they were enough for Jesus and Jesus came to them and there was a revelation and a recognition...even in their fear and their doubt.

And so too is our faith. Bold and strong; doubting and uncertain. It is enough for Jesus and Jesus will and does and will continue to meet us in any storm and no matter what the future of the church looks like, Jesus will continue to reveal himself to us in this time and in this space wherever we may be. Until the fullness of time, when all shall be revealed, we pray that Jesus will help us keep the faith—the faith to which we have been called. May it be so. *AMEN.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY *Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me* (ELW 755)**

1 Jesus, Savior, pilot me  
over life's tempestuous sea;  
unknown waves before me roll,  
hiding rock and treach'rous shoal;  
chart and compass come from thee.



Jesus, Savior, pilot me.  
2 As a mother stills her child,  
thou canst hush the ocean wild;  
boist'rous waves obey thy will  
when thou say'st to them: "Be still."  
Wondrous sov'reign of the sea,  
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

3 When at last I near the shore,  
and the fearful breakers roar  
twixt me and the peaceful rest,  
then, while leaning on thy breast,  
may I hear thee say to me:  
"Fear not, I will pilot thee."

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**LEADER: APOSTLES CREED (ELW 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.**

**LEADER: SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH YOU ALWAYS.  
AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

**OFFERING *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (ELW 884)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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### **ASSISTANT: OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 206)**

Let us pray.

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

**Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns; let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

God of grace and faith, your faithfulness is never-ending, and your righteousness becomes ours through Christ Jesus. Send the church to proclaim the gospel both near and far, in church buildings and on street corners, in person and through digital means. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of sky and sea, the plants, animals, mountains, and plains proclaim your glory. Prosper the work of ecologists as they teach us new ways to care for the environment. Bring relief to areas recovering from natural disasters. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of peace and justice, you call us to live as your beloved community throughout the world. Instil in local, regional, national, and global political and civic leaders a desire to work for the well-being of all people. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of care and compassion, you bring assurance when we are afraid. Bring calm to any who are anxious or fearful. Bless the work of therapists, nurses, and other health care providers. Comfort all who grieve and soothe any who are sick (*especially Ann, Jason, Erna, Richard, Martha, Charlotte, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Aileen, Douglas, Ruth, Anneliese, Kaitlyn, Vaughan, Joan, Denise, Mervin, Ty, Don, Jack, Wayne, Margaret* ). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of wonder, you accompany us in both joys and sorrows. We pray for children and teachers preparing for a new school year. Make your presence known in our work and play, in lively conversation and in quiet rest. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of new life, you send people to renew both church and society. We give you thanks for their lives of faithful service as examples of following your call. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 208)**

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.**

**LEADER: BLESSING (ELW p. 136)**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favour and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG *My Life Flows On in Endless Song* (ELW 763)**

1 My life flows on in endless song;  
above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.

Refrain

No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?

2 Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing?

Refrain

3 What though my joys and comforts die?  
The Lord my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth.  
Refrain

4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing? Refrain  
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**DISMISSAL (ELW p. 209)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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**THIS WEEK AT ZION: August 14 – August 20**

Monday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
	7:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Tuesday:	7:00 pm	Cemetery Meeting
Wednesday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
Thursday:	7:00 pm	Healing Vets
Friday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
Sunday:	10:00 am	Worship Service

## **TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

Worship Leader:	Lorraine MacKenzie
Music Director:	Blaine Sack
Worship Assistant:	Susan Dupuis
Sexton:	Diane Hammel
Projector Operator:	Gerry Vandersleen
Video Recorder:	Ellen Vandersleen
Sound Operator:	Gerry Vandersleen
Counters:	Andrew Zadow, Kathy Green, Lori Crigger
Altar Care:	Sandra Graham
Ushers:	Cheryl Sack & Allen Rose

## **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Ann Beech, Jason Godin, Erna Handke, Richard Hubert, Martha Kodzynski, Charlotte Layden, Ella Lehman, Rhonda Mau, Heather Miller, Aileen Roesler, Douglas Sperberg, Ruth Thom, Anneliese Trautrim, Kaitlyn Vaillancourt, Vaughan Rosien, Joan Lehman, Denise Schizkoske, Mervin Bimm, Ty Phannenhour, Don Markus, Jack Zadow, Wayne Kirk, Margaret King.

