

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE
THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SETTING TWO
SUNDAY JUNE 25 2023**

HYMN SING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 116)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our 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 *Let the Whole Creation Cry* (ELW 876)

1 Let the whole creation cry,
"Glory to the Lord on high!"
Heav'n and earth, awake and sing,
"Praise to our almighty king!"
Praise God, angel hosts above,
ever bright and fair in love;

sun and moon, lift up your voice;
night and stars, in God rejoice.

2 Servants striving for the Lord,
prophets burning with the word,
those to whom the arts belong
add their voices to the song.
Pow'rs of knowledge and of law,
to the glorious circle draw;
all who work and all who wait,
sing, "The Lord is good and great!"

3 Men and women, young and old,
raise the anthem loud and bold,
and let children's happy hearts
in this worship take their parts;
from the north to southern pole
let the mighty chorus roll:
"Holy, Holy, Holy One;
glory be to God alone!"

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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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 121)

Refrain
 Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we
 wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Refrain
 Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of
 God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are
 seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain
 Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Refrain
 Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 124)

Let us pray.

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and

not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 21:8-21

A reading from Genesis.

⁸The child [Isaac] grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. ¹⁰So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." ¹¹The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹²But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. ¹³As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." ¹⁴So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

¹⁵When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." ¹⁹Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

²⁰God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. ²¹He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

¹Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor | and in misery.

²**Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; save your servant who trusts in**

you.³Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; I call upon you all | the day long.

⁴Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

⁵For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, and abundant in mercy toward all who call upon you.

⁶Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, and attend to the voice of my supplications.

⁷In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, for you will answer me.

⁸Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, nor anything like your works.

⁹All the nations you have made will come and worship you and glorify your name.

¹⁰For you are great; you do wondrous things; and you alone are God.

¹⁶Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.

¹⁷Show me a sign of your favour, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame; because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11

A reading from Romans.

^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 124)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Matthew 9:35—10:8

³⁵Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the

Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.”

^{10:1}Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

SERMON - NATIONAL BISHOP SUSAN JOHNSON (ELW p. 125)

HYMN OF THE DAY *O Spirit of Life* (ELW 405)

1 O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,
in ev'ry need you bring us aid,
proceeding forth from heaven's throne,
from God, the Father and the Son;
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.

2 O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,
increase our faith in our dear Lord;
unless your grace the power should give,
none can believe in Christ and live;
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.

3 O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,
make us to love your sacred word;
the holy flame of love impart,
that charity may warm each heart;
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.

4 O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,
enlighten us by that same word;
teach us to know God's radiant love,

lead us to Christ who reigns above;
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of 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

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

For the church here and around the world, we pray. Seek out disciples and send them out with authority to proclaim good news, bring healing where there is pain, and counter the forces of evil. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the earth and all its creatures, we pray. Equip farmers, farm workers, and all who labour on the land to produce a harvest. Nourish crops with ample rainfall and abundant sunshine. Restore lands ruined by pollution or misuse. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For those who govern, we pray. Empower those who seek peaceful solutions to conflict and embolden those who advocate for all who are oppressed. Work through systems of government to establish justice throughout the world. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For those who suffer, we pray. Accompany those who feel helpless, alone, or abandoned. Embrace any who long for successful treatment for mental illness or freedom from addiction. Heal those who are sick (*especially Ann, Jason, Erna, Richard, Martha, Lani, Charlotte, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Aileen, Brenda and Douglas, Ruth, Anneliese, Kaitlyn, Vaughan, Joan, Denise, Mervin, Ty, Don, Jack, Wayne, Mona, Judy*).
God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For all the saints, we give thanks. Receive into your eternal care all those who have died (*especially Helen Sabourin*) and fill us with hope that does not disappoint. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PEACE (ELW p. 128)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING *We Are an Offering* (ELW 692)

(use hymnal)

OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 129)

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, 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.

PREFACE (ELW p. 130)

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.
 And so, with all the choirs of angels,
 with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
Amen, amen. Amen, 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.

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.

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters (ELW 445)

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If You But Trust in God to Guide You (ELW 769)

1 If you but trust in God to guide you
with gentle hand through all your ways,
you'll find that God is there beside you
when crosses come, in trying days.
Trust then in God's unchanging love;
build on the rock that will not move.

