

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Pembroke  
The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
The Season of Creation  
Setting 2  
September 1 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 *Beautiful Savior* (ELW 838)**

1 Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee,  
truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,  
fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,  
fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

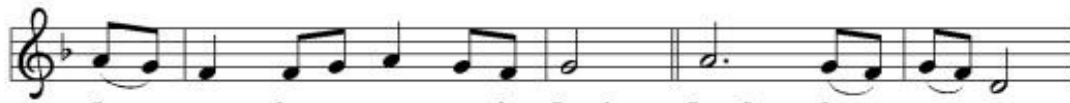
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### **GREETING (ELW p. 120)**

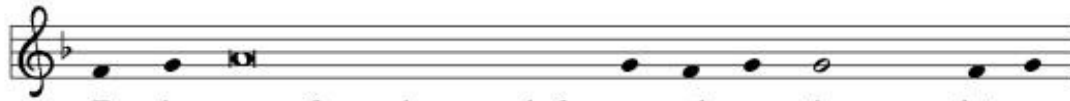
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

# KYRIE (ELW p. 120)



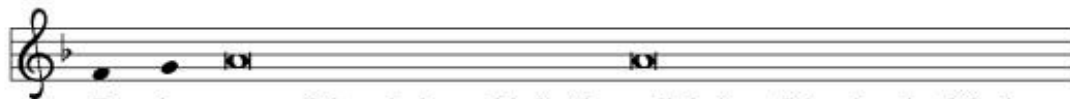
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.



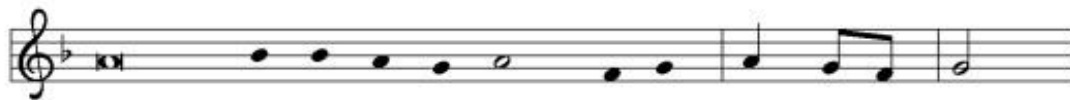
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord,



A - men.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 121)

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **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: Song of Solomon 2:8-13**

A reading from Song of Solomon.

<sup>8</sup>The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. <sup>9</sup>My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. <sup>10</sup>My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; <sup>11</sup>for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

<sup>12</sup>The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. <sup>13</sup>The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9**

<sup>1</sup>My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; my tongue shall be the pen of a skillful writer.

**<sup>2</sup>You are the noblest among the people; grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you forever.**

<sup>6</sup>Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever, a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom.

**<sup>7</sup>You love righteousness and hate iniquity; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your companions.**

<sup>8</sup>All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

**<sup>9</sup>Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.**

## **SECOND READING: James 1:17-27**

A reading from James.

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word

that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

<sup>21</sup>“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON (ELW p. 125)**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways* (ELW 772)**

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
to keep his statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
to know and do his will!

2 Order my footsteps by your word  
and make my heart sincere;  
let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
but keep my conscience clear.

3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
a stricter watch to keep;  
and should I e'er forget your way,  
restore your wand'ring sheep.

4 Make me to walk in your commands,  
'tis a delightful road;  
nor let my head or heart or hands  
offend against my God.

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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 are 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, Kristine, Alex, Lily Mae, Karl, Ingrid, Sharon, Melissa, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Paul, Charlotte, Barbara, Anita, Kinsley, Inga, Danita, Marcella, Marlene, Allan, Myles, Amy, Eric*. 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)**

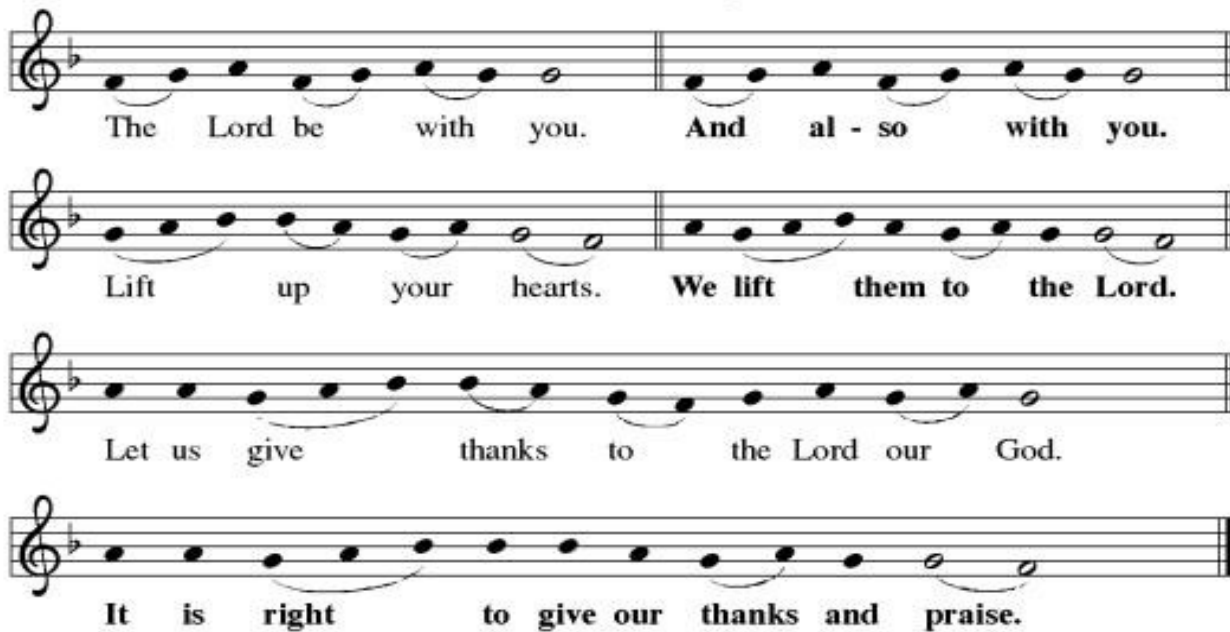
Let us pray.

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)



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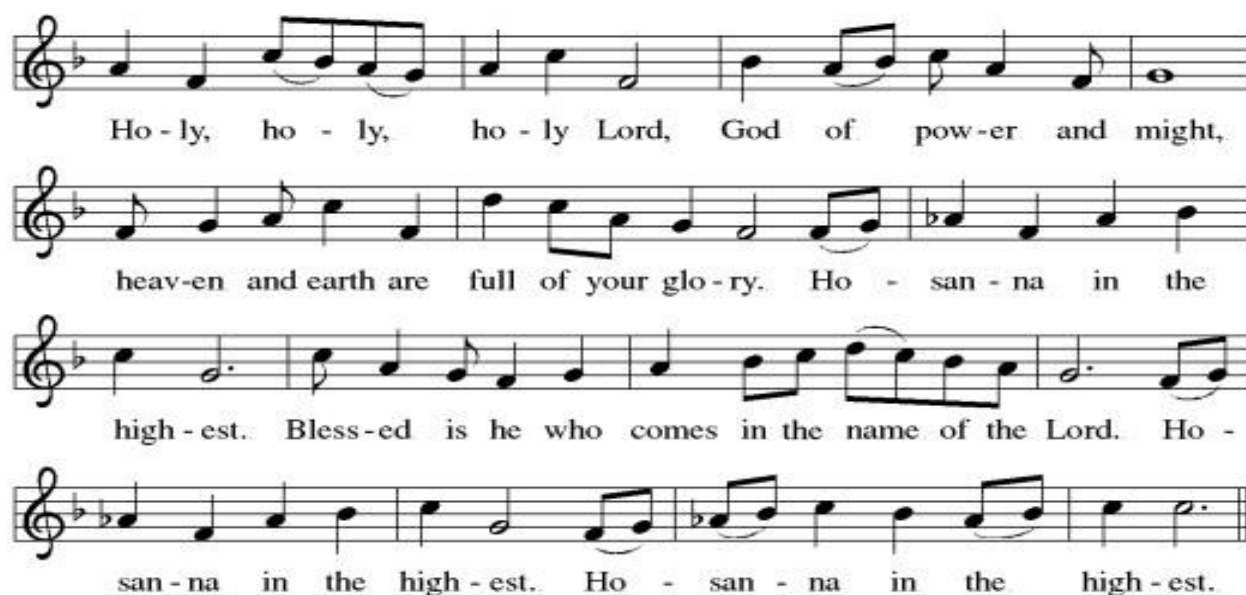
You spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and on the earth, all things, came to be. Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements, and you brought forth life in forms innumerable, including this our fragile earth, and we amongst its inhabitants.

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 *SING* (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 *For the Beauty of the Earth* (ELW 879)**

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,  
sun and moon and stars of light: Refrain

3 For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight: Refrain

4 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above;  
for all gentle thoughts and mild: Refrain

5 For each perfect gift of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;  
for thyself, best gift divine,  
to our world so freely giv'n: Refrain

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### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN *This Is My Father's World* (ELW 824)**

1 This is my Father's world,  
and to my list'ning ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world;  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world;  
he shines in all that's fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

3 This is my Father's world;  
oh, let me not forget  
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world;  
why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;  
God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901. Text: Public Domain.

### **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 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* (ELW 873)**

1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
your festal banner wave on high,  
the cross of Christ your king.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

2 With voice as full and strong  
as ocean's surging praise,  
send forth the sturdy hymns of old,  
the psalms of ancient days. Refrain

3 With all the angel choirs,  
with all the saints on earth  
pour out the strains of joy and bliss,  
true rapture, noblest mirth. Refrain

4 Still lift your standard high,  
still march in firm array,  
as pilgrims through the darkness wend  
till dawns the golden day. Refrain

5 At last the march shall end;  
the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest. Refrain

6 Praise God who reigns on high,  
the Lord whom we adore:  
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
one God forevermore. Refrain

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### **DISMISSAL (ELW p. 137)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

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

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Scott Schellenberger
Worship Assistant:	Elizabeth Graham
Music Director:	Blaine Sack
Sexton:	David Lehman
Projector Operator:	Diane Hammel
Video Recorder:	Ellen Vandersleen
Sound Operator:	Gerry Vandersleen
Counters:	Diane Hammel, Wilmer Verch & Pamela Duplessis
Altar Care:	Diane Rull
Ushers:	Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz
Coffee Hour:	Susan Dupuis & Justine Mutlow

### **ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: September 2 – 8**

Monday:	Holiday	Labour Day
Tuesday:	10:00 am	Heritage Manor Worship
	7:00 pm	RCLC Board Mtg.
Wednesday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
	2:30 pm	ZLW Fellowship of the Least Coin
Thursday:	11:00 am	Marianhill Worship
	7:00 pm	Healing Vets
Friday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
Sunday:	10:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion with Messy Church Sunday

### **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Martha Kodzynski, 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, Kristine, Alex & Lily Mae 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, Allan Kellough, Myles, Amy, Eric.

### **SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS**

The Senior Exercise class will not be held on Monday September 2nd due to the Labour Day holiday but will resume on **Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.**

### **ZLW**

Please join the Zion Lutheran Women on **Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm** for Fellowship of the Least Coin with Pamela Duplessis, special donation Least Coin and pot luck.

### **RETIREMENT HOME SERVICES**

\* Heritage Manor Worship on **Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am.**

\* Marianhill Worship on **Thursday September 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.**

### **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 **e-transfer to [zionoffice@nrtco.net](mailto:zionoffice@nrtco.net).** Please be sure to leave an address. **3.)** Through **Pre-authorized 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.

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The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
The Season of Creation  
Setting 2  
September 1 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 *Beautiful Savior* (ELW 838)**

1 Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee,  
truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,  
fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,  
fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

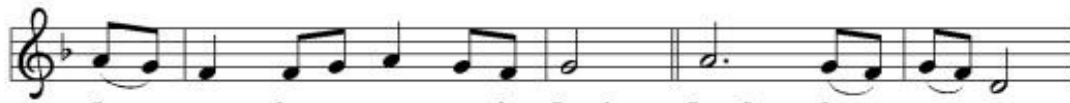
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**GREETING (ELW p. 120)**

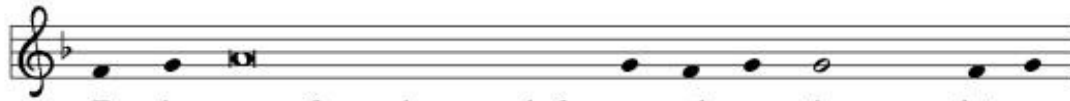
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be  
with you all.

**And also with you.**

# KYRIE (ELW p. 120)



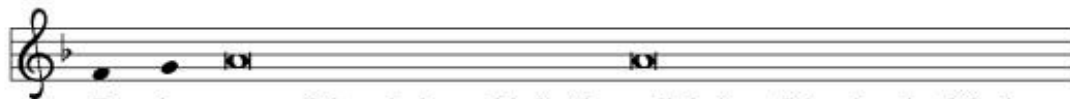
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.



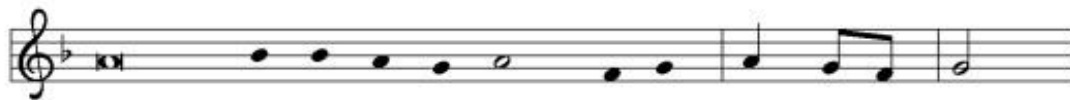
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord,



A - men.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 121)

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **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: Song of Solomon 2:8-13**

A reading from Song of Solomon.

<sup>8</sup>The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. <sup>9</sup>My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. <sup>10</sup>My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; <sup>11</sup>for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

<sup>12</sup>The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. <sup>13</sup>The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9**

<sup>1</sup>My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; my tongue shall be the pen of a skillful writer.

**<sup>2</sup>You are the noblest among the people; grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you forever.**

<sup>6</sup>Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever, a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom.

**<sup>7</sup>You love righteousness and hate iniquity; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your companions.**

<sup>8</sup>All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

**<sup>9</sup>Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.**

## **SECOND READING: James 1:17-27**

A reading from James.

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word

that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

<sup>21</sup>“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON (ELW p. 125)**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways* (ELW 772)**

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
to keep his statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
to know and do his will!

2 Order my footsteps by your word  
and make my heart sincere;  
let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
but keep my conscience clear.

3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
a stricter watch to keep;  
and should I e'er forget your way,  
restore your wand'ring sheep.

4 Make me to walk in your commands,  
'tis a delightful road;  
nor let my head or heart or hands  
offend against my God.

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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 are 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, Kristine, Alex, Lily Mae, Karl, Ingrid, Sharon, Melissa, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Paul, Charlotte, Barbara, Anita, Kinsley, Inga, Danita, Marcella, Marlene, Allan, Myles, Amy, Eric*. 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)**

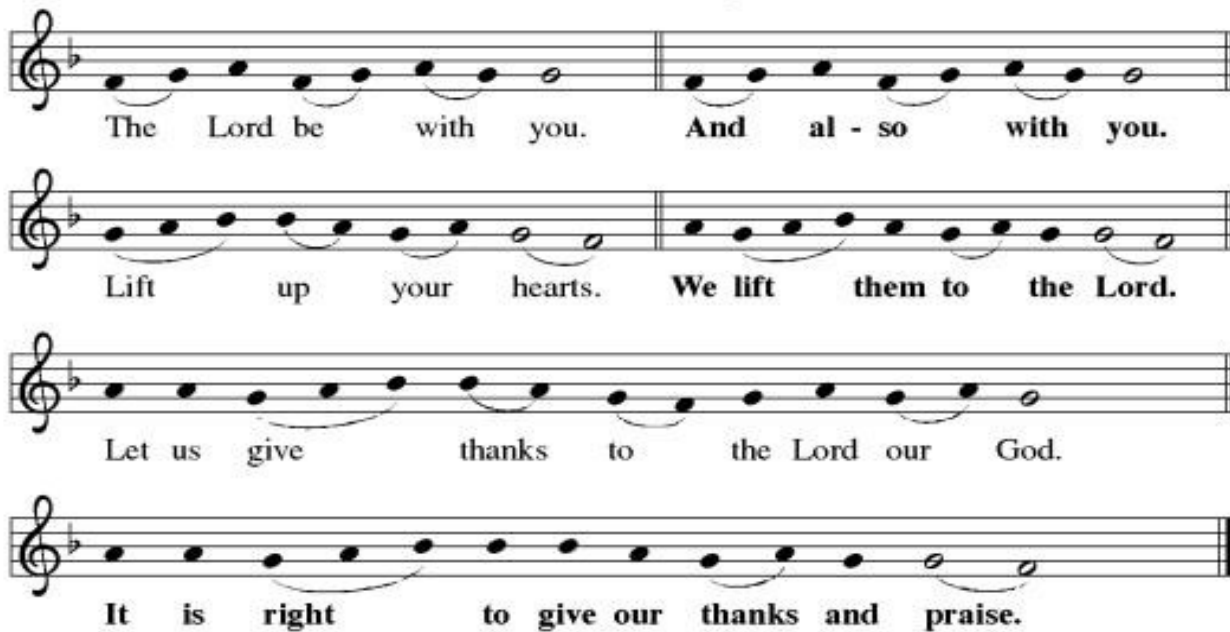
Let us pray.

