

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE
SUNDAY AUGUST 20 2023**

**THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SETTING TEN**

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEADER: CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, 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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* (ELW 834)

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

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LEADER: GREETING (ELW p. 203)

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. 204)

**Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.
Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

ASSISTANT: PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 205)

Let us pray.

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion.
By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your
Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

ASSISTANT: FIRST READING: Genesis 28:10-19a

A reading from Genesis.

¹⁰Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the LORD stood beside him and said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” ¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!” ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.” ¹⁸So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ^{19a}He called that place Bethel.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

¹LORD, you have searched me out; O LORD, you have known me. ²**You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.** ³You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it altogether.** ⁵You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. ⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.** ⁷Where can I go then^l from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? ⁸**If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.** ⁹If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, ¹⁰**even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast.** ¹¹If I say, “Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night,” ¹²**darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike.** ²³Search me out, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my restless thoughts. ²⁴**Look well whether there be any wickedness in me and lead me in the way that is everlasting.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25

A reading from Romans.

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—
¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with

Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

LEADER: GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

LEADER: SERMON -Rev. Dr. Ali Tote *Matthew 15:10-28*

Assistant to the Bishop, Saskatchewan Synod

“WHO’S IN? AND WHO’S OUT?”

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and

throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly. The gospel of the Lord. Praise be to you O Christ!

Sisters and brothers, siblings in Christ,

At this point of journey on the twelfth Sunday after the season of Pentecost, or ordinary time also known as the season of the church, the Holy Spirit’s birthing of the church and sustaining of the church in its growth means that we are solidly aware of who we are as recipients of God’s benevolent love and grace, and whose we are as God’s beloved children.

Such is the case for Matthew’s community at this juncture of their journey as this community of believers who are aware of their special status as God’s people and the call that they are therefore blessed to be a part of. They are called to join Jesus in making the shift from learners to teachers, from the gathered ones to the sent-out ones, from being disciples, to now becoming apostles, from being only with their own, to now reaching beyond their usual circle of family and friends, and acquaintances. They are called to make the shift from understanding God’s love and grace in a restrictive sense, to now understanding God’s love and grace as boundless and limitless, and including and welcoming all.

Matthew 15:10-28 culminates in Jesus’ crossing important boundaries into gentile territory, in Tiro and Sidon. Jesus’ engagement there with the Canaanite woman prompts everyone to wrestle with the very important question: Who’s in and who’s out?

If in the earlier part of the text, in Matthew 15:10-20, Jesus is insisting that people are focusing on the wrong things, external things, as sources of defilement, in the latter part of the text, Jesus demonstrates with undeniable precision, that the source of defilement is rather internal, and proceeds from the heart.

In other words, we are focusing on the wrong things as the source of the issues we face. The heart of this gospel text is Jesus’ rebuke of a system built on self-righteousness, the judgment and condemnation of others, their exclusion and marginalization along with their treatment as belonging outside of God’s reign and reach.

Matthew aptly moves us from Jesus’ discourse in verses 10-20 to the praxis of that discourse in verses 21-27. And verse 28 is the stunning reversal and display of God’s all-encompassing love and grace that has to survive our system of rejection, marginalization, and oppression, that excludes people like the Canaanite woman. To her, and shockingly to the people present and to us today, Jesus proclaims to this rejected and despised Canaanite: “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.”

Jesus’ proclamation of the greatness of the gentile woman’s faith stands in sharp contrast to what anyone expected. How can anything good come outside of Israel? The Pharisees who

were already unhappy with Jesus' declaration that "it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles" would now be even more livid.

The most shocking part about Jesus' declaration is how Jesus contrasts the Pharisees' myopic focus on the nature of what goes into the mouth and its implications as opposed to what comes out of the mouth and the different reality that this points to. The Pharisees were obtusely focused on food as that which goes into the mouth, hence focusing on personal purity and self-righteousness. Jesus turns the Pharisees' paradigm completely on its head by focusing on what proceeds from the mouth, which is totally different in nature from food, and which has a wider reach. Jesus' shift focuses not on individual purity and personal salvation, but on the reign of God that reaches out to all people and embraces them without discrimination.

Jesus engages the Canaanite woman in a stunning display of Christ's incarnational enactment of the sin and sinfulness of our hearts expressed and lived out in how we marginalize others. Before our face, Jesus plays our part to perfection. Jesus shows the people present how the proceeds from their hearts that have helped established a system of discrimination, prejudice, and marginalization, plays out and its impact on the marginalized, the vilified, the downtrodden, the forsaken, and the oppressed.