2 What gain is there in anxious weeping,
in helpless anger and distress?
If you are in your Saviour's keeping,
in sorrow will he love you less?
For Christ who took for you a cross
will bring you safe through ev'ry loss.

3 The Lord our restless hearts is holding,
in peace and quietness content.
We rest in God's good will unfolding,
what wisdom from on high has sent.
God, who has chosen us by grace,
knows very well the fears we face.

4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving,
offer your service faithfully.
Trust heaven's word; though undeserving,
you'll find this promise true to be.
This is our confidence indeed:
God never fails in time of need.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 136)

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING (ELW p. 136)

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favour and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* (ELW 769)

1 If you but trust in God to guide you
with gentle hand through all your ways,
you'll find that God is there beside you
when crosses come, in trying days.
Trust then in God's unchanging love;
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DISMISSAL (ELW p. 137)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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THIS WEEK AT ZION: June 26- July 2

Monday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
	7:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Tuesday:	10:30 am	Worship at Miramichi Lodge
Wednesday:	10:30 am	Midweek Worship

	12:30	Staff Mtg.
	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
Thursday:	7:00 pm	Healing Vets
Sunday:	10:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Presiding Minister: Pastor Scott Schellenberger
 Music Director: Blaine Sack
 Worship Assistant: Lorraine MacKenzie
 Sexton: Koit Rull
 Projector Operator: Rick Gerundin
 Video Recorder: *tba*
 Sound Operator: *tba*
 Counters: Wayne & Linda Reiche, Gerry Vandersleen
 Altar Care: Cheryl Sack
 Ushers: Kevin & Jean Rutz
 Coffee Hour: Patti & Peter Wegner

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Please join us in prayer for the family of Helen Sabourin as they mourn her death.

PLEASE NOTE that the bulletin delivery from Sunday June 25th is the last delivery of the Monday worship service bulletin as we are giving our volunteers a break for the summer.

DONATIONS

A donation has been made in memory of Ken and Vera Schizkoske, in thankfulness to God for such wonderful parents to Debbie Sitkiewicz, Linda Dombroskie, Barry and Mark Schizkoske. Revelations 14:13 *And I heard a voice from Heaven saying "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. "Blessed indeed" says the spirit" that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them.*

LOST/FOUND

On Sunday June 4th a smart watch was found in the church parking lot. Please contact the church office and let us know if you are the owner or if you know someone who has lost it.

MIDWEEK WORSHIP

Midweek Worship service will be on Wednesday June 28th at 10:30 am.

HYMN SINGS

There will be a hymn sing prior to the service on June 25th. There will be no hymn sings during July and August but will resume in September.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The next Sunday school class is scheduled for today, Sunday June 25th, at 10:00 am.

PULSE MINISTRY consists of three different programs. Every generation is invited to worship and to Messy Church: Messy Church, Youth Group, and worship. The worship Service is called "Living Stones".

MESSY CHURCH

Join us for a meal, a creative activity, a game and a short worship time. This is an inter-generational event with activities geared to children and the people who love them. Messy Church will resume in September.

LIVING STONES

The next Living Stones service will be held in September.

EXERCISE CLASSES

Please note that our last exercise class in June is June 28th. Due to hall rentals in July, we will be resuming exercise class on July 24th.

BROADCAST & RECORDING

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS or READERS

Due to medical problems and surgical procedures, we are experiencing a shortage of worship assistants. This usually only entails one Sunday every one or two months, depending on the number of people available. Perhaps you are comfortable just reading the lessons. Please let

Lorraine MacKenzie or Gayle Seegmiller know if you would be interested in serving the church in this capacity.

HOLD THE DATE!

Zion Lutheran Church is celebrating their 140th Anniversary! Sunday, November 26th2023, Bishop Michael Pryce attending. Further details to follow.

ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

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

HELP SEND A KID TO CAMP

Would you like to help send some of our children to camp? Zion has a good shepherding fund. Money from the fund is used to subsidize children's trips to camp. This year five children will be accessing the fund. If you would like to support sending Zion kids to camp please mark good shepherd or kids to camp on your envelope. It normally costs children \$450 for a week of camp.

<p>ATTENDANCE</p> <p>Wednesday June 14th – 14 Sunday June 18th –102</p>
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