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)



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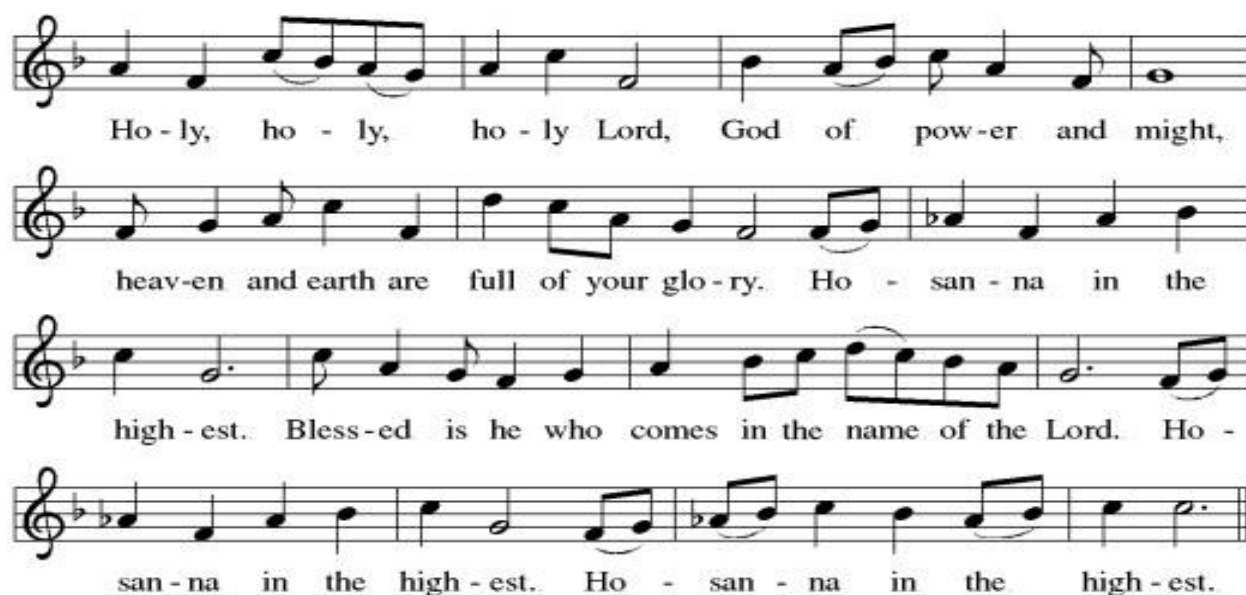
You spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and on the earth, all things, came to be. Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements, and you brought forth life in forms innumerable, including this our fragile earth, and we amongst its inhabitants.

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 *SING* (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 *For the Beauty of the Earth* (ELW 879)**

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,  
sun and moon and stars of light: Refrain

3 For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight: Refrain

4 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above;  
for all gentle thoughts and mild: Refrain

5 For each perfect gift of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;  
for thyself, best gift divine,  
to our world so freely giv'n: Refrain

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### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN *This Is My Father's World* (ELW 824)**

1 This is my Father's world,  
and to my list'ning ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world;  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world;  
he shines in all that's fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

3 This is my Father's world;  
oh, let me not forget  
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world;  
why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;  
God reigns, let earth be glad!

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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 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* (ELW 873)**

1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
your festal banner wave on high,  
the cross of Christ your king.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

2 With voice as full and strong  
as ocean's surging praise,  
send forth the sturdy hymns of old,  
the psalms of ancient days. Refrain

3 With all the angel choirs,  
with all the saints on earth  
pour out the strains of joy and bliss,  
true rapture, noblest mirth. Refrain

4 Still lift your standard high,  
still march in firm array,  
as pilgrims through the darkness wend  
till dawns the golden day. Refrain

5 At last the march shall end;  
the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest. Refrain

6 Praise God who reigns on high,  
the Lord whom we adore:  
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
one God forevermore. Refrain

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### **DISMISSAL (ELW p. 137)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

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

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Scott Schellenberger
Worship Assistant:	Elizabeth Graham
Music Director:	Blaine Sack
Sexton:	David Lehman
Projector Operator:	Diane Hammel
Video Recorder:	Ellen Vandersleen
Sound Operator:	Gerry Vandersleen
Counters:	Diane Hammel, Wilmer Verch & Pamela Duplessis
Altar Care:	Diane Rull
Ushers:	Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz
Coffee Hour:	Susan Dupuis & Justine Mutlow

### **ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: September 2 – 8**

Monday:	Holiday	Labour Day
Tuesday:	10:00 am	Heritage Manor Worship
	7:00 pm	RCLC Board Mtg.
Wednesday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
	2:30 pm	ZLW Fellowship of the Least Coin
Thursday:	11:00 am	Marianhill Worship
	7:00 pm	Healing Vets
Friday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
Sunday:	10:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion with Messy Church Sunday

### **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Martha Kodzynski, 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, Kristine, Alex & Lily Mae 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, Allan Kellough, Myles, Amy, Eric.

### **SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS**

The Senior Exercise class will not be held on Monday September 2nd due to the Labour Day holiday but will resume on **Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.**

### **ZLW**

Please join the Zion Lutheran Women on **Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm** for Fellowship of the Least Coin with Pamela Duplessis, special donation Least Coin and pot luck.

### **RETIREMENT HOME SERVICES**

\* Heritage Manor Worship on **Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am.**

\* Marianhill Worship on **Thursday September 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.**

### **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 **e-transfer to [zionoffice@nrtco.net](mailto:zionoffice@nrtco.net).** Please be sure to leave an address. **3.)** Through **Pre-authorized 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.

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The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
The Season of Creation  
Setting 2  
September 1 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 *Beautiful Savior* (ELW 838)**

1 Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee,  
truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,  
fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,  
fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

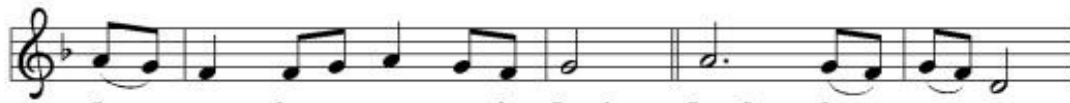
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### **GREETING (ELW p. 120)**

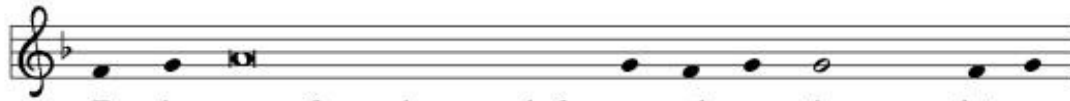
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

# KYRIE (ELW p. 120)



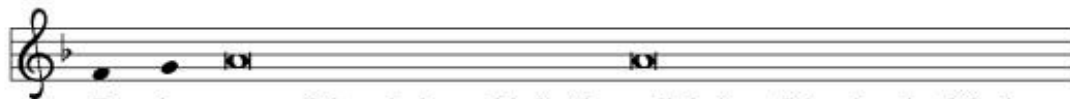
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.



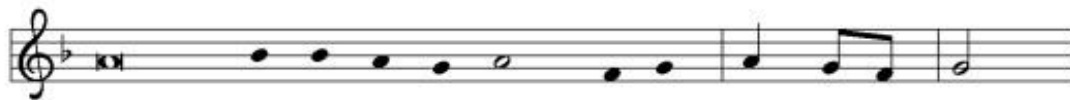
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord,



A - men.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 121)

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **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: Song of Solomon 2:8-13**

A reading from Song of Solomon.

<sup>8</sup>The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. <sup>9</sup>My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. <sup>10</sup>My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; <sup>11</sup>for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

<sup>12</sup>The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. <sup>13</sup>The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9**

<sup>1</sup>My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; my tongue shall be the pen of a skillful writer.

**<sup>2</sup>You are the noblest among the people; grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you forever.**

<sup>6</sup>Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever, a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom.

**<sup>7</sup>You love righteousness and hate iniquity; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your companions.**

<sup>8</sup>All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

**<sup>9</sup>Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.**

## **SECOND READING: James 1:17-27**

A reading from James.

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word

that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

<sup>21</sup>“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON (ELW p. 125)**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways* (ELW 772)**

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
to keep his statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
to know and do his will!

2 Order my footsteps by your word  
and make my heart sincere;  
let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
but keep my conscience clear.

3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
a stricter watch to keep;  
and should I e'er forget your way,  
restore your wand'ring sheep.

4 Make me to walk in your commands,  
'tis a delightful road;  
nor let my head or heart or hands  
offend against my God.

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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 are 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, Kristine, Alex, Lily Mae, Karl, Ingrid, Sharon, Melissa, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Paul, Charlotte, Barbara, Anita, Kinsley, Inga, Danita, Marcella, Marlene, Allan, Myles, Amy, Eric.* 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)**

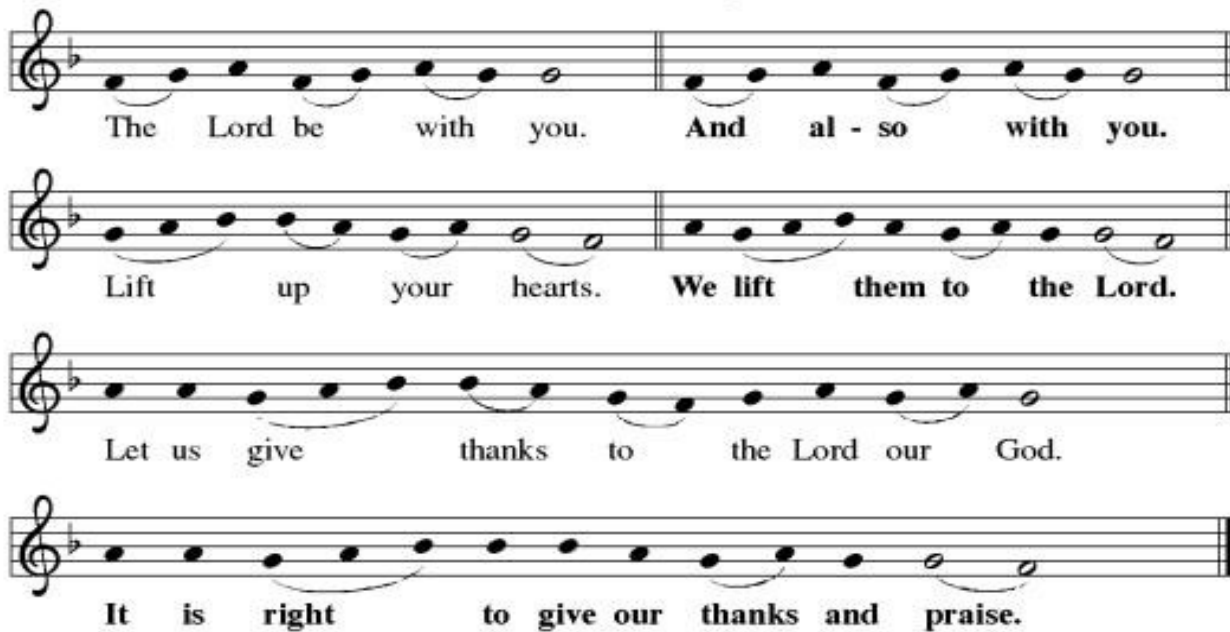
Let us pray.

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)



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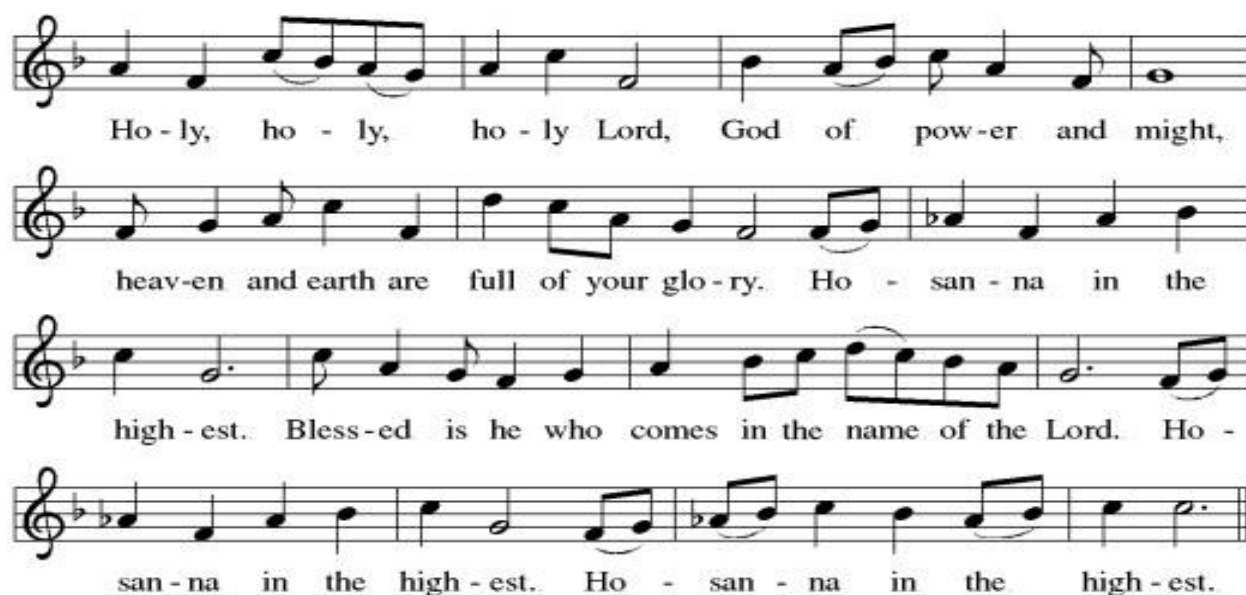
You spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and on the earth, all things, came to be. Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements, and you brought forth life in forms innumerable, including this our fragile earth, and we amongst its inhabitants.

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 *SING* (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 *For the Beauty of the Earth* (ELW 879)**

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,  
sun and moon and stars of light: Refrain

3 For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight: Refrain

4 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above;  
for all gentle thoughts and mild: Refrain

5 For each perfect gift of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;  
for thyself, best gift divine,  
to our world so freely giv'n: Refrain

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### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN *This Is My Father's World* (ELW 824)**

1 This is my Father's world,  
and to my list'ning ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world;  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world;  
he shines in all that's fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

3 This is my Father's world;  
oh, let me not forget  
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world;  
why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;  
God reigns, let earth be glad!

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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 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* (ELW 873)**

1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
your festal banner wave on high,  
the cross of Christ your king.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

2 With voice as full and strong  
as ocean's surging praise,  
send forth the sturdy hymns of old,  
the psalms of ancient days. Refrain

3 With all the angel choirs,  
with all the saints on earth  
pour out the strains of joy and bliss,  
true rapture, noblest mirth. Refrain

4 Still lift your standard high,  
still march in firm array,  
as pilgrims through the darkness wend  
till dawns the golden day. Refrain

5 At last the march shall end;  
the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest. Refrain

6 Praise God who reigns on high,  
the Lord whom we adore:  
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
one God forevermore. Refrain

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### **DISMISSAL (ELW p. 137)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

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

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Scott Schellenberger
Worship Assistant:	Elizabeth Graham
Music Director:	Blaine Sack
Sexton:	David Lehman
Projector Operator:	Diane Hammel
Video Recorder:	Ellen Vandersleen
Sound Operator:	Gerry Vandersleen
Counters:	Diane Hammel, Wilmer Verch & Pamela Duplessis
Altar Care:	Diane Rull
Ushers:	Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz
Coffee Hour:	Susan Dupuis & Justine Mutlow

### **ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: September 2 – 8**

Monday:	Holiday	Labour Day
Tuesday:	10:00 am	Heritage Manor Worship
	7:00 pm	RCLC Board Mtg.
Wednesday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
	2:30 pm	ZLW Fellowship of the Least Coin
Thursday:	11:00 am	Marianhill Worship
	7:00 pm	Healing Vets
Friday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
Sunday:	10:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion with Messy Church Sunday

### **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Martha Kodzynski, 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, Kristine, Alex & Lily Mae 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, Allan Kellough, Myles, Amy, Eric.

