Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Pembroke
The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
The Season of Creation
Setting 2
September 15 2024

PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP
Let god hear the voice
Of beloved creation
Of people of trees,
Of birds beasts and fish
Let life breathe out praise from the heights
To the depths to god
The creator, sustainer and friend

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 116)
In the name of the Father,
and of the ☩ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 *The Night You Gave Us, God, Has Ended* (ACS 994)

1 The night you gave us, God, has ended,
the darkness hails the sun's bright rays;
as shadows flee and earth awakens,
we rise again to sing your praise.

2 We thank you for each glorious sunrise
that paints the earth a golden hue;
each day your grace grants new beginnings,
the chance to start again anew.

3 Bless those who work in hours of darkness,
who serve and toil while others sleep;
their lives of caring and protecting
reflect your love so strong and deep.

4 We pray for energy and passion
to live our lives each day for you;
may all around us sense your presence
in all we say and all we do.

5 We praise you, God, for nature's rhythms,
for dark and daylight, stars and sun;
your whole creation sings your glory,
O Trinity, most Holy One.

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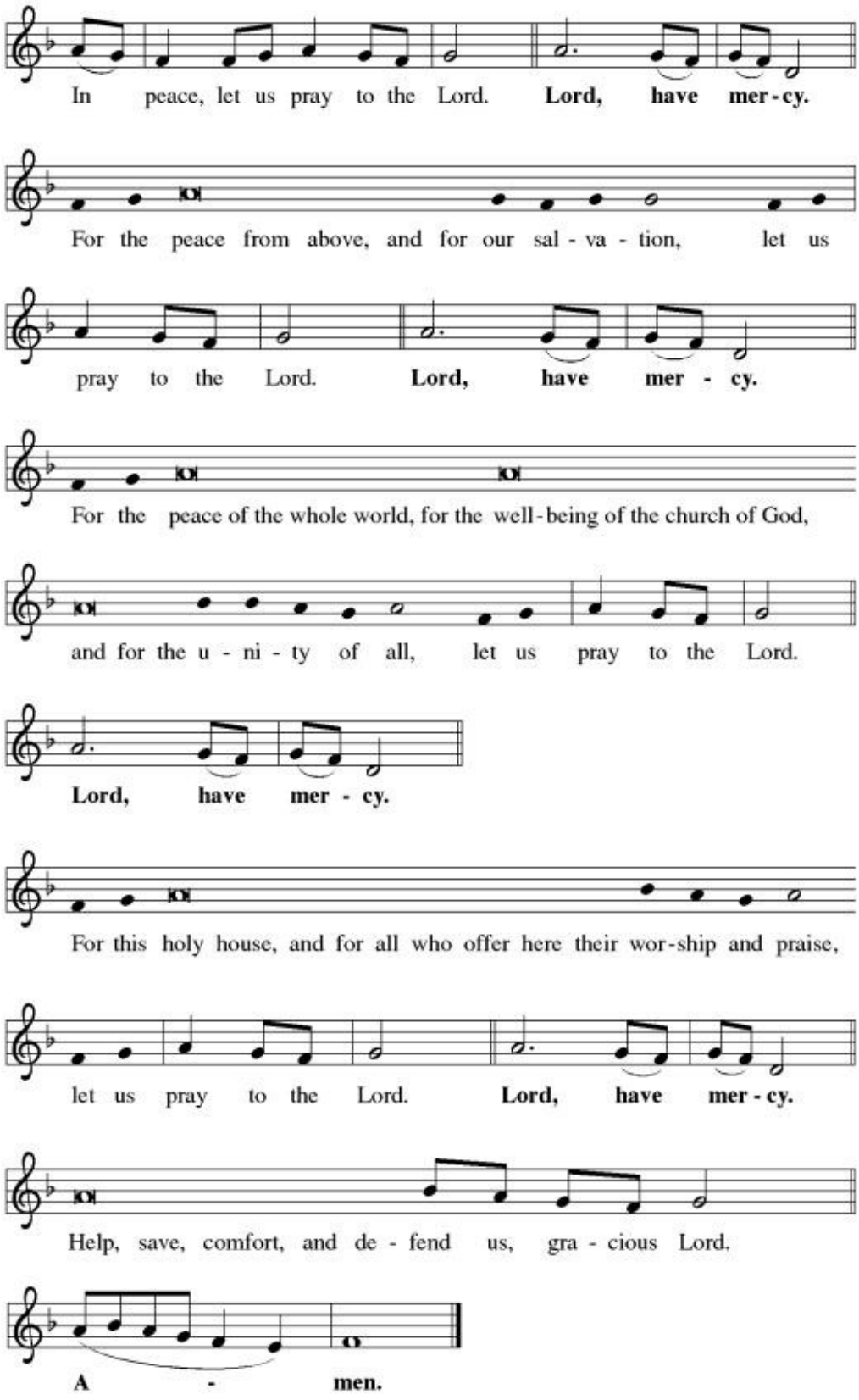
GREETING (ELW p. 120)

