

**ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE  
THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SUNDAY AUGUST 31 2025  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP SETTING THREE**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME /ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (ELW p. 97)**

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

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.  
We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.

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

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

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

**Amen.**

## **GATHERING SONG *God Is Here!* (ELW 526)**

**1** God is here! As we your people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.

**2** Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit;  
here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.

**3** Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant  
seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living  
to believe and to adore.

**4** Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt,  
keep us faithful to the gospel;  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive;  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!

## GREETING (ELW p. 138)

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. 139)

Assisting minister

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All

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.

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.

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.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 142)**

Let us pray.

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 2:4-13**

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>4</sup> Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me  
that they went far from me  
and went after worthless things and became worthless themselves?

<sup>6</sup> They did not say, "Where is the Lord,  
who brought us up from the land of Egypt,  
who led us in the wilderness,  
in a land of deserts and pits,  
in a land of drought and deep darkness,  
in a land that no one passes through,  
where no one lives?"

<sup>7</sup> I brought you into a plentiful land  
to eat its fruits and its good things.  
But when you entered you defiled my land  
and made my heritage an abomination.

<sup>8</sup> The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?"  
Those who handle the law did not know me;  
the rulers transgressed against me;  
the prophets prophesied by Baal  
and went after things that do not profit.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore once more I accuse you,  
says the Lord,  
and I accuse your children's children.

<sup>10</sup> Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look;  
send to Kedar and examine with care;  
see if there has ever been such a thing.

<sup>11</sup> Has a nation changed its gods,  
even though they are no gods?

But my people have changed their glory  
for something that does not profit.

<sup>12</sup> Be appalled, O heavens, at this;  
be shocked; be utterly desolate,  
says the Lord,

<sup>13</sup> for my people have committed two evils:  
they have forsaken me,  
the fountain of living water,  
and dug out cisterns for themselves,  
cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 81:1, 10-16**

<sup>1</sup> Sing with joy to God our strength and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

<sup>10</sup> **“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.**

<sup>11</sup> Yet my people did not hear my voice, and Israel would not obey me.

<sup>12</sup> **So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, to follow their own devices.**

<sup>13</sup> Oh, that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!

<sup>14</sup> **I would against their foes.**

<sup>15</sup> Those who hate the Lord would cringe in fear, and their punishment would last forever.

<sup>16</sup> **But I would feed you with the finest wheat and satisfy you with honey from the rock.”**

### **SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>1</sup> Let mutual affection continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” <sup>6</sup> So we can say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup> Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

<sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON (ELW p. 143)**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY *Come Now, You Blessed* (ACS 1059)**

**1** "Come now, you blessed, eat at my table,"  
said Jesus Christ to the righteous above.  
"When I was hungry, thirsty, and homeless,  
sick and in prison, you showed me your love."

**2** When did we see you hungry or thirsty?  
When were you homeless, a stranger alone?  
When did we see you sick or in prison?  
What have we done that you call us your own?

**3** "When you gave bread to earth's hungry children,  
when you gave welcome to war's refugees,  
when you remembered those most forgotten,  
you cared for me in the smallest of these."

**4** Christ, when we meet you out on life's roadways,  
looking to us in the faces of need,  
then may we know you, welcome and show you  
love that is faithful in word and in deed.

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## **APOSTLES' CREED (ELW p. 105)**

*Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.*

**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.**

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

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

For the leaders of the church, we pray. Inspire deacons, pastors, Sunday school teachers, and Christian education directors with a passion for speaking the word of God. Equip all the baptized to share your word of grace. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For the well-being of creation, we pray. Sustain farm workers and all who labor in fields and vineyards to grow the food we eat. Revive plains and pastures, and provide for the cattle and creatures who rely on the land for their sustenance. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For the leaders of towns, cities, provinces, states, and nations we pray. Guide them to enact equitable laws and policies for all. On this Labour Day weekend, make us mindful of workers whose labor often goes unnoticed. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For the lowly and those who are ignored, we pray. Provide for the needs of vulnerable communities, those who are unemployed, burdened by debt, or struggle to make ends meet. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For the many who are in need of your healing hands. Accompany all who need reassurance of your loving healing (*especially for Jason, Martha, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Anneliese, Joan, Judy, Larry, Garnet, Betty, Karl, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Barbara, Inge, Marcella, Kirk, David, Gwen, Jeanette, James, Charlie, Brittany, Sheila, Jean, Sandra*). We pray also for those who grieve the loss of loved ones. Today we ask that you hear the cries of the those who grieve. Be with the family and friends of Weston Lazarus, Geraldine Belore, and Donald Nevile. Surround all with your loving touch. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For the joy of love we give thanks. We give thanks that you surround all with love. Be with Nick and Heather Valla as they wed yesterday. Encourage them to love one another with the patience with which you love us all. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For all the saints who from their labors rest, Weston Lazarus, Geraldine Belore, Don Nevile we give thanks. With them, we offer our sacrifice of praise to you, O God, the same yesterday and today and forever. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

**Amen.**

### **PEACE (ELW p. 143)**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### **OFFERING *Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil* (ELW 721)**

Goodness is stronger than evil;  
love is stronger than hate;  
light is stronger than darkness;  
life is stronger than death;  
vict'ry is ours, vict'ry is ours,  
through God who loves us.  
Vict'ry is ours, vict'ry is ours,  
through God who loves us.

