ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT FEBRUARY 18 2024 ALL CREATION SINGS – SETTING 12

PRELUDE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ACS p. 29)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives. Amen. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Have mercy, O God, against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen. As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

Blessed be God forever.

GATHERING SONG Bless Now, O God, the Journey (ELW 326)

1 Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make, the path through noise and silence, the way of give and take. The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round, then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.

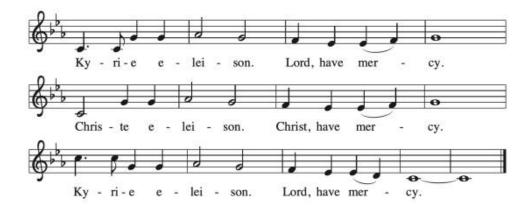
2 Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding way; your hope burns through the terrors, your love sustains the day. We yearn for holy freedom while often we are bound; together we are seeking the road where faith is found.

3 Divine eternal lover, you meet us on the road. We wait for land of promise where milk and honey flow, but waiting not for places, you meet us all around. Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found. Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993. Text © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc. All rights reserved. Used by permission. One License: #A-728050.

GREETING (ACS p. 30)

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 (ACS p. 31)



PRAYER OF THE DAY (ACS p. 33)

Let us pray.

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17

A reading from Genesis.

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth." Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Mixed Choir Selection - Psalm 25 - By M Balhoff, G Daigle, D Ducote

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22

A reading from 1 Peter.

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.Word of God, word of life.**Thanks be to God.**



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep-a-rate us from the love of God.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON (ACS p. 34)

HYMN OF THE DAY When We Are Tested (ACS 922)



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APOSTLES' CREED (ACS p. 34)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

God our truth, the ark of your church has room for many expressions of faith. We give thanks for voices that challenge and awaken your people (*especially that of Martin Luther, renewer of the church, whom we commemorate today*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our maker, you remember your covenant with the earth and its inhabitants. Rescue communities and creatures hurting from natural disasters. Preserve species and habitats endangered by human carelessness and disregard. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our light, you know our weakness. Free all who govern from the temptations of power. Sustain all who work for human rights in every nation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our help, you care for your beloved children. Comfort all who are grieving, ill, afraid, in pain, or in despair. Feed hungry people living in food deserts. Protect any at risk from exploitation and abuse. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our home, you gather your people. Grant us health and safety as we assemble. Keep us mindful of any who are homebound, hospitalized, convalescing, or traveling (*especially* Jason, Martha, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Aileen, Anneliese, Kaitlyn, Vaughan, Joan, Mervin, Don, Judy, Larry, Garnet, Lori, Erin, Betty, Kristine, Alex, Karl, Elva, Ingrid, Sharon, Melissa). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our hope, you promise eternal life to your beloved children. We remember with gratitude those who have lived and died in faith. Grant that we may also dwell with you in everlasting peace. Hear us, O God.

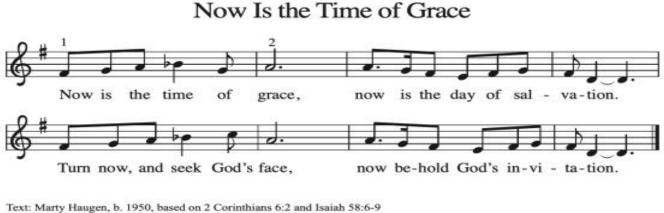
Your mercy is great.

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE (ACS p. 35) The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING Now Is the Time of Grace (ACS 918) 2X



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OFFERING PRAYER (ACS p. 35)

Let us pray.

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

Amen.



PREFACE (ACS p. 36)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ACS p. 36)



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ACS p. 37)

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life. Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay, the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light. Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song: The earth is full of your glory. **The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer. In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection. Broken like bread, he enlivens our body. Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness. Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song: The earth is full of your glory. **The earth is full of your glory.**

We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth.

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.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song: The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ. Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth. Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again: The earth is full of your glory. **The earth is full of your glory.**

Amen, and amen. **Amen, and amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG) (ACS p. 39)

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.