### **SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS**

The Senior Exercise class will not be held on Monday September 2nd due to the Labour Day holiday but will resume on **Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.**

### **ZLW**

Please join the Zion Lutheran Women on **Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm** for Fellowship of the Least Coin with Pamela Duplessis, special donation Least Coin and pot luck.

### **RETIREMENT HOME SERVICES**

\* Heritage Manor Worship on **Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am.**

\* Marianhill Worship on **Thursday September 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.**

### **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 **e-transfer to [zionoffice@nrtco.net](mailto:zionoffice@nrtco.net).** Please be sure to leave an address. **3.)** Through **Pre-authorized 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.

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The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
The Season of Creation  
Setting 2  
September 1 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 *Beautiful Savior* (ELW 838)**

1 Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee,  
truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,  
fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,  
fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

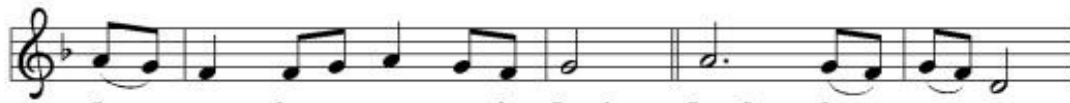
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**GREETING (ELW p. 120)**

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)



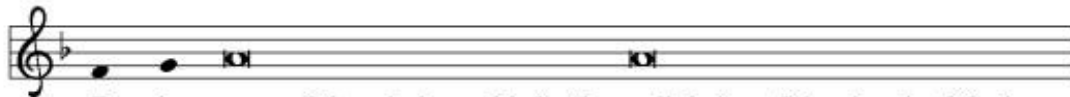
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord,



A - men.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 121)

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **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: Song of Solomon 2:8-13**

A reading from Song of Solomon.

<sup>8</sup>The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. <sup>9</sup>My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. <sup>10</sup>My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; <sup>11</sup>for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

<sup>12</sup>The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. <sup>13</sup>The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9**

<sup>1</sup>My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; my tongue shall be the pen of a skillful writer.

**<sup>2</sup>You are the noblest among the people; grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you forever.**

<sup>6</sup>Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever, a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom.

**<sup>7</sup>You love righteousness and hate iniquity; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your companions.**

<sup>8</sup>All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

**<sup>9</sup>Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.**

## **SECOND READING: James 1:17-27**

A reading from James.

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word

that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

<sup>21</sup>“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON (ELW p. 125)**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways* (ELW 772)**

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
to keep his statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
to know and do his will!

2 Order my footsteps by your word  
and make my heart sincere;  
let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
but keep my conscience clear.

3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
a stricter watch to keep;  
and should I e'er forget your way,  
restore your wand'ring sheep.

4 Make me to walk in your commands,  
'tis a delightful road;  
nor let my head or heart or hands  
offend against my God.

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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 are 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, Kristine, Alex, Lily Mae, Karl, Ingrid, Sharon, Melissa, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Paul, Charlotte, Barbara, Anita, Kinsley, Inga, Danita, Marcella, Marlene, Allan, Myles, Amy, Eric*. 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)**

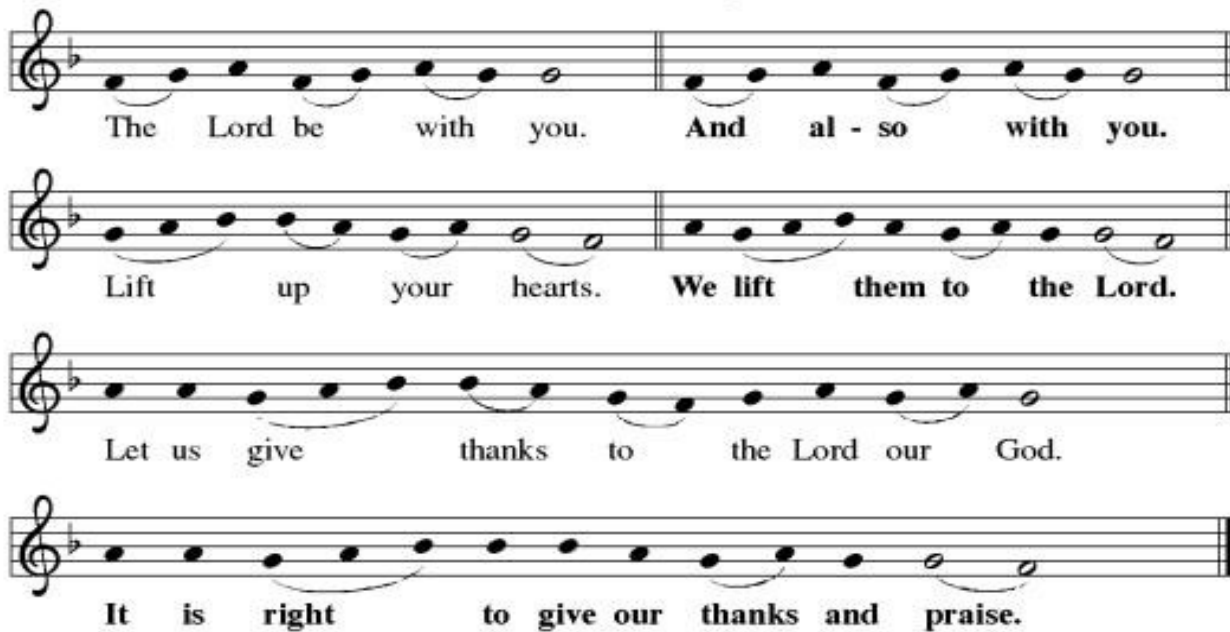
Let us pray.

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)



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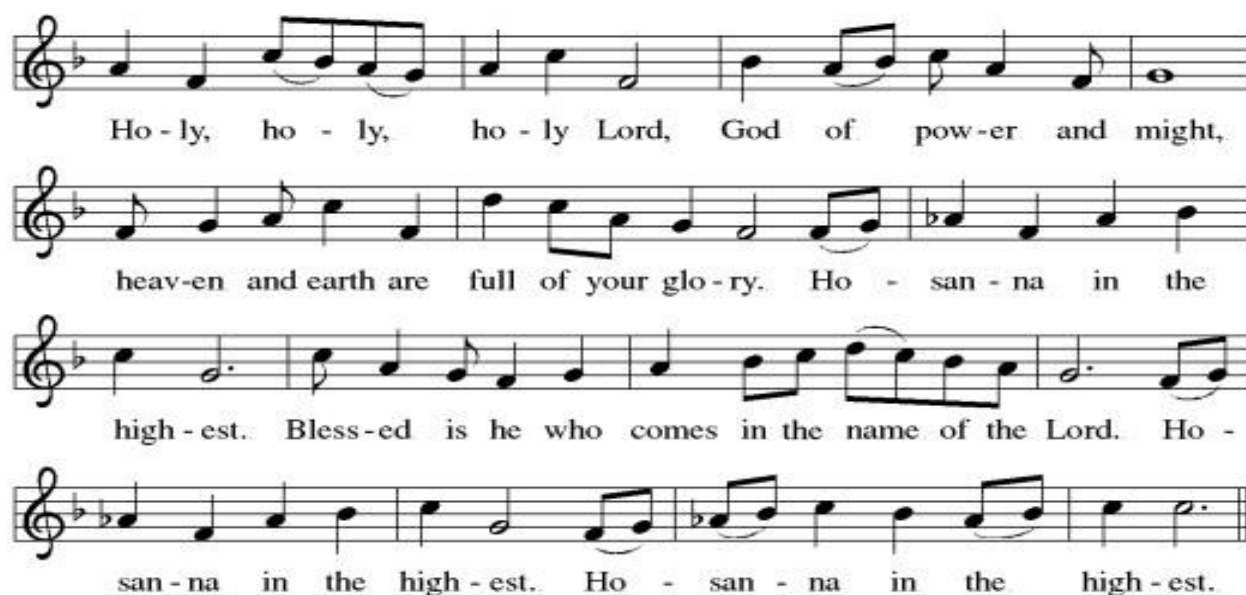
You spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and on the earth, all things, came to be. Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements, and you brought forth life in forms innumerable, including this our fragile earth, and we amongst its inhabitants.

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 *SING* (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 *For the Beauty of the Earth* (ELW 879)**

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,  
sun and moon and stars of light: Refrain

3 For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight: Refrain

4 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above;  
for all gentle thoughts and mild: Refrain

5 For each perfect gift of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;  
for thyself, best gift divine,  
to our world so freely giv'n: Refrain

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### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN *This Is My Father's World* (ELW 824)**

1 This is my Father's world,  
and to my list'ning ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world;  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world;  
he shines in all that's fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

3 This is my Father's world;  
oh, let me not forget  
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world;  
why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;  
God reigns, let earth be glad!

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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 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* (ELW 873)**

1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
your festal banner wave on high,  
the cross of Christ your king.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

2 With voice as full and strong  
as ocean's surging praise,  
send forth the sturdy hymns of old,  
the psalms of ancient days. Refrain

3 With all the angel choirs,  
with all the saints on earth  
pour out the strains of joy and bliss,  
true rapture, noblest mirth. Refrain

4 Still lift your standard high,  
still march in firm array,  
as pilgrims through the darkness wend  
till dawns the golden day. Refrain

5 At last the march shall end;  
the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest. Refrain

6 Praise God who reigns on high,  
the Lord whom we adore:  
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
one God forevermore. Refrain

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### **DISMISSAL (ELW p. 137)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

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

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Scott Schellenberger
Worship Assistant:	Elizabeth Graham
Music Director:	Blaine Sack
Sexton:	David Lehman
Projector Operator:	Diane Hammel
Video Recorder:	Ellen Vandersleen
Sound Operator:	Gerry Vandersleen
Counters:	Diane Hammel, Wilmer Verch & Pamela Duplessis
Altar Care:	Diane Rull
Ushers:	Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz
Coffee Hour:	Susan Dupuis & Justine Mutlow

### **ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: September 2 – 8**

Monday:	Holiday	Labour Day
Tuesday:	10:00 am	Heritage Manor Worship
	7:00 pm	RCLC Board Mtg.
Wednesday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
	2:30 pm	ZLW Fellowship of the Least Coin
Thursday:	11:00 am	Marianhill Worship
	7:00 pm	Healing Vets
Friday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
Sunday:	10:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion with Messy Church Sunday

### **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Martha Kodzynski, 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, Kristine, Alex & Lily Mae 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, Allan Kellough, Myles, Amy, Eric.

### **SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS**

The Senior Exercise class will not be held on Monday September 2nd due to the Labour Day holiday but will resume on **Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.**

### **ZLW**

Please join the Zion Lutheran Women on **Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm** for Fellowship of the Least Coin with Pamela Duplessis, special donation Least Coin and pot luck.

### **RETIREMENT HOME SERVICES**

\* Heritage Manor Worship on **Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am.**

\* Marianhill Worship on **Thursday September 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.**

### **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 **e-transfer to [zionoffice@nrtco.net](mailto:zionoffice@nrtco.net).** Please be sure to leave an address. **3.)** Through **Pre-authorized 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.

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The creator, sustainer and friend

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

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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 *Beautiful Savior* (ELW 838)**

1 Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee,  
truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,  
fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,  
fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

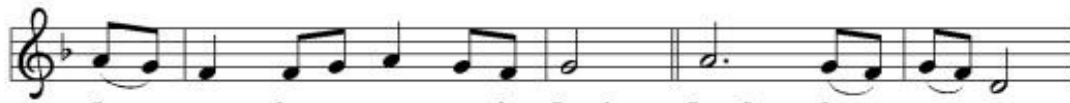
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**GREETING (ELW p. 120)**

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)



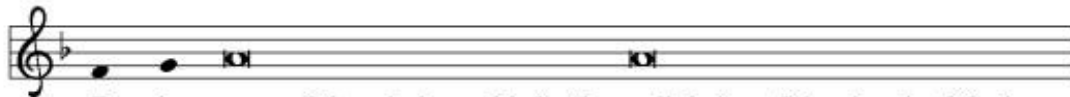
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord,



A - men.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 121)

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **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: Song of Solomon 2:8-13**

A reading from Song of Solomon.

<sup>8</sup>The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. <sup>9</sup>My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. <sup>10</sup>My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; <sup>11</sup>for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

<sup>12</sup>The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. <sup>13</sup>The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9**

<sup>1</sup>My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; my tongue shall be the pen of a skillful writer.

**<sup>2</sup>You are the noblest among the people; grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you forever.**

<sup>6</sup>Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever, a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom.

**<sup>7</sup>You love righteousness and hate iniquity; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your companions.**

<sup>8</sup>All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

**<sup>9</sup>Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.**

## **SECOND READING: James 1:17-27**

A reading from James.

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word

that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

<sup>21</sup>“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON (ELW p. 125)**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways* (ELW 772)**

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
to keep his statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
to know and do his will!

2 Order my footsteps by your word  
and make my heart sincere;  
let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
but keep my conscience clear.

3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
a stricter watch to keep;  
and should I e'er forget your way,  
restore your wand'ring sheep.

4 Make me to walk in your commands,  
'tis a delightful road;  
nor let my head or heart or hands  
offend against my God.

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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 are 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, Kristine, Alex, Lily Mae, Karl, Ingrid, Sharon, Melissa, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Paul, Charlotte, Barbara, Anita, Kinsley, Inga, Danita, Marcella, Marlene, Allan, Myles, Amy, Eric*. 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)**

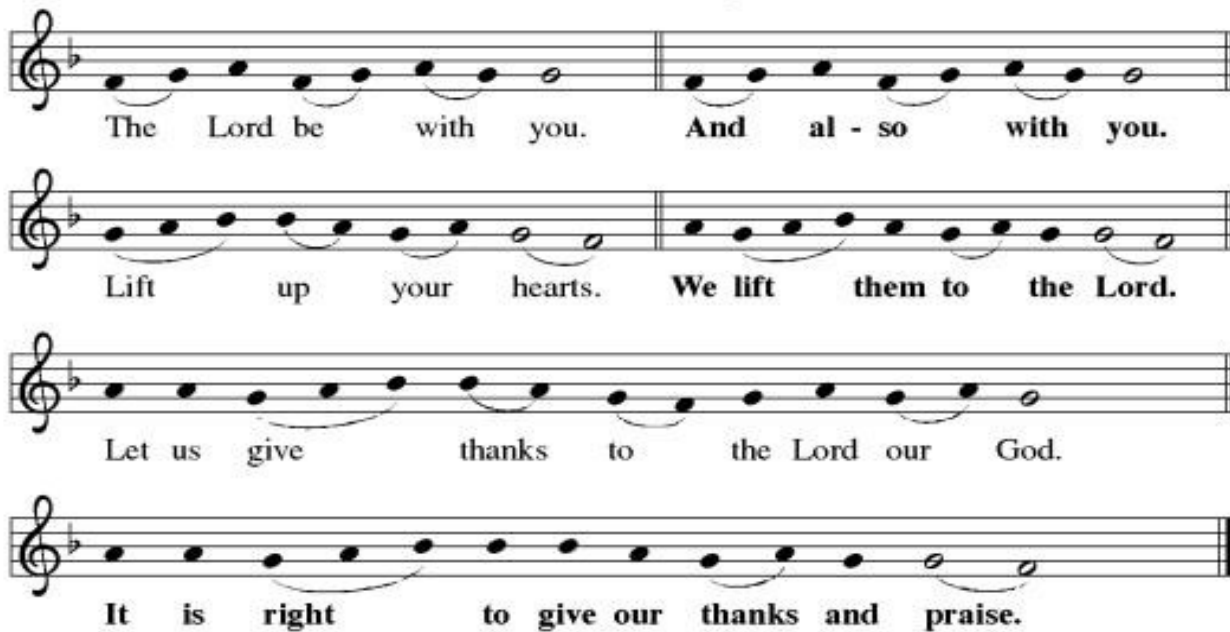
Let us pray.