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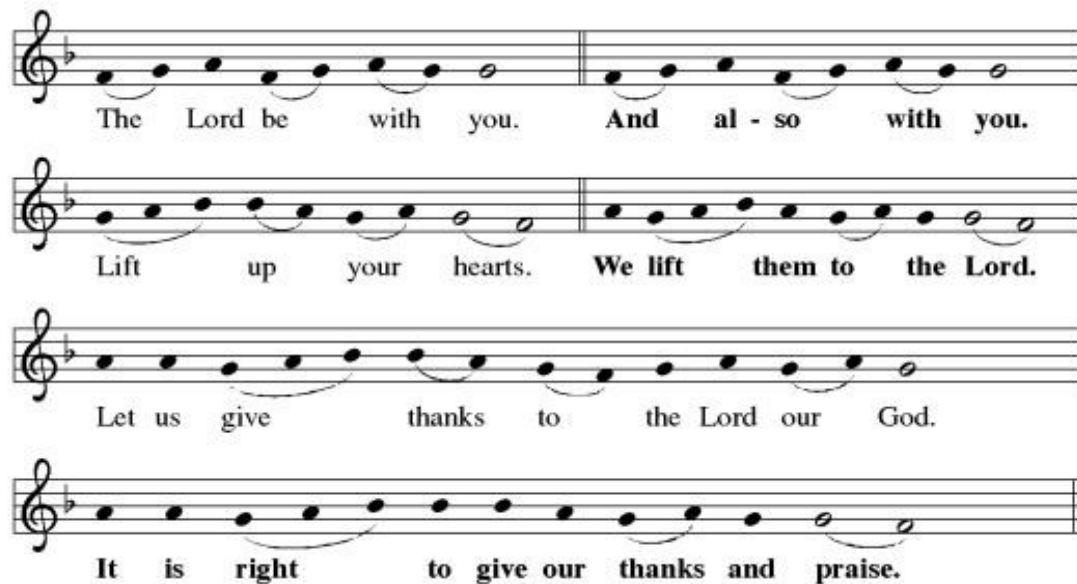
### **OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 144)**

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE (ELW p. 144)



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

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

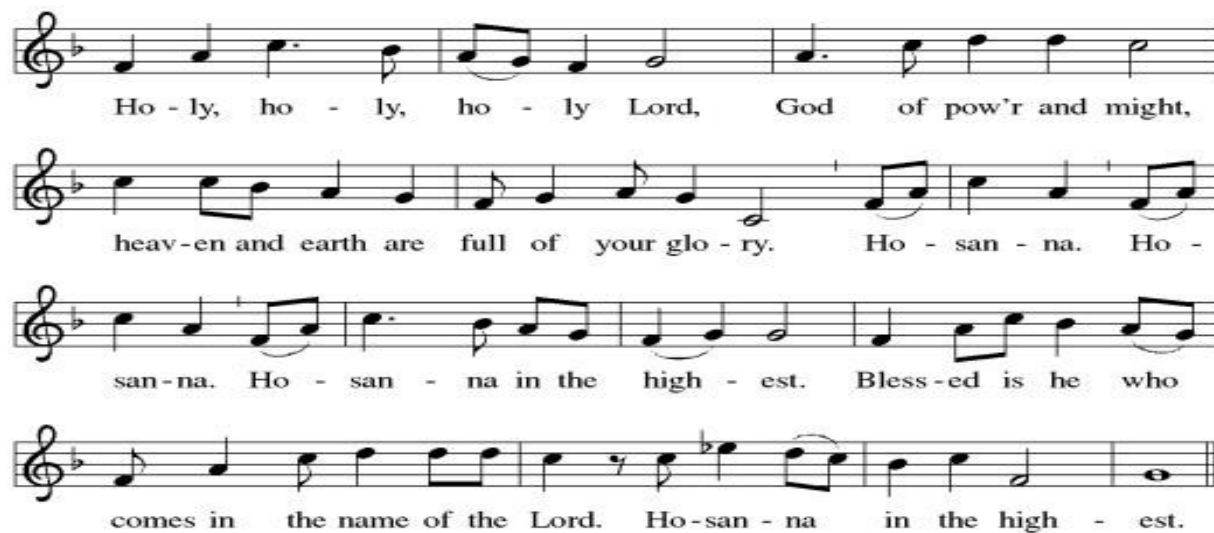
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE (ELW p. 144)

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;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
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. 144)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 145)**

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 honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.  
**Amen, amen, amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 145)**