Please join us in prayer for the family of Thomas Hoffman as they mourn his death. A Memorial Service will be held on Friday August 18<sup>th</sup> at Murphy Funeral Home, 2:00 pm. Interment at Zion Lutheran Cemetery.

## **AUGUST HOLIDAYS AND SUMMER HOURS**

Pastor Scott will be away July 31– August 27. Pastor Leena Jensen will be on call and can be reached at 705 688-3439.

The church office summer hours for the month of August are Wednesday only from 9:00-12:00. The phone will be checked daily and messages will be returned promptly.

## **DONATIONS**

A generous donation has been made to the organ fund by Robbie Gorr in gratitude and thanks for his cousin Cheryl Sack, whose support and assistance over the past months has been invaluable.

## **EXERCISE CLASSES**

Please join us on Monday August 14, Wednesday August 16<sup>th</sup>, and Friday August 18 at 1:00 pm for our Senior Exercise classes. Bring a friend!

## **BROADCAST & RECORDING**

We are blessed to be able to broadcast our worship services to our parishioners and to people of the Valley on Cogeco TV. We couldn't do it without the equipment we are fortunate to have. However, to be able to continue this service we are in need of \$2000 to upgrade. We ask you to consider this vital ministry, possibly donating to this fund so that we may continue to provide the recordings and broadcast to our community.

## **HOLD THE DATE! 140<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATION**

Zion Lutheran Church is celebrating their 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> 2023, Bishop Michael Pryce attending. Further details to follow.

## **ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE**

Zion Lutheran Church is celebrating our 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year and we are looking for people to join Lorraine MacKenzie and Kathy Nieman on this committee to plan some celebratory events for this fall. Please let one of these ladies know if you would like to join them.

### ***140th Anniversary Worship Project***

*For the 140th Anniversary we will be purchasing the new 'All Creation Sings' supplement, to the current ELW hymnal (2006). This new song and prayer collection, published in the spring of 2020, is purple in colour, and soft covered like our blue 'With One Voice'. Songs and hymns from this new worship resource will be learned and shared in our Blended Worship Services, too. Please consider donating a copy of this new resource in memory of loved ones, birthdays, or celebrations. Cost per copy is \$20. We are looking to put three in each row of pews. You can mark your own envelope or use an envelope found in the pews.*

## **EVERYONE LOVES A PARADE!**

On Saturday, September 16th, Carefor Health and Community Services will be hosting a super-fun, family-friendly fundraising walk called 'The Grand Parade'. The walk will be held at The Pembroke Marina and waterfront, on the Kiwanis Walkway. Funds raised from the walk will go to offering services to Ottawa Valley seniors, by ensuring that the monthly rent at Carefor's retirement homes stay within reach of all seniors, that the local transportation program continues to help seniors get to essential medical appointments, and that the meal delivery program keeps seniors fed and healthy!

Please consider donating, and also walking on September 16th, to help celebrate seniors every step of the way! You can either walk or run 2.5kms or 5 kms. Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$20 or more. More information can be found online at [thegrandparade.org](http://thegrandparade.org), or please refer to the letter from Andrew Chenard, Fundraising Specialist/Communications at Carefor, Pembroke, that was included in the summer edition of The Guiding Light.

A team from Zion has been created called 'Team Zion', and will be led by Captain Blaine. Please speak to Blaine for more information, to pledge him, or to obtain your own pledge form; he can also be reached by email at [pianobyblaine@gmail.com](mailto:pianobyblaine@gmail.com), or by phone at 343-369-8700. You can also join 'Team Zion' online, by visiting [the grand parade.org](http://the grand parade.org), click register, create account, select location, accept the waiver, click 'join a team' (or, register individually if you wish), search for Team Zion, and then select our team and complete your registration.

I look forward to hearing from you, and walking with you and Team Zion on September 16th!  
Thanks for your support!

Musically yours, Blaine Sack

**ATTENDANCE**

**Sunday August 6th –40**