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)

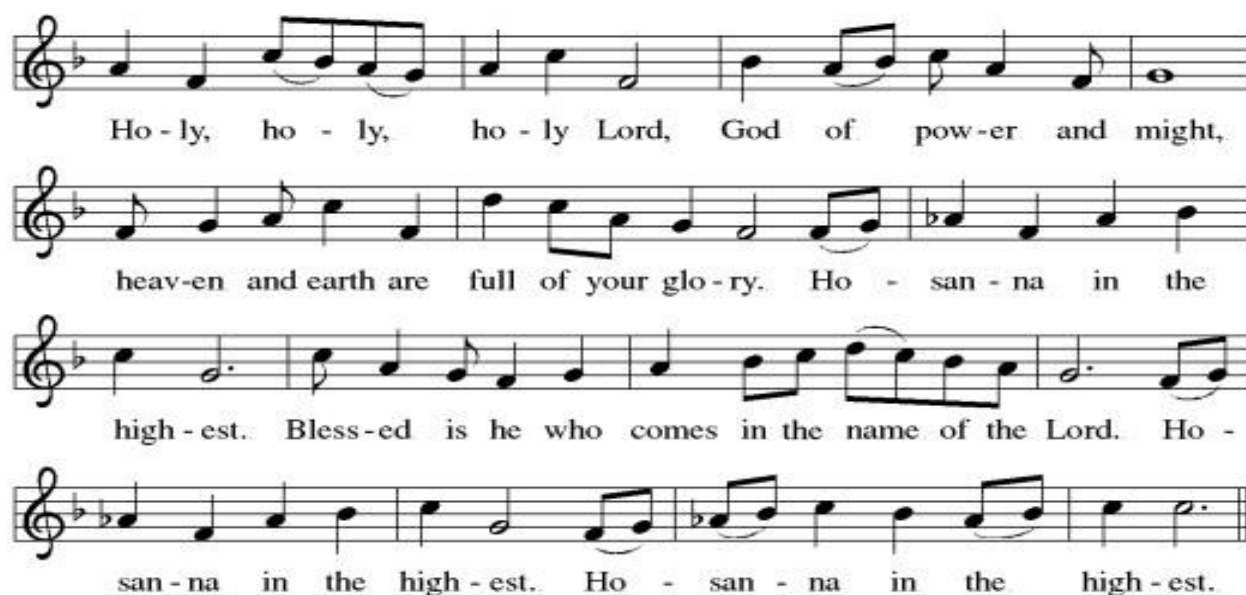
You spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and on the earth, all things, came to be. Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements, and you brought forth life in forms innumerable, including this our fragile earth, and we amongst its inhabitants.

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 *SING* (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 *For the Beauty of the Earth* (ELW 879)**

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,  
sun and moon and stars of light: Refrain

3 For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight: Refrain

4 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above;  
for all gentle thoughts and mild: Refrain

5 For each perfect gift of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;  
for thyself, best gift divine,  
to our world so freely giv'n: Refrain

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### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN *This Is My Father's World* (ELW 824)**

1 This is my Father's world,  
and to my list'ning ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world;  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world;  
he shines in all that's fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

3 This is my Father's world;  
oh, let me not forget  
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world;  
why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;  
God reigns, let earth be glad!

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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 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* (ELW 873)**

1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
your festal banner wave on high,  
the cross of Christ your king.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

2 With voice as full and strong  
as ocean's surging praise,  
send forth the sturdy hymns of old,  
the psalms of ancient days. Refrain

3 With all the angel choirs,  
with all the saints on earth  
pour out the strains of joy and bliss,  
true rapture, noblest mirth. Refrain

4 Still lift your standard high,  
still march in firm array,  
as pilgrims through the darkness wend  
till dawns the golden day. Refrain

5 At last the march shall end;  
the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest. Refrain

6 Praise God who reigns on high,  
the Lord whom we adore:  
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
one God forevermore. Refrain

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### **DISMISSAL (ELW p. 137)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

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

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Scott Schellenberger
Worship Assistant:	Elizabeth Graham
Music Director:	Blaine Sack
Sexton:	David Lehman
Projector Operator:	Diane Hammel
Video Recorder:	Ellen Vandersleen
Sound Operator:	Gerry Vandersleen
Counters:	Diane Hammel, Wilmer Verch & Pamela Duplessis
Altar Care:	Diane Rull
Ushers:	Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz
Coffee Hour:	Susan Dupuis & Justine Mutlow

### **ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: September 2 – 8**

Monday:	Holiday	Labour Day
Tuesday:	10:00 am	Heritage Manor Worship
	7:00 pm	RCLC Board Mtg.
Wednesday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
	2:30 pm	ZLW Fellowship of the Least Coin
Thursday:	11:00 am	Marianhill Worship
	7:00 pm	Healing Vets
Friday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
Sunday:	10:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion with Messy Church Sunday

### **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Martha Kodzynski, 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, Kristine, Alex & Lily Mae 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, Allan Kellough, Myles, Amy, Eric.

### **SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS**

The Senior Exercise class will not be held on Monday September 2nd due to the Labour Day holiday but will resume on **Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.**

### **ZLW**

Please join the Zion Lutheran Women on **Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm** for Fellowship of the Least Coin with Pamela Duplessis, special donation Least Coin and pot luck.

### **RETIREMENT HOME SERVICES**

\* Heritage Manor Worship on **Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am.**

\* Marianhill Worship on **Thursday September 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.**

### **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 **e-transfer to [zionoffice@nrtco.net](mailto:zionoffice@nrtco.net).** Please be sure to leave an address. **3.)** Through **Pre-authorized 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.

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## 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 *Beautiful Savior* (ELW 838)**

1 Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee,  
truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,  
fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,  
fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

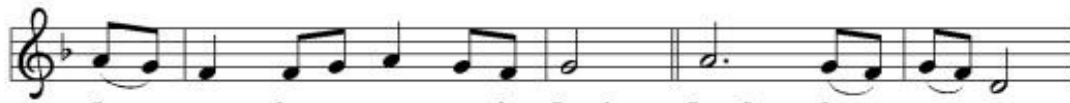
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### **GREETING (ELW p. 120)**

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)



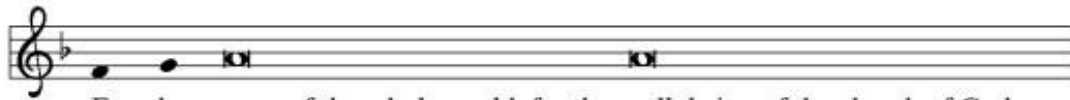
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord,



A - men.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 121)

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **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: Song of Solomon 2:8-13**

A reading from Song of Solomon.

<sup>8</sup>The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. <sup>9</sup>My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. <sup>10</sup>My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; <sup>11</sup>for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

<sup>12</sup>The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. <sup>13</sup>The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9**

<sup>1</sup>My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; my tongue shall be the pen of a skillful writer.

**<sup>2</sup>You are the noblest among the people; grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you forever.**

<sup>6</sup>Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever, a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom.

**<sup>7</sup>You love righteousness and hate iniquity; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your companions.**

<sup>8</sup>All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

**<sup>9</sup>Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.**

## **SECOND READING: James 1:17-27**

A reading from James.

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word

that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

<sup>21</sup>“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON (ELW p. 125)**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways* (ELW 772)**

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
to keep his statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
to know and do his will!

2 Order my footsteps by your word  
and make my heart sincere;  
let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
but keep my conscience clear.

3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
a stricter watch to keep;  
and should I e'er forget your way,  
restore your wand'ring sheep.

4 Make me to walk in your commands,  
'tis a delightful road;  
nor let my head or heart or hands  
offend against my God.

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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 are 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, Kristine, Alex, Lily Mae, Karl, Ingrid, Sharon, Melissa, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Paul, Charlotte, Barbara, Anita, Kinsley, Inga, Danita, Marcella, Marlene, Allan, Myles, Amy, Eric*. 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)**

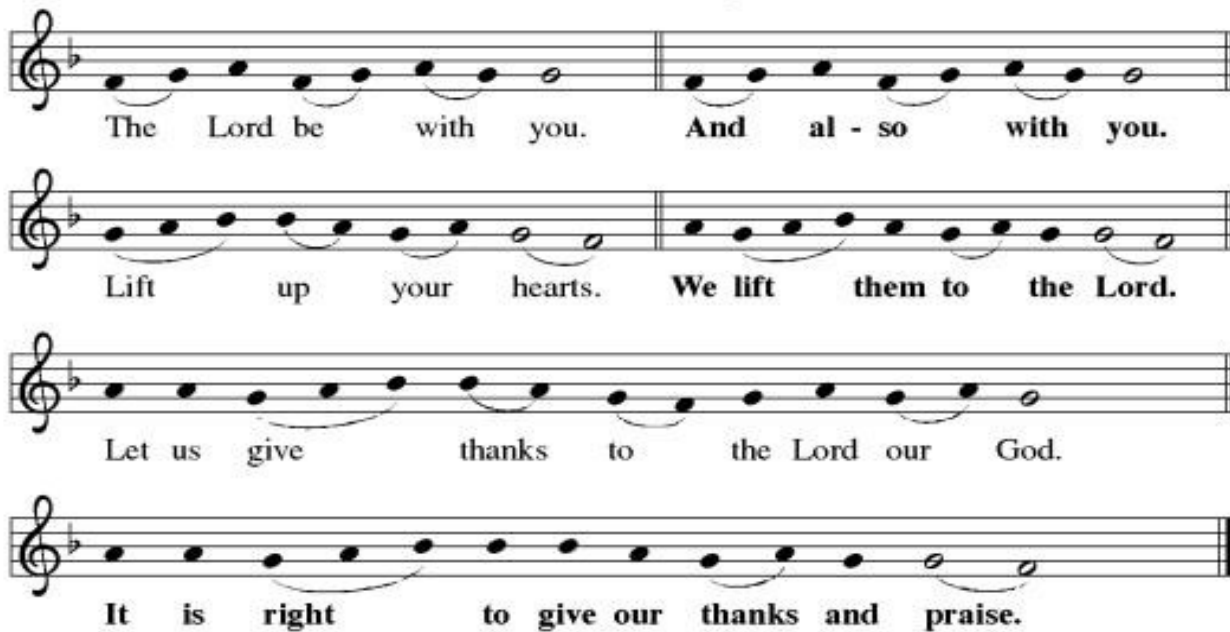
Let us pray.

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)

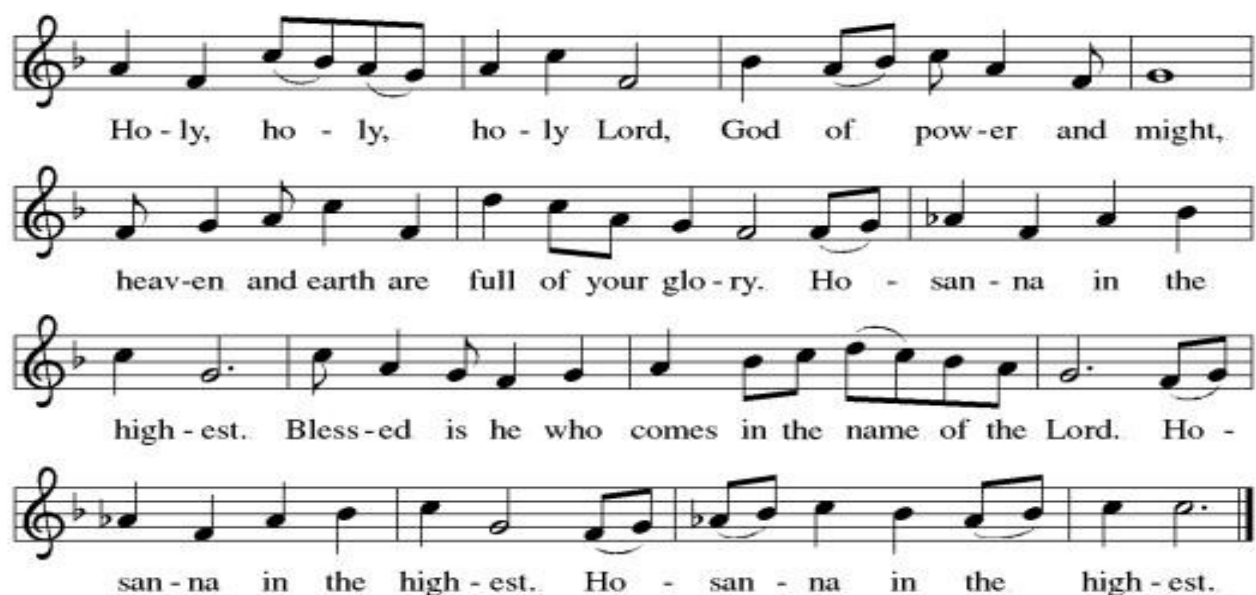
You spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and on the earth, all things, came to be. Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements, and you brought forth life in forms innumerable, including this our fragile earth, and we amongst its inhabitants.

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 *SING* (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 *For the Beauty of the Earth* (ELW 879)**

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,  
sun and moon and stars of light: Refrain

3 For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight: Refrain

4 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above;  
for all gentle thoughts and mild: Refrain

5 For each perfect gift of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;  
for thyself, best gift divine,  
to our world so freely giv'n: Refrain

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### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN *This Is My Father's World* (ELW 824)**

1 This is my Father's world,  
and to my list'ning ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world;  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world;  
he shines in all that's fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

3 This is my Father's world;  
oh, let me not forget  
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world;  
why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;  
God reigns, let earth be glad!

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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 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* (ELW 873)**

1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
your festal banner wave on high,  
the cross of Christ your king.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

2 With voice as full and strong  
as ocean's surging praise,  
send forth the sturdy hymns of old,  
the psalms of ancient days. Refrain

3 With all the angel choirs,  
with all the saints on earth  
pour out the strains of joy and bliss,  
true rapture, noblest mirth. Refrain

4 Still lift your standard high,  
still march in firm array,  
as pilgrims through the darkness wend  
till dawns the golden day. Refrain

5 At last the march shall end;  
the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest. Refrain

6 Praise God who reigns on high,  
the Lord whom we adore:  
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
one God forevermore. Refrain

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### **DISMISSAL (ELW p. 137)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

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

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Scott Schellenberger
Worship Assistant:	Elizabeth Graham
Music Director:	Blaine Sack
Sexton:	David Lehman
Projector Operator:	Diane Hammel
Video Recorder:	Ellen Vandersleen
Sound Operator:	Gerry Vandersleen
Counters:	Diane Hammel, Wilmer Verch & Pamela Duplessis
Altar Care:	Diane Rull
Ushers:	Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz
Coffee Hour:	Susan Dupuis & Justine Mutlow

### **ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: September 2 – 8**

Monday:	Holiday	Labour Day
Tuesday:	10:00 am	Heritage Manor Worship
	7:00 pm	RCLC Board Mtg.
Wednesday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
	2:30 pm	ZLW Fellowship of the Least Coin
Thursday:	11:00 am	Marianhill Worship
	7:00 pm	Healing Vets
Friday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
Sunday:	10:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion with Messy Church Sunday

### **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Martha Kodzynski, 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, Kristine, Alex & Lily Mae 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, Allan Kellough, Myles, Amy, Eric.

### **SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS**

The Senior Exercise class will not be held on Monday September 2nd due to the Labour Day holiday but will resume on **Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.**

### **ZLW**

Please join the Zion Lutheran Women on **Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm** for Fellowship of the Least Coin with Pamela Duplessis, special donation Least Coin and pot luck.

### **RETIREMENT HOME SERVICES**

\* Heritage Manor Worship on **Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am.**

\* Marianhill Worship on **Thursday September 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.**

### **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 **e-transfer to [zionoffice@nrtco.net](mailto:zionoffice@nrtco.net).** Please be sure to leave an address. **3.)** Through **Pre-authorized 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.

