

**ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE  
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
SUNDAY APRIL 28 2024  
SETTING TWO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP**

**HYMN SING**

**CHRIST IS RISEN!**  
HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (ELW p. 119)**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you  
created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise  
you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace,  
and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **GATHERING SONG *We Know That Christ Is Raised* (ELW 449)**

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,  
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.  
Hallelujah!

2 We share by water in his saving death.  
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life,  
as living members of our Savior Christ.  
Hallelujah!

3 The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.  
The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God.  
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One.  
Hallelujah!

4 A new creation comes to life and grows  
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe restored and whole will sing:  
Hallelujah!

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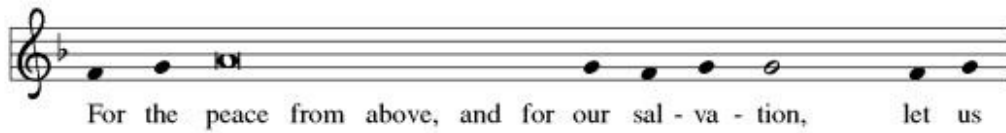
## **GREETING (ELW p. 120)**

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)



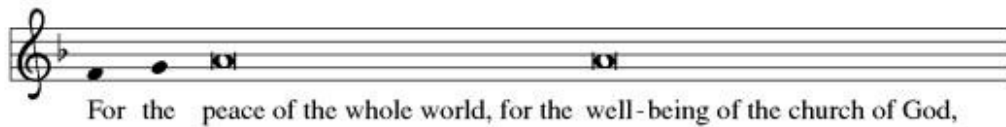
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



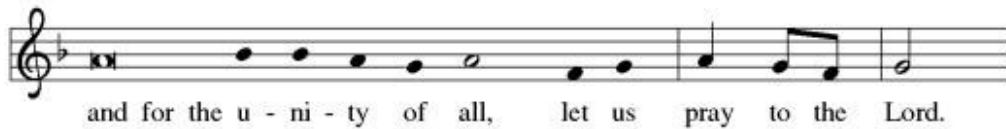
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



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



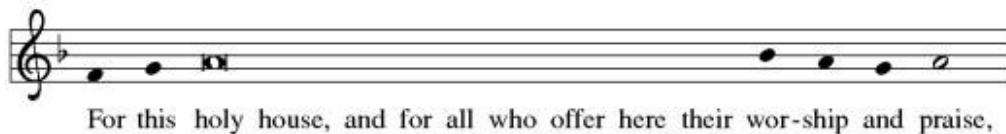
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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. 122)

*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, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Men's Choir: 'Alleluia, praise the Lord'**

Traditional Nigerian, with transl. by Emmanuel Badejo

## **FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40**

A reading from Acts.

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. <sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." <sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

## **PSALM (SUNG): PSALM 22 - based on Psalm 22:25-31**

A New Zealand Prayer Book, Presbyterian 3

### **SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21**

A reading from 1 John.

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* (ELW 172) 1X**

## **GOSPEL: John 15:1-8**

The holy gospel according to John.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

The gospel of the Lord.

### **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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

### **HYMN OF THE DAY *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (ELW 631)**

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit  
into ev'ry troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee!  
Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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### **NICENE CREED (ELW p. 126)**

*Please join us in confessing your faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**  
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**  
**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**



**he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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\*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Keep all the newly baptized and confirmed in your care. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams and estuaries, melting glaciers and polluted waters. Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering (*especially Jason, Martha, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Aileen, Anneliese, Kaitlyn, Vaughan, Joan, Mervin, Don, Judy, Larry, Garnet, Lori, Betty, Kristine, Alex, Karl, Ingrid, Sharon, Melissa, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Lily Mae, Kristine, Alex, Reta*). God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For this congregation: for the caring ministries of this faith community, for all who visit and minister to one another, for all who take communion to homes or care centers, and for all who seek to share your love with the world. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors. Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**Amen.**

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

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### **OFFERING *Be Not Afraid* (ELW 388) (2X)**

Be not afraid, sing out for joy!

Christ is risen, alleluia!

Be not afraid, sing out for joy!

Christ is risen, alleluia!

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

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING  
DIALOGUE (ELW p. 129)**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows a musical score for a dialogue. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff also has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has one measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has one measure: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'. The notes are mostly quarter notes and half notes, with some slurs and ties.

