ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25 2024 SETTING 12 ALL CREATION SINGS (ACS)

HYMN SING 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 Savior, When in Dust to You (ELW 601)

1 Savior, when in dust to you low we bow in homage due; when, repentant, to the skies scarce we lift our weeping eyes; oh, by all your pains and woe suffered once for us below, bending from your throne on high, hear our penitential cry!

2 By your helpless infant years, by your life of want and tears, by your days of deep distress in the savage wilderness, by the dread, mysterious hour of the insulting tempter's pow'r, turn, oh, turn a fav'ring eye; hear our penitential cry!

3 By your hour of dire despair, by your agony of prayer, by the cross, the nail, the thorn, piercing spear, and torturing scorn, by the gloom that veiled the skies o'er the dreadful sacrifice, listen to our humble sigh; hear our penitential cry!

4 By your deep expiring groan, by the sad sepulchral stone, by the vault whose dark abode held in vain the rising God, oh, from earth to heav'n restored, mighty, reascended Lord, bending from your throne on high, hear our penitential cry!

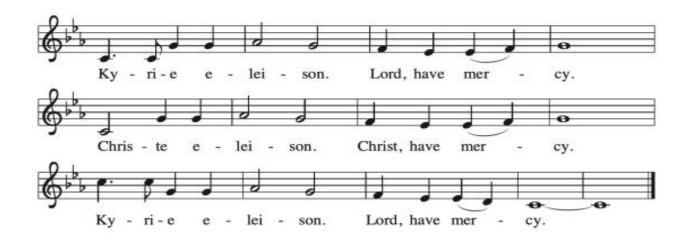
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GREETING (ACS p. 30)

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 (ELW p. 33)

Let us pray.

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

CHILDREN'S CHAT

FIRST READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

A reading from Genesis.

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 22:23-31

- ²³You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.
- ²⁴For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.
- ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.
- ²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!
- ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- ²⁸For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations.
- ²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.
- ³⁰Their descendants shall serve the Lord, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.
- ³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The Lord has acted!"

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

A reading from Romans.

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ACS p. 33)



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



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GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-38

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON (ELW p. 34)

HYMN OF THE DAY Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said (ELW 667)

1 "Take up your cross," the Savior said,

"if you would my disciple be;

forsake the past, and come this day,

and humbly follow after me."

2 Take up your cross; let not its weight pervade your soul with vain alarm; his strength shall bear your spirit up, sustain your heart, and nerve your arm.

3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame, nor let your foolish heart rebel; for you the Lord endured the cross to save your soul from death and hell.

4 Take up your cross and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down; for those who humbly bear the cross one day will wear the glorious crown.

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APOSTLES' CREED (ELW 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.

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.

We turn to you for meaning, holy God. Nurture in your children the gifts of the Spirit poured out in baptism and let the mind of Christ guide the church. Give wisdom and discernment to our bishops, pastors, deacons, teachers, and leaders. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We turn to you for renewal. Save lives and ecosystems threatened by pollution and a changing climate. Cleanse the earth's waters and restore the soil. Preserve rainforests, deserts, and wildlife, that generations to come may cherish your creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We turn to you for justice. Uphold the worth and dignity of every person, especially any who experience hatred and rejection because of gender, ability, sexual orientation, color, ethnicity, or religion. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We turn to you for healing. Send compassionate helpers to any who suffer because of war and violence. Shelter unhoused people, befriend those who are lonely, bring hope to any in despair, and console the bereaved (*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.

We turn to you for purpose. Remind us of your faithfulness to this congregation. Increase our trust in your guidance and keep us near the cross. Grant that our acts of service will express Christ's sacrificial love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We turn to you for peace. We honor the saints who lived in service to others. Inspire us by their example until you gather us into your kingdom. 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.

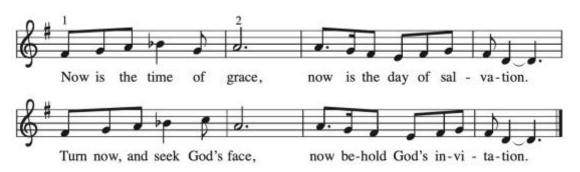
PEACE (ELW p. 35)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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

Now Is the Time of Grace



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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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE (ACS p. 36)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 (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.