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## 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 *Beautiful Savior* (ELW 838)**

1 Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee,  
truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,  
fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,  
fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

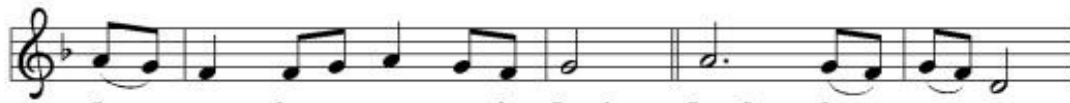
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**GREETING (ELW p. 120)**

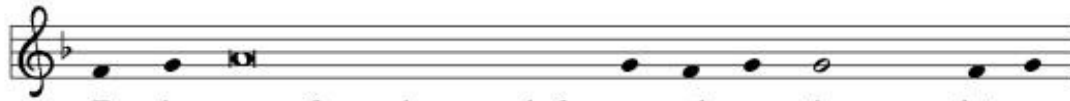
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be  
with you all.

**And also with you.**

# KYRIE (ELW p. 120)



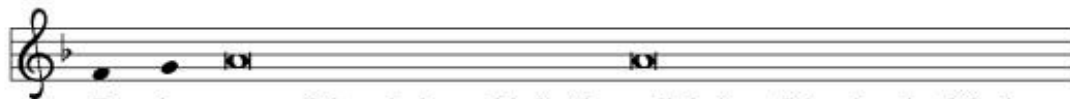
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.



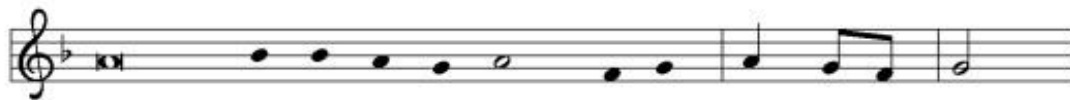
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord,



A - men.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 121)

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **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: Song of Solomon 2:8-13**

A reading from Song of Solomon.

<sup>8</sup>The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. <sup>9</sup>My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. <sup>10</sup>My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; <sup>11</sup>for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

<sup>12</sup>The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. <sup>13</sup>The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9**

<sup>1</sup>My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; my tongue shall be the pen of a skillful writer.

**<sup>2</sup>You are the noblest among the people; grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you forever.**

<sup>6</sup>Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever, a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom.

**<sup>7</sup>You love righteousness and hate iniquity; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your companions.**

<sup>8</sup>All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

**<sup>9</sup>Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.**

## **SECOND READING: James 1:17-27**

A reading from James.

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word

that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

<sup>21</sup>“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON (ELW p. 125)**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways* (ELW 772)**

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
to keep his statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
to know and do his will!

2 Order my footsteps by your word  
and make my heart sincere;  
let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
but keep my conscience clear.

3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
a stricter watch to keep;  
and should I e'er forget your way,  
restore your wand'ring sheep.

4 Make me to walk in your commands,  
'tis a delightful road;  
nor let my head or heart or hands  
offend against my God.

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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 are 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, Kristine, Alex, Lily Mae, Karl, Ingrid, Sharon, Melissa, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Paul, Charlotte, Barbara, Anita, Kinsley, Inga, Danita, Marcella, Marlene, Allan, Myles, Amy, Eric*. 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)**

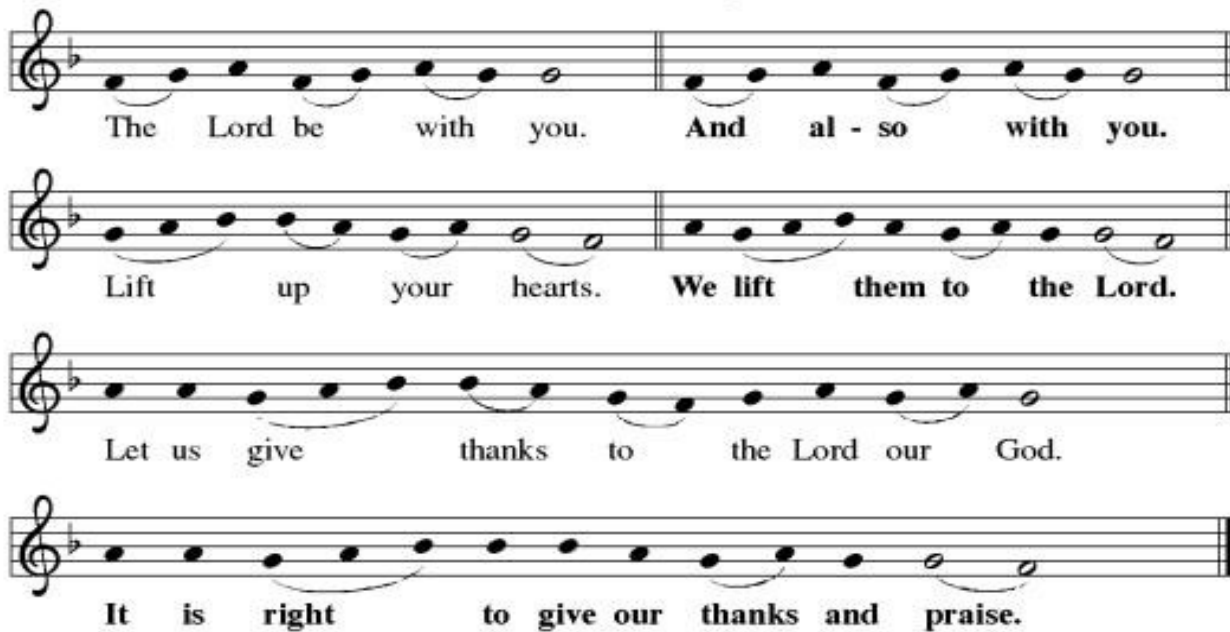
Let us pray.

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)

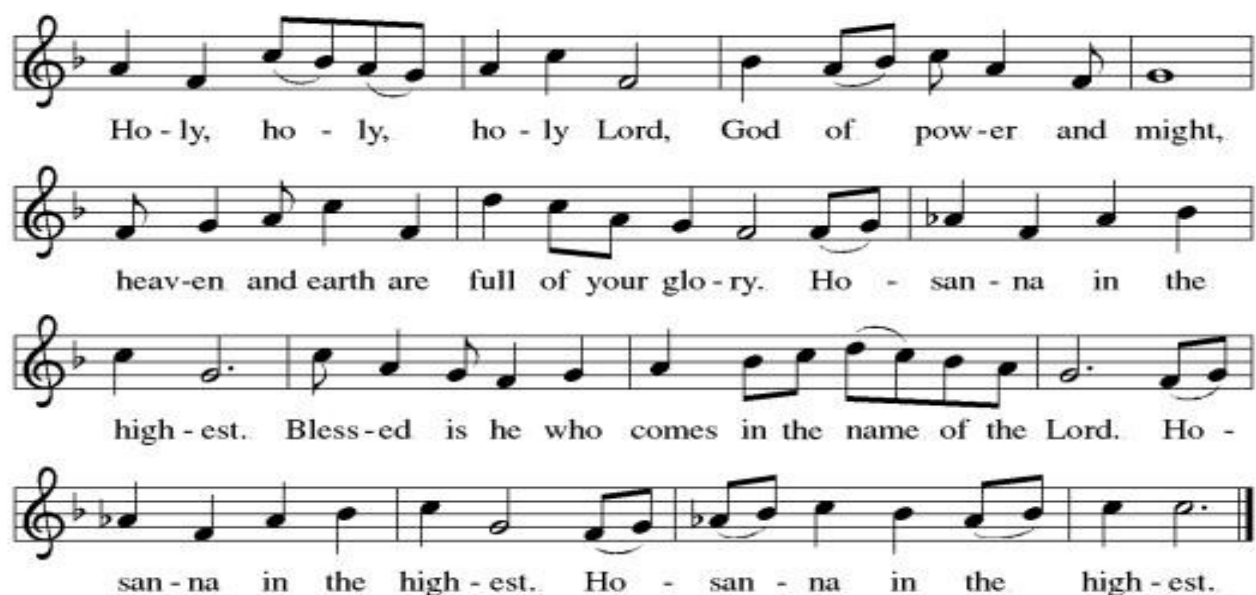
You spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and on the earth, all things, came to be. Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements, and you brought forth life in forms innumerable, including this our fragile earth, and we amongst its inhabitants.

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 *SING* (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 *For the Beauty of the Earth* (ELW 879)**

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,  
sun and moon and stars of light: Refrain

3 For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight: Refrain

4 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above;  
for all gentle thoughts and mild: Refrain

5 For each perfect gift of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;  
for thyself, best gift divine,  
to our world so freely giv'n: Refrain

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### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN *This Is My Father's World* (ELW 824)**

1 This is my Father's world,  
and to my list'ning ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world;  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world;  
he shines in all that's fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

3 This is my Father's world;  
oh, let me not forget  
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world;  
why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;  
God reigns, let earth be glad!

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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 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* (ELW 873)**

1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
your festal banner wave on high,  
the cross of Christ your king.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

2 With voice as full and strong  
as ocean's surging praise,  
send forth the sturdy hymns of old,  
the psalms of ancient days. Refrain

3 With all the angel choirs,  
with all the saints on earth  
pour out the strains of joy and bliss,  
true rapture, noblest mirth. Refrain

4 Still lift your standard high,  
still march in firm array,  
as pilgrims through the darkness wend  
till dawns the golden day. Refrain

5 At last the march shall end;  
the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest. Refrain

6 Praise God who reigns on high,  
the Lord whom we adore:  
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
one God forevermore. Refrain

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### **DISMISSAL (ELW p. 137)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

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

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Scott Schellenberger
Worship Assistant:	Elizabeth Graham
Music Director:	Blaine Sack
Sexton:	David Lehman
Projector Operator:	Diane Hammel
Video Recorder:	Ellen Vandersleen
Sound Operator:	Gerry Vandersleen
Counters:	Diane Hammel, Wilmer Verch & Pamela Duplessis
Altar Care:	Diane Rull
Ushers:	Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz
Coffee Hour:	Susan Dupuis & Justine Mutlow

### **ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: September 2 – 8**

Monday:	Holiday	Labour Day
Tuesday:	10:00 am	Heritage Manor Worship
	7:00 pm	RCLC Board Mtg.
Wednesday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
	2:30 pm	ZLW Fellowship of the Least Coin
Thursday:	11:00 am	Marianhill Worship
	7:00 pm	Healing Vets
Friday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
Sunday:	10:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion with Messy Church Sunday

### **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Martha Kodzynski, 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, Kristine, Alex & Lily Mae 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, Allan Kellough, Myles, Amy, Eric.

### **SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS**

The Senior Exercise class will not be held on Monday September 2nd due to the Labour Day holiday but will resume on **Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.**

### **ZLW**

Please join the Zion Lutheran Women on **Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm** for Fellowship of the Least Coin with Pamela Duplessis, special donation Least Coin and pot luck.

### **RETIREMENT HOME SERVICES**

\* Heritage Manor Worship on **Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am.**

\* Marianhill Worship on **Thursday September 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.**

### **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 **e-transfer to [zionoffice@nrtco.net](mailto:zionoffice@nrtco.net).** Please be sure to leave an address. **3.)** Through **Pre-authorized 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.

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## 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 *Beautiful Savior* (ELW 838)**

1 Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee,  
truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,  
fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,  
fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

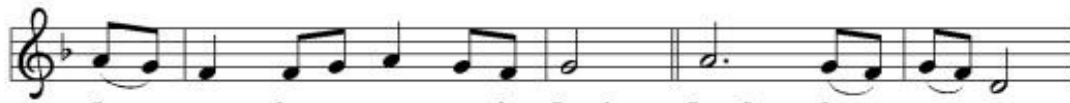
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**GREETING (ELW p. 120)**

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)



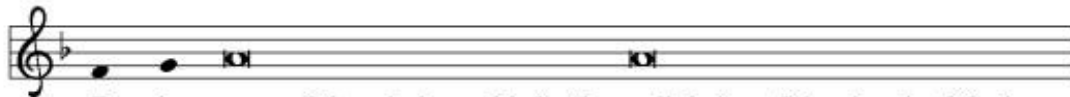
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



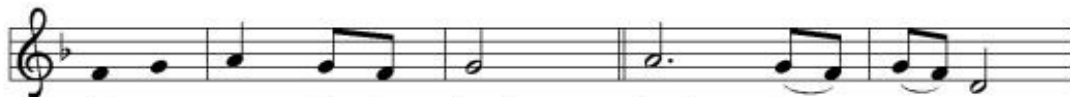
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord,



A - men.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 121)

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **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: Song of Solomon 2:8-13**

A reading from Song of Solomon.

<sup>8</sup>The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. <sup>9</sup>My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. <sup>10</sup>My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; <sup>11</sup>for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

<sup>12</sup>The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. <sup>13</sup>The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9**

<sup>1</sup>My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; my tongue shall be the pen of a skillful writer.

**<sup>2</sup>You are the noblest among the people; grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you forever.**

<sup>6</sup>Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever, a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom.

**<sup>7</sup>You love righteousness and hate iniquity; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your companions.**

<sup>8</sup>All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

**<sup>9</sup>Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.**

## **SECOND READING: James 1:17-27**

A reading from James.

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word

that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

<sup>21</sup>“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON (ELW p. 125)**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways* (ELW 772)**

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
to keep his statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
to know and do his will!

2 Order my footsteps by your word  
and make my heart sincere;  
let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
but keep my conscience clear.

3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
a stricter watch to keep;  
and should I e'er forget your way,  
restore your wand'ring sheep.

4 Make me to walk in your commands,  
'tis a delightful road;  
nor let my head or heart or hands  
offend against my God.

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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 are 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, Kristine, Alex, Lily Mae, Karl, Ingrid, Sharon, Melissa, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Paul, Charlotte, Barbara, Anita, Kinsley, Inga, Danita, Marcella, Marlene, Allan, Myles, Amy, Eric*. 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)**

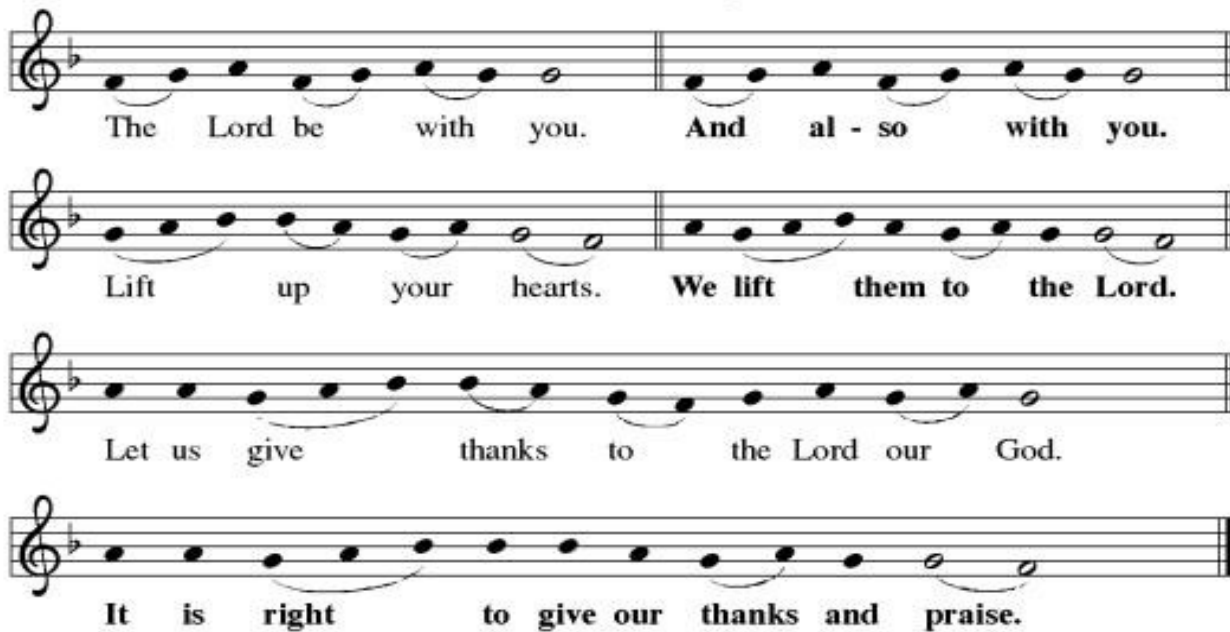
Let us pray.