## PREFACE (ELW p. 130)

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,  
al - mighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection  
of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself  
to take a - way our sin, who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in ris - ing has brought us to e - ter - nal life.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Pe - ter and all the witnesses of the  
res - ur - rec - tion, with earth and sea and all their crea - tures,  
and with angels and archangels, cheru - bim and ser - a - phim,  
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (P. 130)

Holy, living, and loving God,

we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,  
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,  
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus  
who, living among us,  
healed the sick, fed the hungry,  
and with a love stronger than death,  
gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,  
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,  
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:  
carry us in your arms from death to life,  
that we may live as your chosen ones,  
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**Amen**

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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

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

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready. All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

### **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.**

**SONG DURING COMMUNION *Bread of Life from Heaven* (ELW 474)**

Refrain

Bread of life from heaven,  
your blood and body given,  
we eat this bread and drink this cup  
until you come again.

1 Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice;  
giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round.  
Eat, all of you, and be satisfied;  
in Christ's presence the loaves will abound. Refrain

2 Seek not the food that will pass away;  
set your hearts on the food that endures.  
Come, learn the true and the living way,  
that the fullness of life may be yours. Refrain

3 Love as the one who, in love for you,  
gave himself for the life of the world.  
Come to the one who is food for you,  
that your hunger and thirst be no more. Refrain

4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you;  
make your home in the lifegiving Word.  
Know only Christ, Holy One of God,  
and believe in the truth you have heard. Refrain

5 Drink of this cup and declare his death;  
eat this bread and believe Easter morn;  
trust his return and, with ev'ry breath,  
praise the one in whom you are reborn. Refrain

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## **SONG DURING COMMUNION *My Life Flows On in Endless Song* (ELW 763)**

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

### Refrain

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

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

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

4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing? Refrain

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## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Shepherding God,  
you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**



## **BLESSING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
+ bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* (ELW 547)**

1 Sent forth by God's blessing,  
our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended.  
Oh, now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of Christ's teaching,  
receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
Your grace shall incite us,  
your love shall unite us  
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving  
to God ever-living,  
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face--  
our faith ever sharing,  
in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children, the whole human race.  
With your feast you feed us,  
with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living  
with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

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## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

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### **ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: April 29-May 5**

Monday:	8:30 am	Pickle Ball
	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
	6:00 pm	Pickle Ball
Tuesday:	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	6:30 pm	Tai Chi
	7:00 pm	Mixed Choir
Wednesday:	9:00 am	Music Jam
	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
	2:30 pm	ZLW – High Tea
	6:15 pm	Confirmation Class
	7:00 pm	Men’s Choir
Thursday:	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	6:00 pm	Pickle Ball
	7:00 pm	Healing Vets
Friday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
Sunday:	10:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion

### **TODAY’S SCHEDULED WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Michael Hackbusch
Music Director:	Blaine Sack
Worship Assistant:	Ellen Vandersleen
Sexton:	Diane Hammel
Projector Operator:	Gerry Vandersleen
Video Recorder:	Korbin Smith
Sound Operator:	Brian Smith
Counters:	Andrew Zadow, Kathy Green, Lori Crigger
Altar Care:	Kathy Godin
Ushers:	Pam Duplessis & Cindy Thrasher
Coffee Hour:	Peter & Patti Wegner

## **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Martha Kodrzyński, 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, Lori Selles, Betty Kuehl, Kristine and Alex Kubiseski, Karl Hausser, Ingrid Trautrim, Sharon Wall, Melissa Nieman, Elva & Clarence Gagne, Eva Hagenah, Lily Mae Kubiseski, Kristine & Alex Kubiseski, Reta Adlam.

A donation has been made to the Organ Fund in thankfulness to God for the safe arrival of Lily Mae Kubiseski, daughter for Kristine & Alex. Great Granddaughter for June Popke.

### **PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

The Property Committee will be meeting on **Monday April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.**

### **CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation class will be held on **Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:15 pm.**

### **ZLW**

**Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:30 pm** the ZLW will be featuring “High Tea with Mothers and Others”. **PLEASE NOTE ZLW TIME HAS CHANGED TO 2:30 PM.**

### **CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

Confirmation classes in May will be on **May 1<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:15 pm.**

### **COUNCIL RETREAT**

**Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am - 2:00 pm** at Zion Lutheran Church.

### **MEN’S BAKE-OFF SUNDAY MAY 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024!**

Please see posted information in the church hall for information. No help from mom, you must do all the baking yourself, and no pre-purchased submissions, we want your home baked creations! Please speak to Pastor Sue if you have any questions.