The Canaanite woman, a gentile who is not accepted or welcome, who does not belong, but to whom God has been present all along, has her God-given opportunity to display the marvel, the beauty, the kernel of the gospel. As Jesus engages the Canaanite woman humorously but with a surgical precision that excises the sin of discrimination and prejudice that has ostracized her and her people for so long, we are left speechless in front of God's undeniable display of humanity's sin of self-righteousness on the one hand, and of rejection and ill-treatment of others on the other hand.

We are left to see the ways in which we build our families, our communities, our churches, our villages, our cities, our countries, our ethnic groups, our racial groups, and whatever groups we have formed, on a system that identifies who's in and who's out, and maintain things that way.

The world including the church continues to wrestle with systemic discrimination, racism, and the oppression of those who are not seen as belonging.

In Canada, we continue to wrestle with the evils of colonization and its genocidal impacts on Indigenous people. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action have become one of the ways we can respond and journey with Indigenous people in a good way. Jesus does not need to engage Indigenous people in the manner we sinfully do to show us how we have mistreated Indigenous people. We have ample evidence of past, present, and even hints of future actions that continue to inflict more harm and pain on Indigenous people.

In the United States, the ongoing struggles of Blacks, Latinos, Latinas, Latinxs, and other minorities are on full display everyday.

These challenges are present in other parts of the world, such as in India with the marginalized Dalits, in Cameroon with the marginalized Anglophones, in China, with the marginalized Uyghurs, in the middle-East with unending conflicts that continue to discriminately inflict pain, In Europe with the plight of refugees and immigrants to name only a few. These are all examples of systems that continue to oppress and marginalize entire groups of people. All of this in addition to the concerning trend we are seeing negatively impacting people from the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.

Our beloved church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada continues to strive to respond to Jesus' call as displayed in his engagement of the Canaanite woman upon whom God's grace comes to rest. Jesus' proclamation to her "Great is your faith" acts as a rebuke of the Pharisees to whom greatness in the faith is rooted in their patriarchs crystallized in Abraham as the gold standard of faith and faith greatness. A system built on that paradigm meant that only people who identified with such a system, belonged. Jesus upgrading of the old paradigm and broadening it to include everyone while shockingly praising the faith of this gentile woman as "great", presents us with a renewed call to live out the central message of the gospel.

Sisters and brothers, siblings in Christ,

We are called to be benevolent like Jesus in living out the gospel of God's all-embracing love. The test of our living out the gospel is not found only in who we embrace, but also, and most importantly, in who we reject or in who we do not embrace.

In the church, we have often proclaimed our acceptance of marginalized people while rejecting others within our midst. An all-encompassing love calls us to embrace and deeply love the ones among us with whom we do not see eye to eye.

Shall we welcome some and reject others? Or shall we love all and embrace all? The answer is obvious; isn't it?

The church's sin can often be found in its internal struggles where people victimize one another even as the church seeks to genuinely include others. Could it be that the church finds it easier to love the stranger with whom there is no real engagement, than to internally love one another and treat each other with kindness, acceptance, and grace?

Jesus may need to enact that one for us to see and repent yet again!

May Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless the word in our hearts and in our minds.

Amen!

HYMN OF THE DAY *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (LORD, REVIVE US) (ELW 588)*

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment giv'n.

2 There is welcome for the sinner,
and a promised grace made good;
there is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.

3 For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make this love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify its strictness
with a zeal God will not own.

4 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;
it is something more than all:
greater good because of evil,
larger mercy through the fall.
Make our love, O God, more faithful;
let us take you at your word,
and our lives will be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.

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ASSISTANT: APOSTLES' CREED (ELW p. 206)

**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

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

O God, you call your church to announce the gospel of reconciliation and truth both near and far. Guide your church as it seeks your wisdom and shares it, trusting your Spirit bearing witness among us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You brought forth all creation and called it good. Direct policymakers to protect lands and seas. Bring rain to sun-parched fields and protect areas impacted by natural disasters. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You desire peace among nations and peoples. Guard our neighborhoods from hatred, watch over police officers and firefighters, and teach us to advocate for those who live in fear. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You are gracious and merciful, comforting those who suffer any affliction (*especially Ann, Jason, Erna, Richard, Martha, Charlotte, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Aileen, Douglas, Ruth, Anneliese, Kaitlyn, Vaughan, Joan, Denise, Mervin, Ty, Don, Jack, Wayne, Margaret*). Sustain your people living with HIV/ AIDS, provide shelter for all who are unhoused, and release any who are unjustly imprisoned. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You name each of us as your children. Guide our hospitality ministry to welcome all, our education ministry to equip us for faithful living, and our social ministry to enact the gospel in our community. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You send faithful people to proclaim freedom from bondage and to renew your church. Encourage us by the witness of the faithful departed, so that we live into that same hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE (ELW p. 206)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (ELW 884)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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ASSISTANT: OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 206)

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 208) (*sung*)

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.**

LEADER: BLESSING (ELW p. 209)

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG *Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word* (ELW 663)

1 Spread, oh, spread, almighty Word,
spread the reign of God the Lord.
Send forth our Creator's call,
heaven's gifts extend to all.