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)

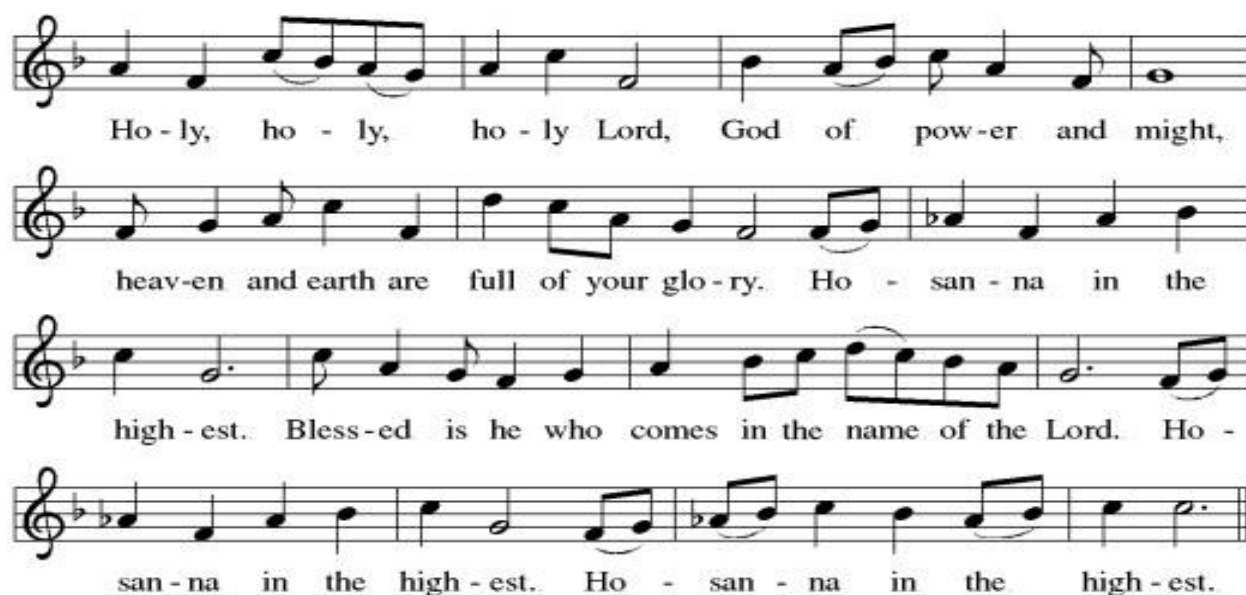
You spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and on the earth, all things, came to be. Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements, and you brought forth life in forms innumerable, including this our fragile earth, and we amongst its inhabitants.

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 *SING* (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 *For the Beauty of the Earth* (ELW 879)**

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,  
sun and moon and stars of light: Refrain

3 For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight: Refrain

4 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above;  
for all gentle thoughts and mild: Refrain

5 For each perfect gift of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;  
for thyself, best gift divine,  
to our world so freely giv'n: Refrain

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### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN *This Is My Father's World* (ELW 824)**

1 This is my Father's world,  
and to my list'ning ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world;  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world;  
he shines in all that's fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

3 This is my Father's world;  
oh, let me not forget  
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world;  
why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;  
God reigns, let earth be glad!

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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 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* (ELW 873)**

1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
your festal banner wave on high,  
the cross of Christ your king.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

2 With voice as full and strong  
as ocean's surging praise,  
send forth the sturdy hymns of old,  
the psalms of ancient days. Refrain

3 With all the angel choirs,  
with all the saints on earth  
pour out the strains of joy and bliss,  
true rapture, noblest mirth. Refrain

4 Still lift your standard high,  
still march in firm array,  
as pilgrims through the darkness wend  
till dawns the golden day. Refrain

5 At last the march shall end;  
the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest. Refrain

6 Praise God who reigns on high,  
the Lord whom we adore:  
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
one God forevermore. Refrain

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### **DISMISSAL (ELW p. 137)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

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

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Scott Schellenberger
Worship Assistant:	Elizabeth Graham
Music Director:	Blaine Sack
Sexton:	David Lehman
Projector Operator:	Diane Hammel
Video Recorder:	Ellen Vandersleen
Sound Operator:	Gerry Vandersleen
Counters:	Diane Hammel, Wilmer Verch & Pamela Duplessis
Altar Care:	Diane Rull
Ushers:	Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz
Coffee Hour:	Susan Dupuis & Justine Mutlow

### **ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: September 2 – 8**

Monday:	Holiday	Labour Day
Tuesday:	10:00 am	Heritage Manor Worship
	7:00 pm	RCLC Board Mtg.
Wednesday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
	2:30 pm	ZLW Fellowship of the Least Coin
Thursday:	11:00 am	Marianhill Worship
	7:00 pm	Healing Vets
Friday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
Sunday:	10:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion with Messy Church Sunday

### **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Martha Kodzynski, 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, Kristine, Alex & Lily Mae 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, Allan Kellough, Myles, Amy, Eric.

### **SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS**

The Senior Exercise class will not be held on Monday September 2nd due to the Labour Day holiday but will resume on **Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.**

### **ZLW**

Please join the Zion Lutheran Women on **Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm** for Fellowship of the Least Coin with Pamela Duplessis, special donation Least Coin and pot luck.

### **RETIREMENT HOME SERVICES**

\* Heritage Manor Worship on **Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am.**

\* Marianhill Worship on **Thursday September 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.**

### **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 **e-transfer to [zionoffice@nrtco.net](mailto:zionoffice@nrtco.net).** Please be sure to leave an address. **3.)** Through **Pre-authorized 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.

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## 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 *Beautiful Savior* (ELW 838)**

1 Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee,  
truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,  
fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,  
fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

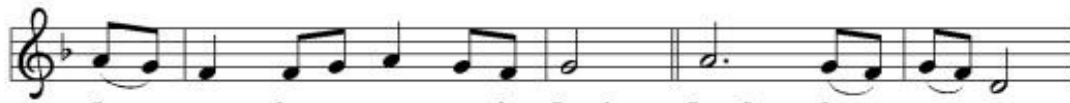
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**GREETING (ELW p. 120)**

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)



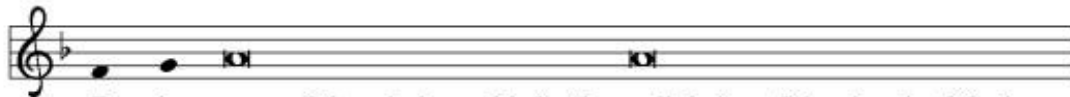
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



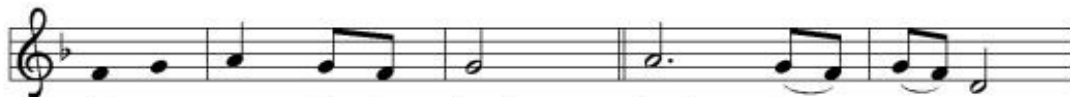
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord,



A - men.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 121)

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **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: Song of Solomon 2:8-13**

A reading from Song of Solomon.

<sup>8</sup>The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. <sup>9</sup>My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. <sup>10</sup>My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; <sup>11</sup>for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

<sup>12</sup>The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. <sup>13</sup>The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9**

<sup>1</sup>My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; my tongue shall be the pen of a skillful writer.

**<sup>2</sup>You are the noblest among the people; grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you forever.**

<sup>6</sup>Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever, a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom.

**<sup>7</sup>You love righteousness and hate iniquity; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your companions.**

<sup>8</sup>All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

**<sup>9</sup>Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.**

## **SECOND READING: James 1:17-27**

A reading from James.

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word

that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

<sup>21</sup>“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON (ELW p. 125)**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways* (ELW 772)**

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
to keep his statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
to know and do his will!

2 Order my footsteps by your word  
and make my heart sincere;  
let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
but keep my conscience clear.

3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
a stricter watch to keep;  
and should I e'er forget your way,  
restore your wand'ring sheep.

4 Make me to walk in your commands,  
'tis a delightful road;  
nor let my head or heart or hands  
offend against my God.

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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 are 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, Kristine, Alex, Lily Mae, Karl, Ingrid, Sharon, Melissa, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Paul, Charlotte, Barbara, Anita, Kinsley, Inga, Danita, Marcella, Marlene, Allan, Myles, Amy, Eric*. 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)**

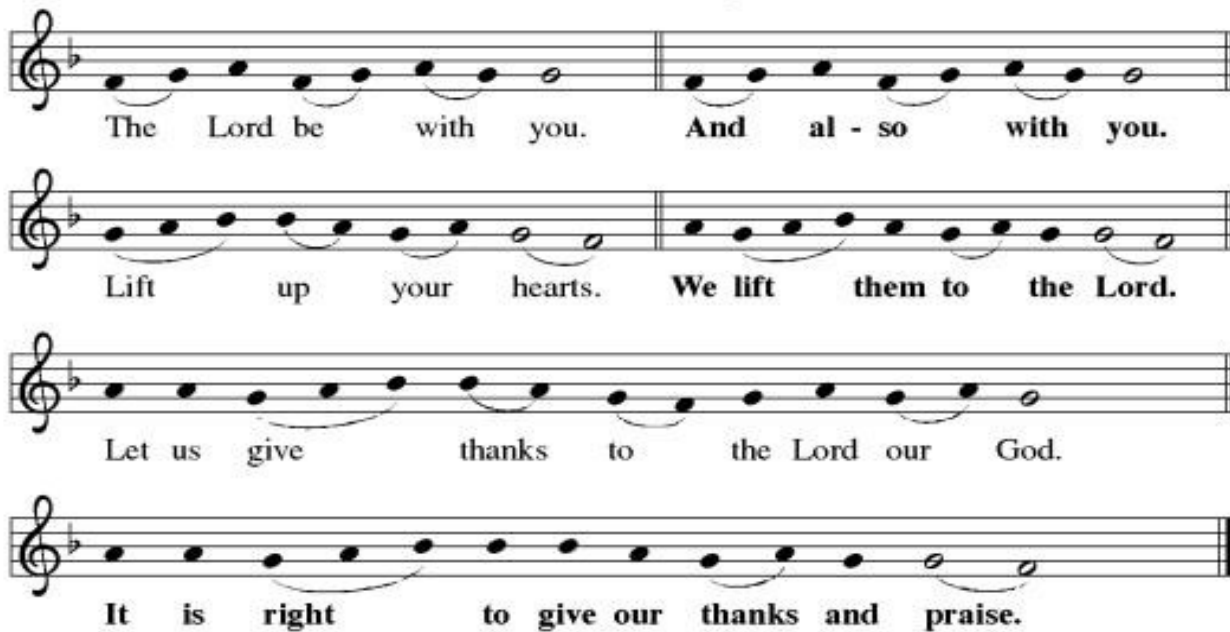
Let us pray.

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)

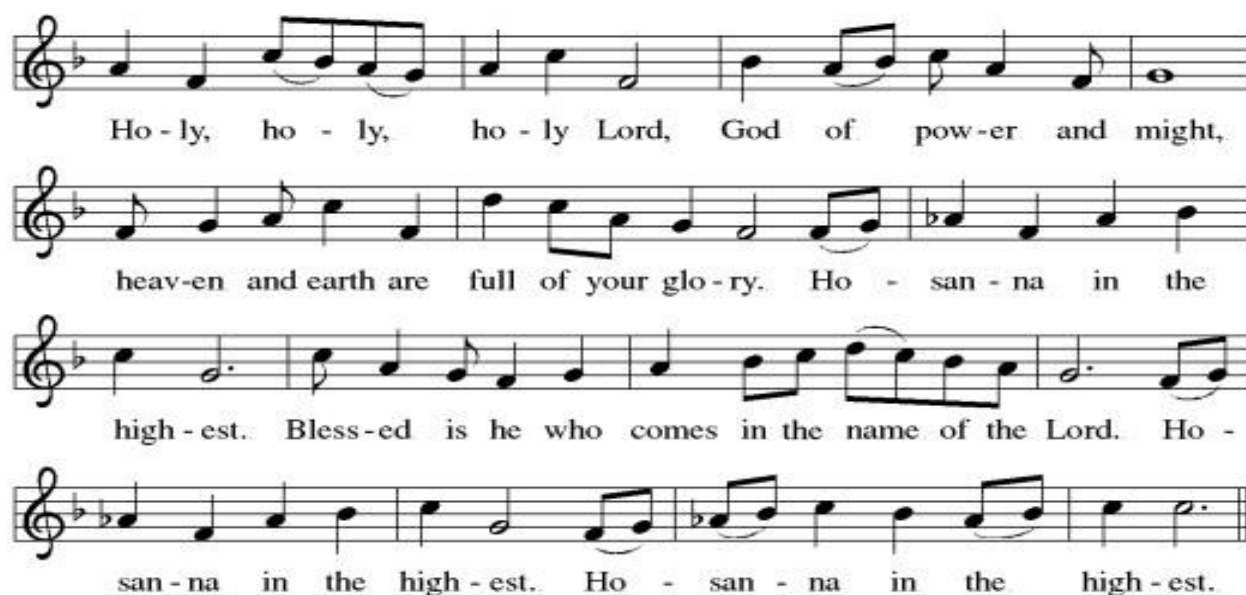
You spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and on the earth, all things, came to be. Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements, and you brought forth life in forms innumerable, including this our fragile earth, and we amongst its inhabitants.

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 *SING* (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 *For the Beauty of the Earth* (ELW 879)**

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,  
sun and moon and stars of light: Refrain

3 For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight: Refrain

4 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above;  
for all gentle thoughts and mild: Refrain

5 For each perfect gift of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;  
for thyself, best gift divine,  
to our world so freely giv'n: Refrain

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### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN *This Is My Father's World* (ELW 824)**

1 This is my Father's world,  
and to my list'ning ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world;  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world;  
he shines in all that's fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

3 This is my Father's world;  
oh, let me not forget  
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world;  
why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;  
God reigns, let earth be glad!

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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 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* (ELW 873)**

1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
your festal banner wave on high,  
the cross of Christ your king.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

2 With voice as full and strong  
as ocean's surging praise,  
send forth the sturdy hymns of old,  
the psalms of ancient days. Refrain

3 With all the angel choirs,  
with all the saints on earth  
pour out the strains of joy and bliss,  
true rapture, noblest mirth. Refrain

4 Still lift your standard high,  
still march in firm array,  
as pilgrims through the darkness wend  
till dawns the golden day. Refrain

5 At last the march shall end;  
the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest. Refrain

6 Praise God who reigns on high,  
the Lord whom we adore:  
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
one God forevermore. Refrain

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### **DISMISSAL (ELW p. 137)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

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

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Scott Schellenberger
Worship Assistant:	Elizabeth Graham
Music Director:	Blaine Sack
Sexton:	David Lehman
Projector Operator:	Diane Hammel
Video Recorder:	Ellen Vandersleen
Sound Operator:	Gerry Vandersleen
Counters:	Diane Hammel, Wilmer Verch & Pamela Duplessis
Altar Care:	Diane Rull
Ushers:	Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz
Coffee Hour:	Susan Dupuis & Justine Mutlow

### **ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: September 2 – 8**

Monday:	Holiday	Labour Day
Tuesday:	10:00 am	Heritage Manor Worship
	7:00 pm	RCLC Board Mtg.
Wednesday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
	2:30 pm	ZLW Fellowship of the Least Coin
Thursday:	11:00 am	Marianhill Worship
	7:00 pm	Healing Vets
Friday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
Sunday:	10:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion with Messy Church Sunday

### **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Martha Kodzynski, 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, Kristine, Alex & Lily Mae 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, Allan Kellough, Myles, Amy, Eric.

### **SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS**

The Senior Exercise class will not be held on Monday September 2nd due to the Labour Day holiday but will resume on **Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.**

### **ZLW**

Please join the Zion Lutheran Women on **Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm** for Fellowship of the Least Coin with Pamela Duplessis, special donation Least Coin and pot luck.

### **RETIREMENT HOME SERVICES**

\* Heritage Manor Worship on **Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am.**

\* Marianhill Worship on **Thursday September 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.**

### **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 **e-transfer to [zionoffice@nrtco.net](mailto:zionoffice@nrtco.net).** Please be sure to leave an address. **3.)** Through **Pre-authorized 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.