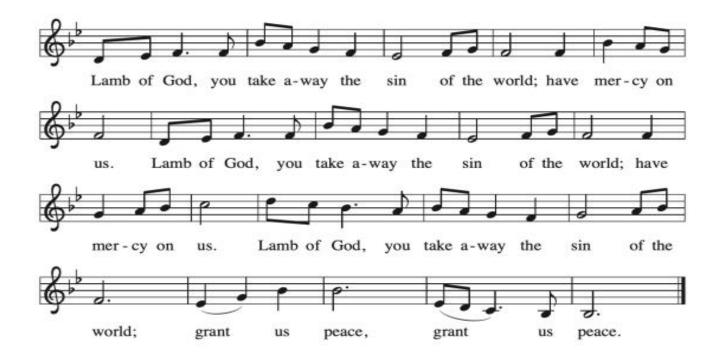
INVITATION TO COMMUNION (ACS p. 40)

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION SONG (ACS p. 40)



HYMN DURING COMMUNION Thy Holy Wings (ELW 613)

1 Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me, and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee. Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place, and let my ev'ry moment be lived within thy grace.

2 Oh, let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest. Oh, close thy wings around me and keep me safely there, for I am but a newborn and need thy tender care.

3 Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood. Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good. Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great and small, and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all. Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903, sts. 1, 3; GraciaGrindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. Composite. Text © 1983 GraciaGrindal, Selah Publishing Co., Inc. Used by permission. One License: #A-728050.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION Cast Out, O Christ (ACS 1016)

1 Cast out, O Christ, cast far away the demons that destroy: the haunting dreads that choke our souls, the hates that stifle joy.

2 Our raging griefs, our jealous fears are Legion in their name. Our shackled hearts implore your grace to loose our binding shame.

3 Once long ago, from Galilee, you sailed to storm-tossed shores. And still, in pow'r, you brave new paths to breach our bolted doors.

4 Your word breathes life and health and hope that break through evil's thrall. You send us, strengthened, home in peace to live your gospel call.

5 So come, O Christ, and cast away the demons that destroy. Transform our lives to sense your love and spread abroad your joy. Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953. Text © 2006 GIA Publications, Inc., giamusic.com. All rights reserved. Used by permission. One License: #A-728050.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ACS p. 41)

Let us pray. We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. **Amen.**

BLESSING (ACS p. 41)

Amen.

SENDING SONG The Glory of These Forty Days (ELW 320)

1 The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed.

2 Alone and fasting Moses saw the loving God who gave the law; and to Elijah, fasting, came the steeds and chariots of flame.

3 So Daniel trained his mystic sight, delivered from the lions' might; and John, the Bridegroom's friend, became the herald of Messiah's name.

4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, return in fast and prayer to you. Our spirits strengthen with your grace, and give us joy to see your face. Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626-1681; tr.*Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt. Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress. Used by

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DISMISSAL (ACS p. 41) Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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Monday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class	
Tuesday:	1:00 pm 7:00 pm	Lenten Book Study Mixed Choir	
Wednesday:	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 1:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Music Jam Morning Social Mid Week Worship Service with Communion Senior Exercise Class Soup & Sandwich Supper Lenten Worship Men's Choir	
Friday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class	

ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: February 19-25

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Scott Schellenberger
Music Director:	Blaine Sack
Worship Assistant:	Michael Lange
Sexton:	David Lehman
Projector Operator:	Gerry Vandersleen
Video Recorder:	Ellen Vandersleen
Sound Operator:	Gerry Vandersleen
Counters:	Gayle & Larry Seegmiller, Wayne Kirk
Altar Care:	Wendy Schutt
Ushers:	Allen Rose & Cheryl Sack
Coffee Hour:	Justine Mutlow & Lori Crigger

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 <u>zionoffice@nrtco.net</u>. 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.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Martha Kodrzynski, 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, Erin, Betty Kuehl, Kristine and Alex Kubiseski, Karl Hausser, Elva Gagne, Ingrid Trautrim, Sharon Wall, Melissa Nieman.

DONATIONS

A donation has been made to the Organ Restoration Fund in thankfulness for Pastor Scott, Blaine, The Men's Choir and all who helped in making Jack's funeral so special. *Mona Zadow and family*.

A donation has been made by Melanie Achtenberg in memory of her parents and sisters who have passed away.

Dad + February 24, 1980, Mom + July 24, 2007, Diane + November 25, 2014, Linda, + January 21 2021. God bless these souls in Heaven, They are missed by me.

ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING TODAY

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following the worship service today, **Sunday February 18, 2024.** If we are unable to meet on that date the meeting will then be held on **Sunday February 25, 2024.** We hope to see everyone at the meeting. *Susan Dupuis, Church Council Chairperson*

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm beginning February 21st until March 27th.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY: *Remember: God's Covenants and the Cross* – Join us during Lent to journey through a time of reading and reflection about God's covenant with us. We will meet starting **February 20th** on **Tuesday** afternoons at 1pm in the lounge. Cost for the book is \$25. See Pastor Scott for more info.

SOUP AND SANDWICH SUPPERS Wednesdays beginning February 21st at 6pm. If you would like to donate food on any of these occasions, please see the signup sheets outside of the kitchen door. Freewill offerings collected will go to Pembroke Social Agencies.

EASTER WEEKEND SERVICE TIMES: Maundy Thursday: March 28th 7:00 pm Good Friday: March 29th 10:00 am Easter Sunday: March 31st 8:00 am & 10:00 am

SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS

Please join us Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1:00 pm for our Senior Exercise Class.

MORNING SOCIAL

Please join us on **Wednesday February 21st at 10:00** am Come on out for fun and fellowship. Pull up a chair, grab a coffee (or tea) and a snack, and enjoy the company!

ADULT WINTER RETREAT AT CAMP LUTHERLYN

Friday March 1- March 3. Cost \$100. Adults of all ages are invited and strongly encouraged to join the Pastors and leaders for a retreat at Four Seasons Lodge at Camp Lutherlyn. There will be lots of free time a few discussion times, movies, maybe an outdoor fire, snow shoeing, etc. Please contact Pastor Scott at 705 313-0333 for more information.

WELCOME TO FEMBUARY!

For the month of February we are gathering together feminine hygiene products. You are invited to bring in menstrual pads, tampons and cups- some of the least donated items – for the food bank. Thank you to all who brought in scarves and hats during the month of January. We collected 48 scarves and 7 hats, along with 22 pairs of socks and 10 pairs of gloves!

COUNCIL OPPORTUNITIES

We have a number of church councillors who will be completing their terms on council this year. This is a very important part of our church ministry. Have you been thinking that this is something you would be interested in? Are you looking for more information? Do you know someone who you feel would be a great fit on church council? If you answer yes to any of the above questions please speak to Pastor Scott or any of the members of council. We would be more than happy to answer your questions. *Susan Dupuis*

UPDATE ON ORGAN RESTORATION

We have heard back from Casavant that the restoration will begin sometime after Easter and should then be completed in August. We have not been given definite dates as yet but the organ will be out of commission for approximately five months. The organ restoration committee consists of Kathy Nieman, Cheryl Sack, Wilmer Verch, Blaine Sack and Gayle Seegmiller. We will update you as dates become available.

THE 2024 PEMBROKE KIWANIS MUSIC AND DANCE FESTIVAL

Returns to Festival Hall for its 76th year! Competition begins on Tuesday, Feb. 20th and Wednesday, Feb. 21st with two full days (9-5) of Piano classes. Full day sessions continue on Saturday, Feb. 24th (9-5) with Dance, Monday, Feb. 26th (10-4) with Vocal, Monday, Mar. 4th (9-330) with Strings, Wednesday, Mar. 6th (1030-12pm) with Instrumental (Bands). The 'Festival of Stars' Concert will be held on Thursday, March 21st @ 7pm at Festival Hall. Free admission to all events. Please visit the Pembroke Kiwanis website at www.pembrokekiwanis.orgfor more information, or speak to Blaine Sack, member of the Pembroke Kiwanis Festival organizing committee.

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR: FEBRUARY 24, 2024



Zion's Frozen Few will be walking again this year. Please consider joining us, we need more walkers. It is a great way to help our community and to answer God's call to help the vulnerable, the hurt and homeless. Call Ellen Vandersleen @ 613-504-1866 or sign up on line on our team. We sure could use your help, to help others. We gather to register on Saturday Feb 24 here at Zion as host church this year. You can walk 2km or 5 km. Join us February 24, 2024! The Coldest Night of

the Year is a winterrific family-friendly walk to raise money for The Grind, who serves people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness. Team up, fundraise, walk, and gather for good... because it's cold out there. CNOY is a moment each year when tens of thousands of Canadians step outside the warmth and comfort of home to shine a light of welcome and compassion in their communities.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

World Day of Prayer 2024 will be on Friday March 1st at 2:00 pm at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. Donations to Women's Inter Church Council (WICC).

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