

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10 2023
THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SETTING 10
SEASON OF CREATION**

HYMN SING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call to Worship

“Listen carefully, I am about to do a new thing, now it will spring wilderness, rivers in the desert.”(Isaiah 43: 19)

We gather in the name of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of the Earth and all creatures! 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 marvellous 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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Praise be to the Holy Trinity! God is sound and life, Creator of the Universe, Source of all life, whom the angels sing; wondrous Light of all mysteries known or unknown to humankind, and life that lives in all.

(Hildegard of Bingen, 13th Century)

KYRIE (ELW p. 203)

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.

We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.

Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

Greeting - A Four Direction Prayer

Let us turn our hearts to the West From there the thunders bring us cleansing rain.

Creator God, heal us and our relatives.

Let us turn our hearts to the North Winter comes to us from there and calls us to rest.

Creator God, restore our strength.

Let us turn our hearts to the East. The morning Sun begins each day there.

Creator God awaken us and help us to walk with a renewed life.

Let us turn our hearts to the South where the warm winds come from to give us comfort and joy.

Creator God soothe our aching souls.

Let us turn our hearts to the sky. From there our Creator sees all around us.

Creator God help us to trust you to lead us.

Let us turn our hearts to the Earth. From there quiet wisdom comes to teach us.

Creator God hear us as we pray

(Adapted from Diocese of Western North Carolina - Anglican Indigenous Ministries)

Opening Prayer

Blessed are you, Creator of all to you be praise and glory forever as your dawn renews the face of the earth bringing light and life to all creation bring hope to your people.

May we rejoice in this day you have made open our eyes to behold your presence and strengthen our hands to work for justice for all of creation, that the world may rejoice together and give you praise. Amen.

(Adapted from Lancelot Andrewes, 1626)

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-14

A reading from Exodus.

¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people

who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance. Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 119:33-40

³³Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

³⁶**Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.**

³⁷Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.

³⁸**Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.**

³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰**Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.**

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

A reading from Romans.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word,

“Love your neighbour as yourself.”¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *God, When Human Bonds Are Broken* (ELW 603)

1 God, when human bonds are broken
and we lack the love or skill
to restore the hope of healing,
give us grace and make us still.

2 Through that stillness, with your Spirit
come into our world of stress,
for the sake of Christ forgiving
all the failures we confess.

3 You in us are bruised and broken:
hear us as we seek release
from the pain of earlier living;
set us free and grant us peace.

4 Send us, God of new beginnings,
humbly hopeful into life.
Use us as a means of blessing:
make us stronger, give us faith.

5 Give us faith to be more faithful,
give us hope to be more true,
give us love to go on learning:
God, encourage and renew!

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APOSTLES' CREED (ELW p. 206)

**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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth's thriving. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Inspire us to lead with honour, O God. Guide judges and legislators, police, and government officials to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Help us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick (*especially*). Guard their waking and their sleeping. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment (*Ann, Jason, Erna, Richard, Martha, Charlotte, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Aileen, Douglas, Ruth, Anneliese, Kaitlyn, Vaughan, Joan, Denise, Mervin, Ty, Don, Jack, Wayne, Margaret, Gerry*). In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbour above all else. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith (*especially*). May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PEACE (ELW p. 206)

The peace of Christ 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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OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 206)

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. 206)

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.

PREFACE (ELW p. 207)

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. 207)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 207)

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:
you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos;
you encircled the globe with air;
you created fire for warmth and light;
you nourish the lands with water.
You molded us in your image,
and with mercy higher than the mountains,
with grace deeper than the seas,
you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying,
might be adopted to live in your Spirit,
you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

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.

Together as the body of Christ,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Son,
the first-born of your new creation.
We remember his life lived for others,
and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.
We await his coming,
when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom,
all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate,
send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit,
whose breath revives us for life,
whose fire rouses us to love.
Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.
Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit,
that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God,
receive our praise and petitions,
as Jesus received the cry of the needy,
and fill us with your blessing,

until, needy no longer and bound to you in love,
we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb:
through whom all glory and honour is yours, O God, O Living One,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.
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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (ELW p. 208)

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION (ELW p. 208)

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

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 208)

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

HYMN DURING COMMUNION *Let Justice Flow like Streams* (WOV 763)

1 Let justice flow like streams
of sparkling water, pure,
enabling growth, refreshing life,

abundant, cleansing, sure.

2 Let righteousness roll on
as others' cares we heed,
an ever-flowing stream of faith
translated into deed.

3 So may God's plumb line, straight,
define our measure true,
and justice, right, and peace pervade
this world our whole life through.