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## 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 *Beautiful Savior* (ELW 838)**

1 Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee,  
truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,  
fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,  
fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

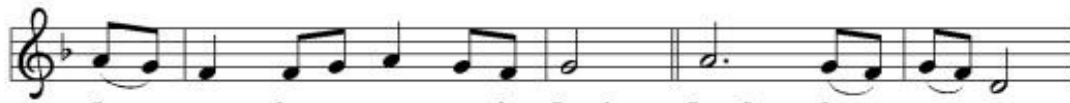
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**GREETING (ELW p. 120)**

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)



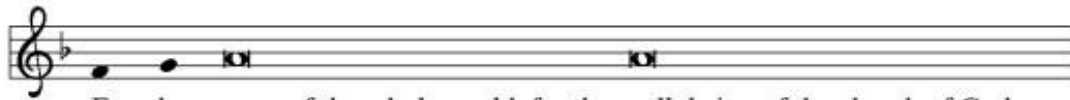
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord,



A - men.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 121)

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **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: Song of Solomon 2:8-13**

A reading from Song of Solomon.

<sup>8</sup>The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. <sup>9</sup>My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. <sup>10</sup>My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; <sup>11</sup>for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

<sup>12</sup>The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. <sup>13</sup>The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9**

<sup>1</sup>My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; my tongue shall be the pen of a skillful writer.

**<sup>2</sup>You are the noblest among the people; grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you forever.**

<sup>6</sup>Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever, a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom.

**<sup>7</sup>You love righteousness and hate iniquity; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your companions.**

<sup>8</sup>All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

**<sup>9</sup>Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.**

## **SECOND READING: James 1:17-27**

A reading from James.

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word

that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

<sup>21</sup>“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON (ELW p. 125)**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways* (ELW 772)**

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
to keep his statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
to know and do his will!

2 Order my footsteps by your word  
and make my heart sincere;  
let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
but keep my conscience clear.

3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
a stricter watch to keep;  
and should I e'er forget your way,  
restore your wand'ring sheep.

4 Make me to walk in your commands,  
'tis a delightful road;  
nor let my head or heart or hands  
offend against my God.

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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 are 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, Kristine, Alex, Lily Mae, Karl, Ingrid, Sharon, Melissa, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Paul, Charlotte, Barbara, Anita, Kinsley, Inga, Danita, Marcella, Marlene, Allan, Myles, Amy, Eric.* 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)**

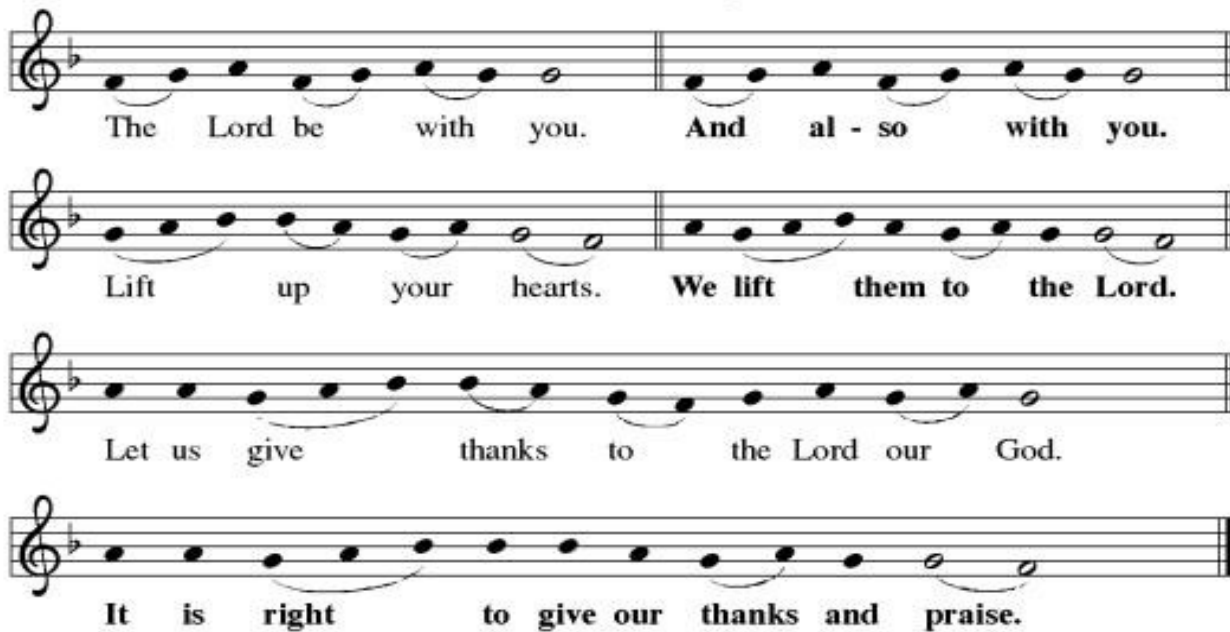
Let us pray.

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)

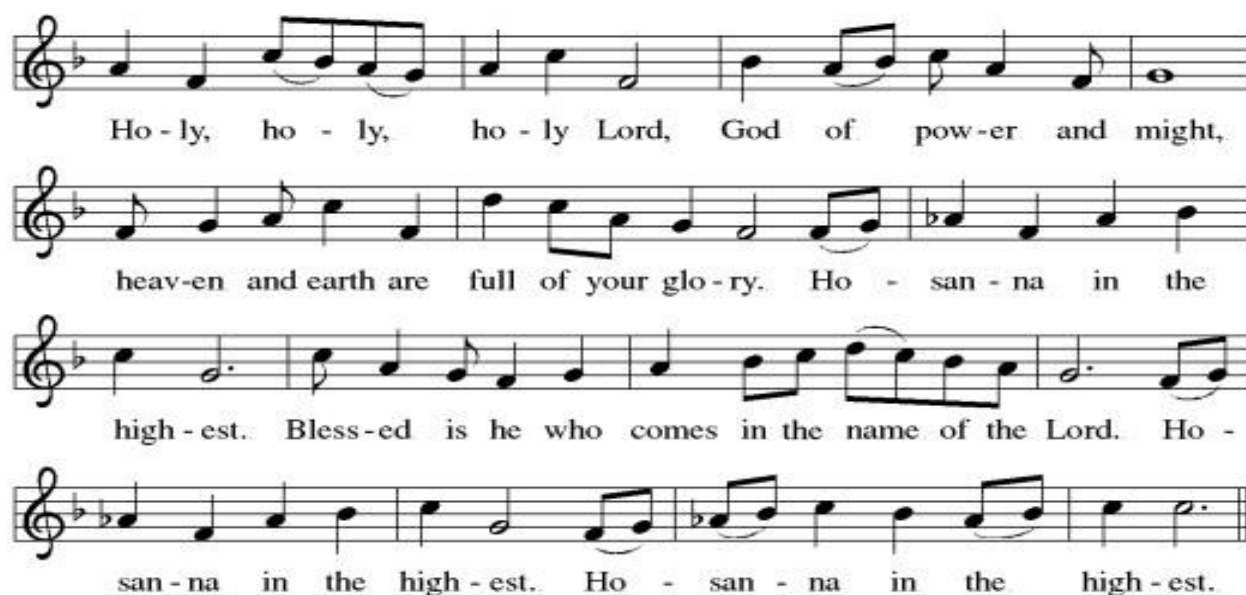
You spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and on the earth, all things, came to be. Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements, and you brought forth life in forms innumerable, including this our fragile earth, and we amongst its inhabitants.

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 *SING* (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 *For the Beauty of the Earth* (ELW 879)**

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,  
sun and moon and stars of light: Refrain

3 For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight: Refrain

4 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above;  
for all gentle thoughts and mild: Refrain

5 For each perfect gift of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;  
for thyself, best gift divine,  
to our world so freely giv'n: Refrain

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### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN *This Is My Father's World* (ELW 824)**

1 This is my Father's world,  
and to my list'ning ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world;  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world;  
he shines in all that's fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

3 This is my Father's world;  
oh, let me not forget  
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world;  
why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;  
God reigns, let earth be glad!

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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 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* (ELW 873)**

1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
your festal banner wave on high,  
the cross of Christ your king.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

2 With voice as full and strong  
as ocean's surging praise,  
send forth the sturdy hymns of old,  
the psalms of ancient days. Refrain

3 With all the angel choirs,  
with all the saints on earth  
pour out the strains of joy and bliss,  
true rapture, noblest mirth. Refrain

4 Still lift your standard high,  
still march in firm array,  
as pilgrims through the darkness wend  
till dawns the golden day. Refrain

5 At last the march shall end;  
the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest. Refrain

6 Praise God who reigns on high,  
the Lord whom we adore:  
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
one God forevermore. Refrain

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### **DISMISSAL (ELW p. 137)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

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

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Scott Schellenberger
Worship Assistant:	Elizabeth Graham
Music Director:	Blaine Sack
Sexton:	David Lehman
Projector Operator:	Diane Hammel
Video Recorder:	Ellen Vandersleen
Sound Operator:	Gerry Vandersleen
Counters:	Diane Hammel, Wilmer Verch & Pamela Duplessis
Altar Care:	Diane Rull
Ushers:	Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz
Coffee Hour:	Susan Dupuis & Justine Mutlow

### **ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: September 2 – 8**

Monday:	Holiday	Labour Day
Tuesday:	10:00 am	Heritage Manor Worship
	7:00 pm	RCLC Board Mtg.
Wednesday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
	2:30 pm	ZLW Fellowship of the Least Coin
Thursday:	11:00 am	Marianhill Worship
	7:00 pm	Healing Vets
Friday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
Sunday:	10:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion with Messy Church Sunday

### **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Martha Kodzynski, 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, Kristine, Alex & Lily Mae 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, Allan Kellough, Myles, Amy, Eric.

### **SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS**

The Senior Exercise class will not be held on Monday September 2nd due to the Labour Day holiday but will resume on **Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.**

### **ZLW**

Please join the Zion Lutheran Women on **Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm** for Fellowship of the Least Coin with Pamela Duplessis, special donation Least Coin and pot luck.

### **RETIREMENT HOME SERVICES**

\* Heritage Manor Worship on **Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am.**

\* Marianhill Worship on **Thursday September 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.**

### **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 **e-transfer to [zionoffice@nrtco.net](mailto:zionoffice@nrtco.net).** Please be sure to leave an address. **3.)** Through **Pre-authorized 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.

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## 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 *Beautiful Savior* (ELW 838)**

1 Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee,  
truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,  
fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,  
fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

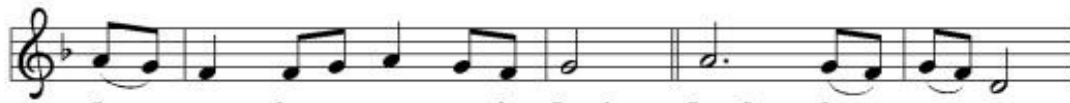
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**GREETING (ELW p. 120)**

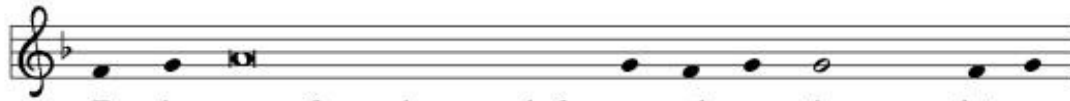
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be  
with you all.

**And also with you.**

# KYRIE (ELW p. 120)



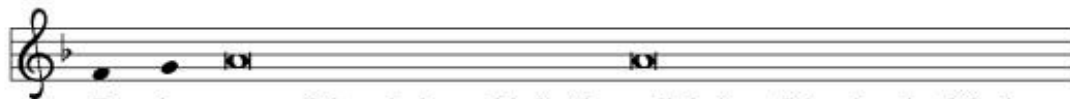
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.



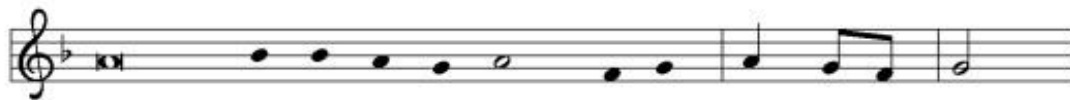
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord,



A - men.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 121)

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **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: Song of Solomon 2:8-13**

A reading from Song of Solomon.

<sup>8</sup>The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. <sup>9</sup>My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. <sup>10</sup>My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; <sup>11</sup>for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

<sup>12</sup>The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. <sup>13</sup>The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9**

<sup>1</sup>My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; my tongue shall be the pen of a skillful writer.

**<sup>2</sup>You are the noblest among the people; grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you forever.**

<sup>6</sup>Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever, a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom.

**<sup>7</sup>You love righteousness and hate iniquity; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your companions.**

<sup>8</sup>All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

**<sup>9</sup>Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.**

## **SECOND READING: James 1:17-27**

A reading from James.

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word

that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

<sup>21</sup>“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON (ELW p. 125)**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways* (ELW 772)**

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
to keep his statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
to know and do his will!

2 Order my footsteps by your word  
and make my heart sincere;  
let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
but keep my conscience clear.

3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
a stricter watch to keep;  
and should I e'er forget your way,  
restore your wand'ring sheep.

4 Make me to walk in your commands,  
'tis a delightful road;  
nor let my head or heart or hands  
offend against my God.

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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 are 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, Kristine, Alex, Lily Mae, Karl, Ingrid, Sharon, Melissa, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Paul, Charlotte, Barbara, Anita, Kinsley, Inga, Danita, Marcella, Marlene, Allan, Myles, Amy, Eric*. 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)**

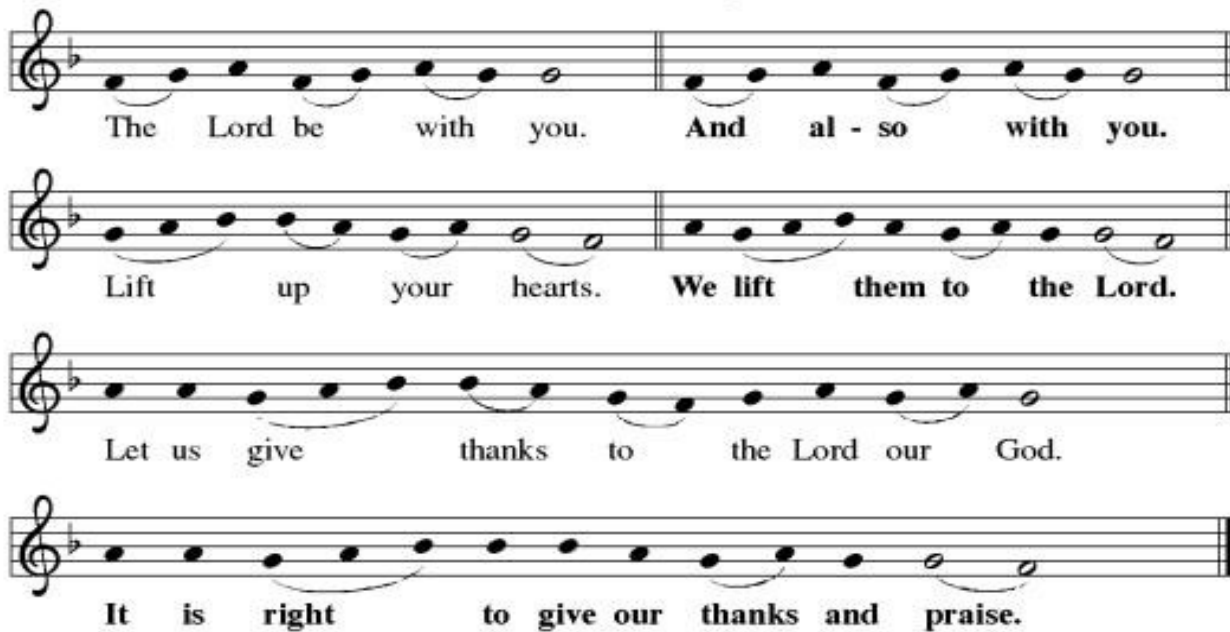
Let us pray.