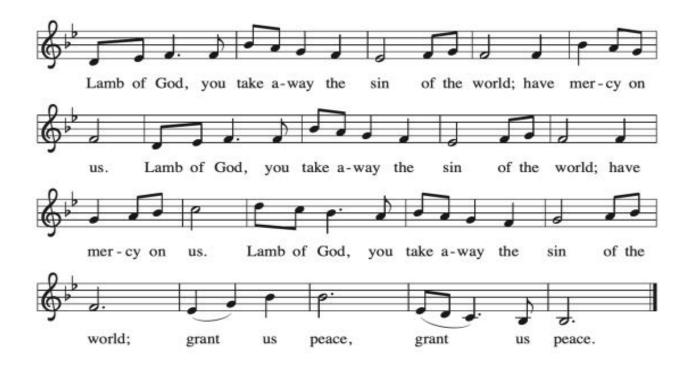
INVITATION TO COMMUNION (ELW p. 40)

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 As the Sun with Longer Journey (ELW 329)

1 As the sun with longer journey melts the winter's snow and ice, with its slowly growing radiance warms the seed beneath the earth, may the sun of Christ's uprising gently bring our hearts to life.

2 Through the days of waiting, watching, in the desert of our sin, searching on the far horizon for a sign of cloud or wind, we await the healing waters of our Savior's victory.

3 Praise be given to the maker of the seasons' yearly round: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit-Source, Sustainer, Lord of life, as the ever turning ages roll to their eternal rest.

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HYMN DURING COMMUNION Here Would I Feast: Aquí del pan partido tomaré (ACS 964)

1 Here would I feast upon the bread of God, here drink with thee the royal wine of heav'n; here would I lay aside each earthly load, here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

2 Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness; mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing blood; here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace: thy blood, thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

3 Too soon we rise, the vessels disappear; the feast, though not the love, is past and gone. The bread and wine remove, but thou art here, nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.

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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)

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in + Christ Jesus.

Amen.

SENDING SONG Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus (ELW 802)

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure, through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure.

Onward in his footsteps treading, trav'lers here, our home above, full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Savior's bidding.

Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide.

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus, and with patience bear our cross. Joy will follow all our sadness; where he is there is no loss. Though today we sow no laughter, we shall reap celestial joy: all discomforts that annoy shall give way to mirth hereafter. Jesus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death he conquered death, he will free us from destruction, give to us immortal breath. Let us mortify all passion that would lead us into sin; and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heaven. Jesus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.

4 Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead that to life we may awaken. Jesus, you are now our head, we are your own living members; where you live, there we shall be in your presence constantly, living there with you forever. Jesus, let me faithful be; life eternal grant to me.

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DISMISSAL (ELW p. 41)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: February 26-March 3

Monday: 10:00 am Pastoral Care

1:00 pm Senior Exercise Class

Tuesday: 1:00 pm Lenten Book Study

7:00 pm Mixed Choir

Wednesday: 9:00 am Music Jam

12:00 pm Staff Mtg.

1:00 pm Senior Exercise Class6:00 pm Soup & Sandwich Supper

7:00 pm Lenten Worship 8:00 pm Men's Choir

Friday: 1:00 pm Senior Exercise Class

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:

Sexton: Karen Gauthier
Projector Operator: Diane Hammel
Video Recorder: Korbin Smith
Sound Operator: Brian Smith

Counters: Gayle & Larry Seegmiller, Wayne Kirk

Altar Care: Kathy Godin

Ushers: Pam Duplessis & Cindy Thrasher

Coffee Hour: Patti & Peter Wegner

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**. 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.

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 20**th 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.

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care will meet on Monday February 26th at 10:00 am.

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.

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).

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!

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 & 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.org for more information, or speak to Blaine Sack, member of the Pembroke Kiwanis Festival organizing committee.

ATTENDANCE ASH Wednesday February 14, 2024: 43

Sunday February 18, 2024
Worship Service: 50 Living Stone Service: 40

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