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.

KYRIE (ELW p. 120)

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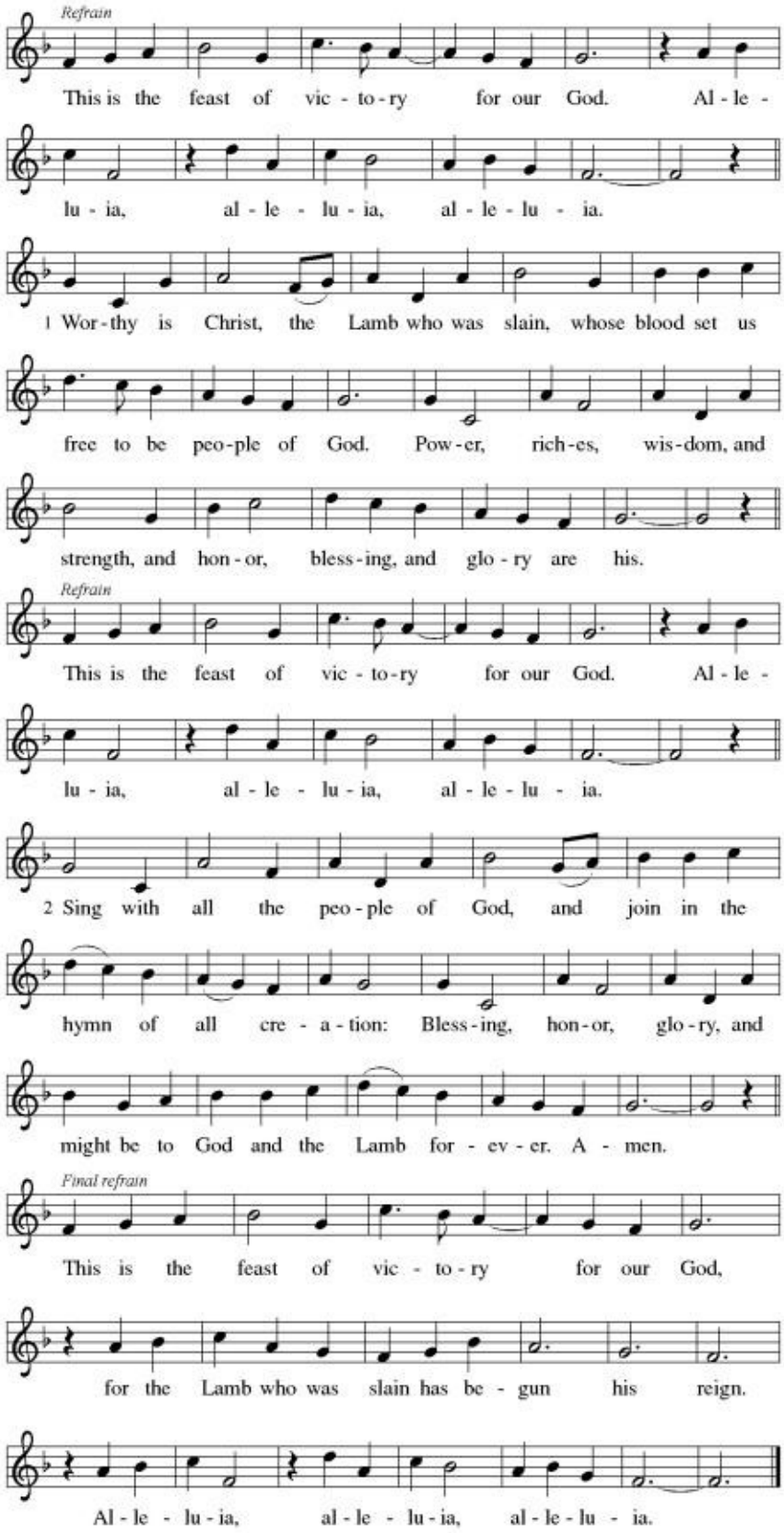
PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 124)