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)

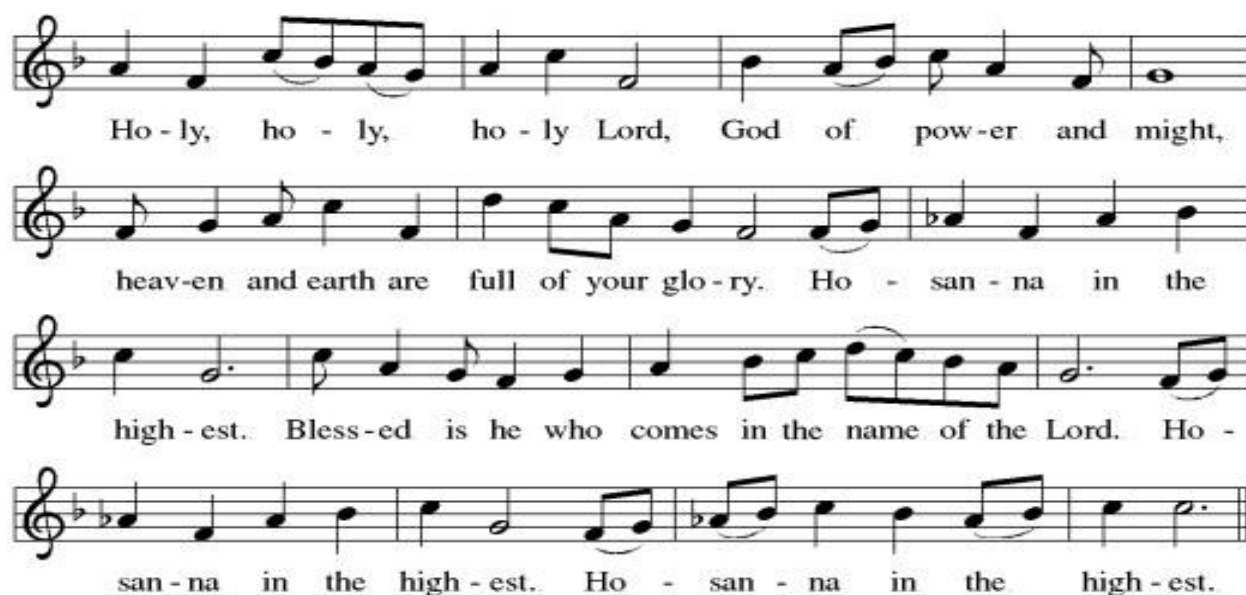
You spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and on the earth, all things, came to be. Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements, and you brought forth life in forms innumerable, including this our fragile earth, and we amongst its inhabitants.

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 *SING* (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 *For the Beauty of the Earth* (ELW 879)**

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,  
sun and moon and stars of light: Refrain

3 For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight: Refrain

4 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above;  
for all gentle thoughts and mild: Refrain

5 For each perfect gift of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;  
for thyself, best gift divine,  
to our world so freely giv'n: Refrain

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### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN *This Is My Father's World* (ELW 824)**

1 This is my Father's world,  
and to my list'ning ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world;  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world;  
he shines in all that's fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

3 This is my Father's world;  
oh, let me not forget  
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world;  
why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;  
God reigns, let earth be glad!

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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 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* (ELW 873)**

1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
your festal banner wave on high,  
the cross of Christ your king.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

2 With voice as full and strong  
as ocean's surging praise,  
send forth the sturdy hymns of old,  
the psalms of ancient days. Refrain

3 With all the angel choirs,  
with all the saints on earth  
pour out the strains of joy and bliss,  
true rapture, noblest mirth. Refrain

4 Still lift your standard high,  
still march in firm array,  
as pilgrims through the darkness wend  
till dawns the golden day. Refrain

5 At last the march shall end;  
the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest. Refrain

6 Praise God who reigns on high,  
the Lord whom we adore:  
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
one God forevermore. Refrain

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### **DISMISSAL (ELW p. 137)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

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

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Scott Schellenberger
Worship Assistant:	Elizabeth Graham
Music Director:	Blaine Sack
Sexton:	David Lehman
Projector Operator:	Diane Hammel
Video Recorder:	Ellen Vandersleen
Sound Operator:	Gerry Vandersleen
Counters:	Diane Hammel, Wilmer Verch & Pamela Duplessis
Altar Care:	Diane Rull
Ushers:	Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz
Coffee Hour:	Susan Dupuis & Justine Mutlow

### **ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: September 2 – 8**

Monday:	Holiday	Labour Day
Tuesday:	10:00 am	Heritage Manor Worship
	7:00 pm	RCLC Board Mtg.
Wednesday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
	2:30 pm	ZLW Fellowship of the Least Coin
Thursday:	11:00 am	Marianhill Worship
	7:00 pm	Healing Vets
Friday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
Sunday:	10:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion with Messy Church Sunday

### **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Martha Kodzynski, 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, Kristine, Alex & Lily Mae 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, Allan Kellough, Myles, Amy, Eric.

### **SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS**

The Senior Exercise class will not be held on Monday September 2nd due to the Labour Day holiday but will resume on **Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.**

### **ZLW**

Please join the Zion Lutheran Women on **Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm** for Fellowship of the Least Coin with Pamela Duplessis, special donation Least Coin and pot luck.

### **RETIREMENT HOME SERVICES**

\* Heritage Manor Worship on **Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am.**

\* Marianhill Worship on **Thursday September 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.**

### **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 **e-transfer to [zionoffice@nrtco.net](mailto:zionoffice@nrtco.net).** Please be sure to leave an address. **3.)** Through **Pre-authorized 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.

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## 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 *Beautiful Savior* (ELW 838)**

1 Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee,  
truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,  
fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,  
fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

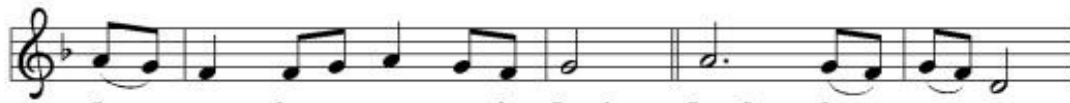
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**GREETING (ELW p. 120)**

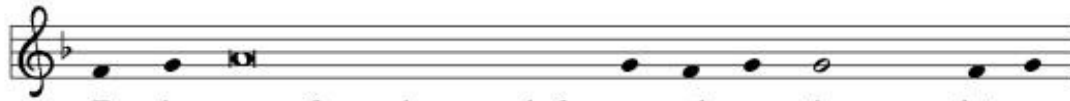
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be  
with you all.

**And also with you.**

# KYRIE (ELW p. 120)



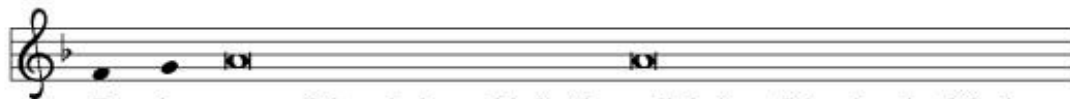
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.



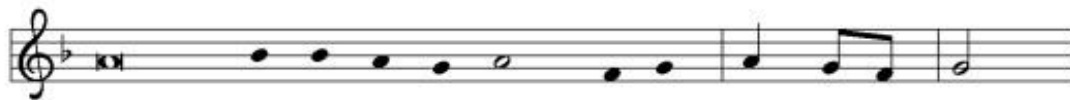
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord,



A - men.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 121)

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **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: Song of Solomon 2:8-13**

A reading from Song of Solomon.

<sup>8</sup>The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. <sup>9</sup>My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. <sup>10</sup>My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; <sup>11</sup>for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

<sup>12</sup>The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. <sup>13</sup>The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9**

<sup>1</sup>My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; my tongue shall be the pen of a skillful writer.

**<sup>2</sup>You are the noblest among the people; grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you forever.**

<sup>6</sup>Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever, a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom.

**<sup>7</sup>You love righteousness and hate iniquity; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your companions.**

<sup>8</sup>All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

**<sup>9</sup>Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.**

## **SECOND READING: James 1:17-27**

A reading from James.

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word

that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

<sup>21</sup>“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON (ELW p. 125)**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways* (ELW 772)**

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
to keep his statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
to know and do his will!

2 Order my footsteps by your word  
and make my heart sincere;  
let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
but keep my conscience clear.

3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
a stricter watch to keep;  
and should I e'er forget your way,  
restore your wand'ring sheep.

4 Make me to walk in your commands,  
'tis a delightful road;  
nor let my head or heart or hands  
offend against my God.

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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 are 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, Kristine, Alex, Lily Mae, Karl, Ingrid, Sharon, Melissa, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Paul, Charlotte, Barbara, Anita, Kinsley, Inga, Danita, Marcella, Marlene, Allan, Myles, Amy, Eric*. 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)**

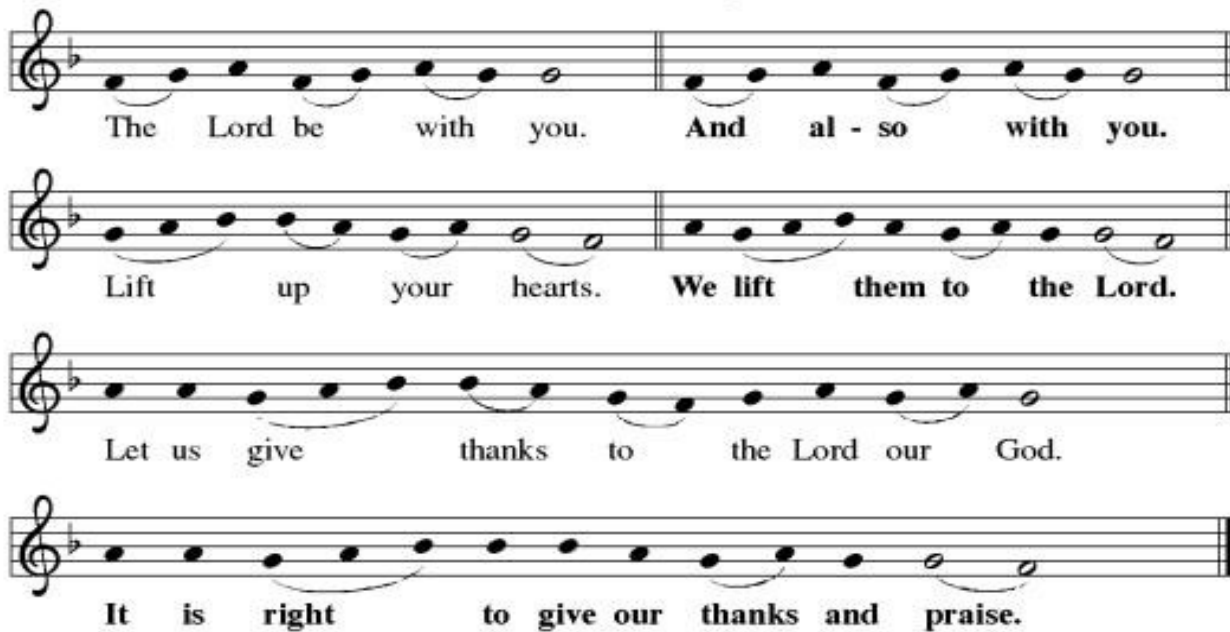
Let us pray.

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)



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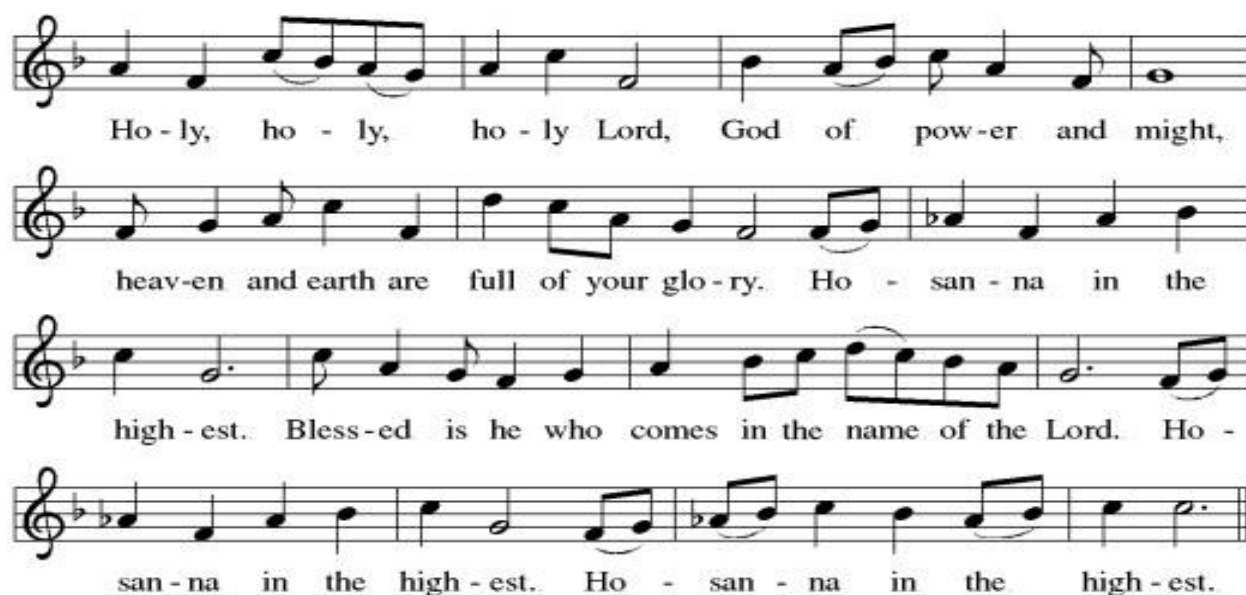
You spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and on the earth, all things, came to be. Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements, and you brought forth life in forms innumerable, including this our fragile earth, and we amongst its inhabitants.

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 SING (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 *For the Beauty of the Earth* (ELW 879)**

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,  
sun and moon and stars of light: Refrain

3 For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight: Refrain

4 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above;  
for all gentle thoughts and mild: Refrain

5 For each perfect gift of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;  
for thyself, best gift divine,  
to our world so freely giv'n: Refrain

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### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN *This Is My Father's World* (ELW 824)**

1 This is my Father's world,  
and to my list'ning ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world;  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world;  
he shines in all that's fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

3 This is my Father's world;  
oh, let me not forget  
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world;  
why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;  
God reigns, let earth be glad!

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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 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* (ELW 873)**

1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
your festal banner wave on high,  
the cross of Christ your king.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

2 With voice as full and strong  
as ocean's surging praise,  
send forth the sturdy hymns of old,  
the psalms of ancient days. Refrain

3 With all the angel choirs,  
with all the saints on earth  
pour out the strains of joy and bliss,  
true rapture, noblest mirth. Refrain

4 Still lift your standard high,  
still march in firm array,  
as pilgrims through the darkness wend  
till dawns the golden day. Refrain

5 At last the march shall end;  
the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest. Refrain

6 Praise God who reigns on high,  
the Lord whom we adore:  
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
one God forevermore. Refrain

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### **DISMISSAL (ELW p. 137)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

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

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Scott Schellenberger
Worship Assistant:	Elizabeth Graham
Music Director:	Blaine Sack
Sexton:	David Lehman
Projector Operator:	Diane Hammel
Video Recorder:	Ellen Vandersleen
Sound Operator:	Gerry Vandersleen
Counters:	Diane Hammel, Wilmer Verch & Pamela Duplessis
Altar Care:	Diane Rull
Ushers:	Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz
Coffee Hour:	Susan Dupuis & Justine Mutlow

### **ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: September 2 – 8**

Monday:	Holiday	Labour Day
Tuesday:	10:00 am	Heritage Manor Worship
	7:00 pm	RCLC Board Mtg.
Wednesday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
	2:30 pm	ZLW Fellowship of the Least Coin
Thursday:	11:00 am	Marianhill Worship
	7:00 pm	Healing Vets
Friday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
Sunday:	10:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion with Messy Church Sunday

### **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Martha Kodzynski, 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, Kristine, Alex & Lily Mae 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, Allan Kellough, Myles, Amy, Eric.

### **SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS**

The Senior Exercise class will not be held on Monday September 2nd due to the Labour Day holiday but will resume on **Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.**

### **ZLW**

Please join the Zion Lutheran Women on **Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm** for Fellowship of the Least Coin with Pamela Duplessis, special donation Least Coin and pot luck.

### **RETIREMENT HOME SERVICES**

\* Heritage Manor Worship on **Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am.**

\* Marianhill Worship on **Thursday September 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.**

### **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 **e-transfer to [zionoffice@nrtco.net](mailto:zionoffice@nrtco.net).** Please be sure to leave an address. **3.)** Through **Pre-authorized 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.

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