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. 146)**

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

**COMMUNION (ELW p. 146)**

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

**COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 146)**

**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.**

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN *Let Us Go Now to the Banquet* (ELW 523)**

### **Refrain**

**Let us go now to the banquet,  
to the feast of the universe.  
The table's set and a place is waiting;  
come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.**

**1** I will rise in the early morning;  
the community's waiting for me.  
With a spring in my step I'm walking  
with my friends and my family. **Refrain**

**2** God invites all the poor and hungry  
to the banquet of justice and good  
where the harvest will not be hoarded  
so that no one will lack for food. **Refrain**

**3** May we build such a place among us  
where all people are equal in love.  
God has called us to work together  
and to share ev'rything we have. **Refrain**

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## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN *In the Singing* (ELW 466)**

<b>1</b> In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open, in the blessing, in the breaking, in your presence at this table,	<b>2</b> In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance, in the heart's cry, in the healing, in the circle of your people, <b>Refrain</b>
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### **Refrain**

**Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,  
be the wine of grace;  
Jesus, Christ, Jesus Christ,  
be the bread of peace.**

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## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 146)**

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. 146)**

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 *O Christ The Same* (WOV 778)**

**1** O Christ the same, through all our story's pages--  
our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;  
eternal Lord, the king of all the ages,  
unchanging still amid the passing years:  
O living Word, the source of all creation,  
who spread the skies and set the stars ablaze;  
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,  
ring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

**2** O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing  
our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide;  
still as of old upon your body bearing  
the marks of love in triumph glorified.  
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven--  
O Prince of life, in all your saving power;  
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given:  
we bring our thanks for this the present hour.

**3** O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping  
our lives and loves, our days and years remain;  
our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,  
our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:  
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,  
for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;  
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,  
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

## **DISMISSAL (ELW p. 146)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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**ATTENDANCE:**  
**Sunday August 24, 2025: 57**

## **ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: September 1–7**

Wednesday:	2:30 pm	ZLW Meeting
Sunday:	10:00 am	Holy Worship Service w/ Holy Communion

## **TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP LEADERS**

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Scott Schellenberger
Director of Music:	Blaine Sack
Worship Assistant:	Ella Smith
Sexton:	Hunter Denney
Projector Operator:	Diane Hammel
Video Recorder:	Ryan Schmidt
Sound Operator:	Noah Schmidt
Counters:	Gayle & Larry Seegmiller, Wayne Kirk
Altar Care:	Don Boldt
Ushers:	Peter & Patti Wegner
Coffee Hour:	Susan Dupuis

## **OFFERINGS – HOW CAN YOU LEAVE A DONATION?**

- 1.)** Place your gift in the offering plates at either entrance of the church sanctuary.
- 2.)** You can also transfer a donation to the church by sending a gift via e-transfer to [zionoffice@nrtco.net](mailto:zionoffice@nrtco.net). Please be sure to leave an address for tax receipts.

## **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Martha Kodzynski, Ella Lehman, Rhonda Mau, Heather Miller, Anneliese Trautrim, Joan Lehman, Judy Larry Blais, Garnet Miller, Betty Kuehl, Karl Hausser, Elva & Clarence Gagne, Eva Hagenah, Barbara Schoof, Inge Latiok, Marcella Kuehl, Kirk Weichenthal, David Brumm, Gwen Burchart, Jeanette Nevile, James Dean, Charlie Merredew, Brittany, Sheila Zadow-Purdy, Jean Kuehl, Sandra Graham.

✝ We pray for Ben and Cassie Lazarus at the death of their child Weston this week. Life celebrations took place yesterday at Zion/St. Timothy's Cemetery. Jesus said, *"Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."* Matthew 19:14.

✝ Please pray for the family and friends of Geraldine Belore who passed Tuesday August 26. Graveside service with interment at Zion Lutheran Cemetery Thursday September 4, at 11:00 am.

✝ Interment For Mervin Bimm Saturday Sept 6 at 10:30 am at Grace Lutheran Cemetery, 258 James Street, Eganville.

✝ Please pray for the family and friends of Francine Smith who passed July 23. Visitation at Malcolm, Deavitt & Binhammer Tuesday, September 23 at 1:00 pm, followed by interment in Zion Lutheran Cemetery.

**A DONATION** to the Sunday School Fund has been made in memory of Weston Lazarus.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** Parents of confirmation age children considering joining this year please speak with Pastor Scott or contact the church office 613-732-8792.

**ZLW MEETING** Please join us Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> At 2:30 pm for our ZLW meeting. Come and Learn about the Moravian Church and bring a favourite dish to our Pot Luck supper. All are welcome!

**MESSY CHURCH** Please join us on Monday September 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. for Messy Church!

**WORSHIP & MUSIC** Will be meeting on Monday September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**MORNING SOCIAL** Please join us for our Morning Social on Wednesday September 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**STAFF MEETING** To be held on Wednesday September 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00.