Let us pray.

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING: Proverbs 1:20-33

A reading from Proverbs.

20 Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.
21 At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
22 "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?
23 Give heed to my reproof;
I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.
24 Because I have called and you refused,
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,
25 and because you have ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,
26 I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when panic strikes you,
27 when panic strikes you like a storm,
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you.
28 Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.
29 Because they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear of the Lord,
30 would have none of my counsel,
and despised all my reproof,
31 therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way
and be sated with their own devices.
32 For waywardness kills the simple,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;
33 but those who listen to me will be secure
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

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

PSALM: Psalm 19

[1]The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.
[2]One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.
[3]Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,
[4]their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.
[5]It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
[6]It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
[7]The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
[8]The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
[9]The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
[10]More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
[11]By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.
[12]Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.
[13]Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
[14]Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

SECOND READING: James 3:1-12

A reading from James.

[1]Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. [2]For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. [3]If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. [4]Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. [5]So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! [6]And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. [7]For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, [8]but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. [9]With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. [10]From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. [11]Does a spring pour

forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? [12]Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 124)
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38
The holy gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.
[27]Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" [28]And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." [29]He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." [30]And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.
[31]Then he 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. [32]He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. [33]But 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."
[34]He 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. [35]For 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. [36]For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? [37]Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? [38]Those 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. 125)

HYMN OF THE DAY *Will You Come and Follow Me: The Summons* (ELW 798)
1 "Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?
2 "Will you leave yourself behind

if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r
in you and you in me?

3 "Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

4 "Will you love the you you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?"

5 Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

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APOSTLES' CREED (ELW p. 127)
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
God of all hopefulness, we bring before You our concerns for the world and her people.

Gracious God, we turn to You,
For You are the source of our hope and the creator of the Kingdom.

We pray for parents around the world who reach out in hope for their children. We pray for justice: when they struggle to provide food for their families; when they cannot find a place to make a home for their children.
Gracious God, we turn to You,
For You are the source of our hope and the creator of the Kingdom.

We pray for those who find themselves on the margins of their societies. We pray for justice: that they might confront centres of power with the experience of life on the margins; that they might be allowed to contribute to the welfare of society; that we may all be enriched by the insights and wisdom they bring to our communities.
Gracious God, we turn to You,
For You are the source of our hope and the creator of the Kingdom.

We pray for those who are struggling with ailments, who are sick or suffering. We pray for those facing surgery. We pray for those who grieving. Especially we pray for those we name before you now *Jason, Martha, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Aileen, Anneliese, Kaitlyn, Vaughan, Joan, Mervin, Amy, Judy, Larry, Garnet, Betty, Lily, Karl, Ingrid, Sharon, Melissa, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Paul, Charlotte, Barbara, Anita, Kinsley, Inga, Danita, Marcella, Marlene.* Be with them and assure them of your presence and loving hands. Gracious God, we turn to you.
For you are the source of our hope and the creator of the Kingdom.