### **MESSY CHURCH SUNDAY**

Please join us for a Messy Church Sunday. We will gather for worship upstairs with the congregation for a short service at 10:00 am, then go downstairs for crafts & games and conclude with treats upstairs. Our next Messy Church Sunday will be on **Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>!**

### **MESSY CHURCH**

Messy Church will be held on **Monday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm**

### **MORNING SOCIAL**

Join us on **Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.** in the Parish Hall for our Morning Social! Come on out for fun and fellowship. Pull up a chair, grab a coffee (or tea) and a snack, and enjoy the company. Bring a friend!

### **PULSE YOUTH GROUP**

Our next Pulse Youth Group will be **Friday May 10 6:30 pm,** Bowling at Opeongo Bowl Renfrew Cost approx. \$15.

## **“MAAAYYY BEE” MONTH**

May is the giving month for donations of hotel sized containers of shampoo, conditioner, soap/shower gel, body lotion, hand sanitizer and sun screen all to smell sweeter! For those in need it helps body, mind and soul to feel good about themselves and their hygiene.

**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY MAY 26 2024** - Are you interested in becoming a member of Zion? Please speak with Pastor Scott.

## **COFFEE HOUR AFTER OUR WORSHIP SERVICE**

We are so pleased to see members staying for our coffee hour and a great time to catch up with friends and family. Our cupboards are bare, and we are asking for donations of bought or homemade sweets. We are well stocked on coffee and tea, thank you for your generous donations.

## **FIRST STEP OPTIONS**

2024 Virtual Baby Bottle Fundraising Campaign will be running from Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup>. Please help us to compassionately support families in our community surrounding pregnancy related and parenting circumstances.

## **FOOD BANK**

Looking for small plastic bottles e.g.: ensure bottles, yogurt drink bottles, etc., used to fill with detergent, dishwashing liquid, body wash, etc. for the food bank. No glass bottles, please. Also, any plastic bags, ones from the flyers, grocery bags, or any other clean plastic bags. Thank you for everyone helping me to help others. Any questions don't be afraid to ask me. *Debbie Sitkiewicz*

## **NOTICE**

Enclosed in the bulletin for Good Friday there was a booklet entitled "Passion of Our Lord According to St. Matthew" by John Bertalot. If you have one of these booklets at home, could you return it to the church as we use them each Good Friday and they are no longer available for purchase.

## **UPDATE FROM THE ORGAN RESTORATION COMMITTEE**

As of Sunday, April 21st our new balance needed to complete phase two of the organ restoration is \$9,278.84. Once again, thank you to all of the donors. We appreciate all donations to this cause but please make sure that you are meeting the needs of the church first.

On Friday, May 24th we will be holding a dance(non-alcoholic) in the parish hall from 7:30 to 11:00 P. M. with a local band called Ryan Ziggs and the Zags. This band plays mainly old rock and roll and classic country. There will also be a surprise musician playing when the band takes their breaks so it will be continuous music for three and a half hours. The cost for the dance is \$15.00 per person and are available from any member of the committee (Kathy Nieman, Wilmer Verch, Cheryl Sack, Blaine Sack or Gayle Seegmiller) or by calling 613-732-3521(Larry & Gayle Seegmiller). Tickets will also be available at the door. Invite your friends and come out for a fun evening.

### ***Calvin United Church to celebrate with Anniversary weekend!***

Calvin United Church, in Pembroke, will be celebrating 175 years as a church family, with a special Anniversary concert and church service on the first weekend in May. On Saturday, May 4th, a Spring Concert will be held at the church by the Canadian Military Wives Choir, from Petawawa, starting @ 7pm. Tickets can be purchased from Calvin's church office by calling 613-732-8763.

On Sunday, May 5th, a special Celebration service will be held @ 3pm. Blaine Sack has been asked to play music before and after the service, on their newly repaired and restored Casavant pipe organ. Blaine and Calvin's Director of Music, Joyce Nelson, will also share an organ-piano duet to conclude the preservice music. Special music will also be provided by a joint choir from Calvin and Wesley United church. A Potluck supper will follow the afternoon service. All are welcome!

### **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.*

### **ATTENDANCE**

**Sunday April 21 – 53    Living Stones - 52**

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