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 208)

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 (ELW p. 209)

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 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* (ELW 543)

1 "Go, my children, with my blessing,
never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing,
you are my own."

2 "Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you,
what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son's story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure."

3 "Go, my children, fed and nourished,
closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free."

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DISMISSAL (ELW p. 209)

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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THIS WEEK AT ZION: September 11 – 17

Monday:	10:00 am	Pastoral Care
	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
	5:30 pm	Messy Church
Tuesday:	7:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous
	7:00 pm	Church Council
Wednesday:	10:30 am	Midweek Communion
	12:00pm	Staff Mtg.
	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
	2:00 pm	Social Ministry Mtg.
	7:00 pm	Men's Choir
Thursday:	7:00 pm	Healing Vets
	7:00 pm	Mixed Choir
Friday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
Sunday:	10:00 am	Living Stones Worship Service
	11:20 am	Confirmation Mtg.

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Presiding Minister:	Rev. Scott Schellenberger
Music Director:	Blaine Sack
Worship Assistant:	Susan Dupuis
Sexton:	David Lehman
Projector Operator:	Rick Gerundin
Video Recorder:	Ellen Vandersleen
Sound Operator:	Gerry Vandersleen
Counters:	Gayle & Larry Seegmiller, Desi Schrie
Altar Care:	Diane Rull
Ushers:	Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz

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, Margaret King, Gerry Vandersleen.

EXERCISE CLASSES

Please join us on Monday September 11, Wednesday September 13, and Friday September 15 at 1:00 pm for our Senior Exercise classes. Bring a friend!

ZLW

Our next Faith and Life Program will be on October 4th, CLWR Faith with Sandra Graham.

CHOIR PRACTICES

Choir practices for the men's choir will be on Wednesday, September 13th at 7pm, and the mixed choir will be on Thursday, September 14th at 7pm. New singers are always welcome!

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church is a program that runs every month 5:30 pm-7:30 pm. Due to the Labour Day Holiday on September 4th, our next Messy Church will be on **Monday September 11th at 5:30 pm.**

SOCIAL MINISTRY MEETING

The next Social Ministry Meeting is Wednesday September 13th at 2:00 pm.

MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

Midweek Worship Services are starting up again. Please join us on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 10:30 am for services with Holy Communion. September Services will be September 13th and September 27th at 10:30 am.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Years One and Two of Confirmation will be run together this year. An information meeting will be held after worship on September 17th.

CAMP LUTHERLYN 150 FUNDRAISER

Please support the work at Camp Lutherlyn as the funds will help complete the Hoffman Beach Project. Donations can be made through e transfer, cheque or c.c. and through regular donation.

HOLD THE DATE! 140th CELEBRATION

Zion Lutheran Church is celebrating their 140th Anniversary! Sunday, November 26th 2023, Bishop Michael Pryce attending. There will be a service at 3:00 pm and a dinner to follow.

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 was published in the spring of 2020. 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.

UPDATE from ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Zion's Anniversary Committee met twice over the summer; most recently on August 23rd. Good discussions and brainstorming have led to the planning of different celebratory events for the fall. An Anniversary banner is also being designed for the lawn on the corner of Miller and Munroe Streets. Please speak to Committee members Lorraine MacKenzie, Kathy Nieman or Blaine Sack if you have any questions, ideas, or would like to join our planning team. Stay tuned for more information on special events as we roll into September.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, RANKIN, to celebrate with Anniversary service!

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rankin, will be celebrating 160 years as a church family, with a special service on Sunday, September 10th @ 3pm. Blaine Sack has been asked to share music and play for their afternoon Anniversary service – thank you Blaine! Please contact Delores Lamkay at 613-649-2616 for more information about the service, tickets to a catered dinner, or refer to the Grace Lutheran Church Facebook page.

EVERYONE LOVES A PARADE!

On Saturday, September 16th, Carefor Health and Community Services will be hosting a fundraising walk called 'The Grand Parade'. The walk will be held at The Pembroke Marina and waterfront. Funds raised will go for services to Ottawa Valley seniors to get to essential medical appointments and the meal delivery program to keeps seniors fed and healthy! Please consider donating to help celebrate seniors every step of the way! Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$20 or more. Information can be found online at thegrandparade.org. 'Team Zion' will be led by Captain Blaine. Please speak to Blaine for more information; he can be reached by email at pianobyblaine@gmail.com, or by phone at 343-369-8700.

ATTENDANCE

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