We pray for our common home and all who seek to ensure its wellbeing.
We pray for justice: that all nations of the world will work together for the common good of each person and our planet; that conservation will enable habitats to flourish while meeting the needs of local communities; that we each understand
the impact we have upon the earth and adjust our lifestyle accordingly.
Gracious God, we turn to You,
For You are the source of our hope and the creator of the Kingdom.

We pray for ourselves,
Disturb us and disquiet us with a passion for justice. Challenge us to grasp a vision of Your new world and motivate us to act to birth it into being.
Enable us to pass on the gift of hope, so others are empowered to continue the journey of faith. Gracious God, we turn to You,
For You are the source of our hope and the creator of the Kingdom. Amen.
(Scottish Eco-congregation 2018 adapted)

PEACE (ELW p. 128)
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING *As Saints of Old* (ELW 695 vs 1 & 2)

1 As saints of old their firstfruits brought
of orchard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good,
the source of bounteous yield;
so we today firstfruits would bring,
the wealth of this good land,
of farm and market, shop and home,
of mind and heart and hand.

2 A world in need now summons us
to labor, love, and give;
to make our life an offering
to God, that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us
to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed by Christ-like love;
all life in Christ made new.

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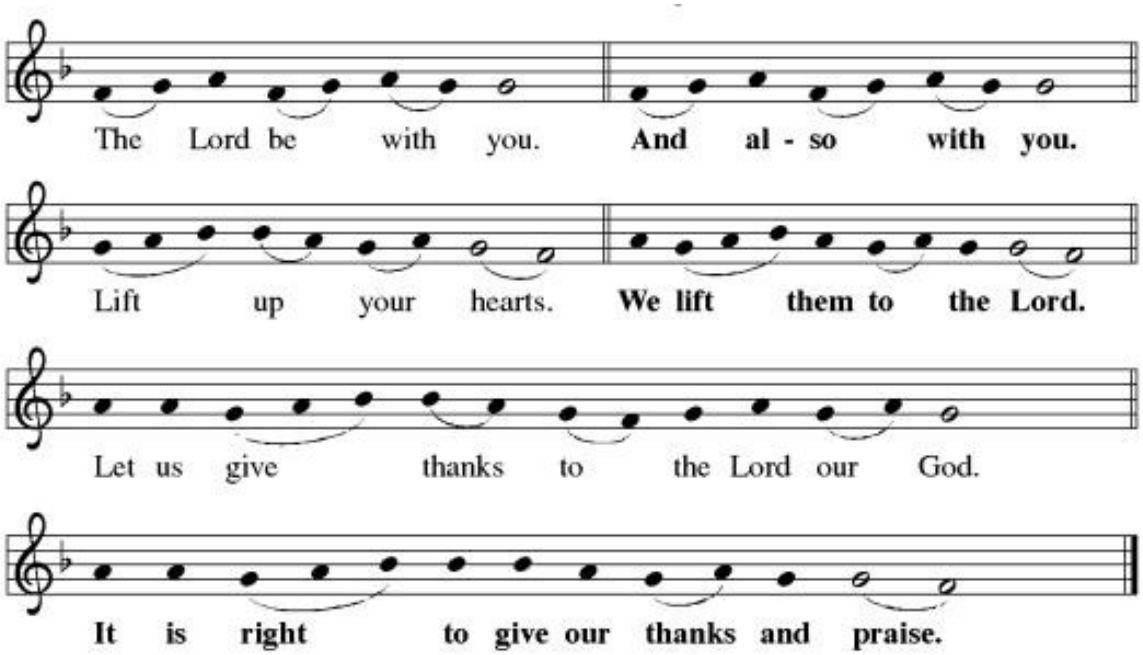
OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 129)
Let us pray.
God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
DIALOGUE (ELW p. 129)