2 Tell of our Redeemer's grace,
who, to save our human race
and to pay rebellion's price,
gave himself as sacrifice.

3 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n
now to guide us on to heav'n,
strong and holy, just and true,
working both to will and do.

4 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
rouse to action heart and mind;
let the gath'ring nations all
see your light and heed your call.

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DISMISSAL (ELW p. 209)

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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THIS WEEK AT ZION: August 21 – August 27

Monday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
	7:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Wednesday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
Thursday:	7:00 pm	Healing Vets
Friday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
Sunday:	10:00 am	Worship Service

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Worship Leader:	Wayne Kirk
Music Director:	Blaine Sack
Sexton:	Koit Rull
Projector Operator:	Gerry Vandersleen
Video Recorder:	Ellen Vandersleen
Sound Operator:	Gerry Vandersleen
Counters:	Kathy Godin, Kathy Hoffman, Christine Booth
Altar Care:	Wendy Gerundin
Ushers:	Pamela Duplessis & Cindy Thrasher

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

AUGUST HOLIDAYS AND SUMMER HOURS

Pastor Scott will be away July 31– August 27. Pastor Leena Jensen will be on call and can be reached at 705 688-3439.

The church office summer hours for the month of August are Wednesday only from 9:00-12:00. The phone will be checked daily and messages will be returned promptly.

EXERCISE CLASSES

Please join us on Monday Aug. 21, Wednesday Aug. 23, and Friday Aug. 25 at 1:00 pm for our Senior Exercise classes. Bring a friend!

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH MEMORIAL SERVICE

All are invited to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Annual Cemetery Service with special musical guests, The Biggs Family, a hot meal following the service with a free will offering on August 27th at 2:30 pm. Contact Trish Rahn 613 735-3314 or Debbie Grant 613 633-9068 for more information.

CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

All are invited to Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, 516 Airport Rd. at Doran, Petawawa, 140th Anniversary Service on Sunday August 27 at 4 pm. Special guest preacher Rev. Orland Welke, (Former Christ Evangelical Church Vicar, 1970-1971). A meal will be hosted by the congregation. For more information please call 613 687-6971.

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.

HOLD THE DATE! 140th CELEBRATION

Zion Lutheran Church is celebrating their 140th Anniversary! Sunday, November 26th 2023, 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.

140th Anniversary Worship Project

For the 140th Anniversary we will be purchasing the new 'All Creation Sings' supplement, to the current ELW hymnal (2006). This new song and prayer collection, published in the spring of 2020, is purple in colour, and soft covered like our blue 'With One Voice'. Songs and hymns from this new worship resource will be learned and shared in our Blended Worship Services, too. Please consider donating a copy of this new resource in memory of loved ones, birthdays, or celebrations. Cost per copy is \$20. We are looking to put three in each row of pews. You can mark your own envelope or use an envelope found in the pews.

EVERYONE LOVES A PARADE!

On Saturday, September 16th, Carefor Health and Community Services will be hosting a super-fun, family-friendly fundraising walk called 'The Grand Parade'. The walk will be held at The Pembroke Marina and waterfront, on the Kiwanis Walkway. Funds raised from the walk will go to offering services to Ottawa Valley seniors, by ensuring that the monthly rent at Carefor's retirement homes stay within reach of all seniors, that the local transportation program continues to help seniors get to essential medical appointments, and that the meal delivery program keeps seniors fed and healthy!

Please consider donating, and also walking on September 16th, to help celebrate seniors every step of the way! You can either walk or run 2.5kms or 5 kms. Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$20

or more. More information can be found online at *thegrandparade.org*, or please refer to the letter from Andrew Chenard, Fundraising Specialist/Communications at Carefor, Pembroke, that was included in the summer edition of The Guiding Light.

A team from Zion has been created called 'Team Zion', and will be led by Captain Blaine. Please speak to Blaine for more information, to pledge him, or to obtain your own pledge form; he can also be reached by email at pianobyblaine@gmail.com, or by phone at 343-369-8700. You can also join 'Team Zion' online, by visiting *the grand parade.org*, click register, create account, select location, accept the waiver, click 'join a team' (or, register individually if you wish), search for Team Zion, and then select our team and complete your registration.

I look forward to hearing from you, and walking with you and Team Zion on September 16th! Thanks for your support!

Musically yours, Blaine Sack

<p style="text-align: center;">ATTENDANCE Sunday August 13th – 59</p>