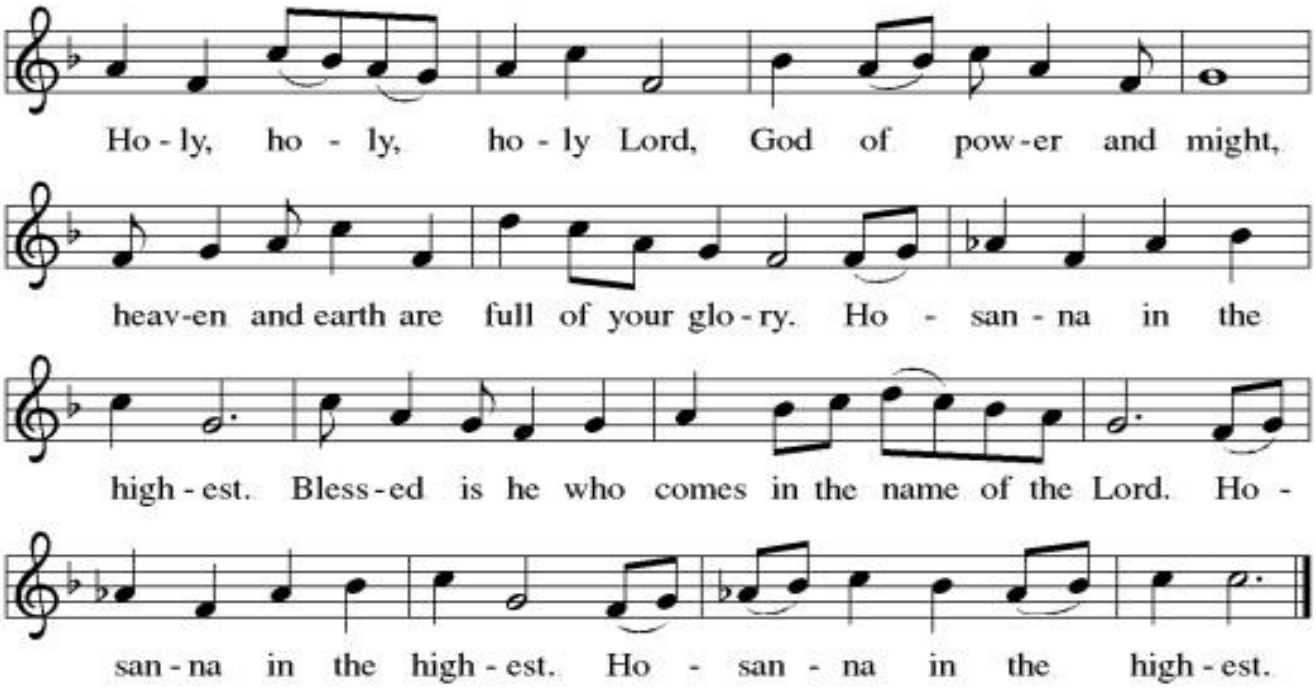


PREFACE (ELW p. 130)
You spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and on the earth, all things, came to be. Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements, and you brought forth life in forms innumerable, including this our fragile earth, and we amongst its inhabitants.

As our past is in you, so our hope for the future rests with you. As we have turned from your way, so we turn again to the warmth of your love. Through you all things are brought to new life.

And now we give you thanks for the glories of your creation given into our care, and for the opportunities we have to share that richness with all your people.

And so with the wonders of creation and the songs of praise of all your creatures both in heaven and on earth we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 130)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 130)

In the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, work of human hands, gift of our earth, and gave thanks to God. He broke the bread to speak to us of the breaking of his body upon the cross.

He gave it to his friends and said:
Take and eat, for this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

He took the wine, work of human hands, gift of our earth, and gave thanks to God, Creator. He poured out the wine to speak to us of the pouring out of his blood. He gave it to his friends saying:
This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me.

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.

Therefore God, we who seek your reconciliation; we who need reconciliation one with another; we who hope for reconciliation with all creation, draw close to this mystery.
In being broken, poured out and buried, life sprang forth again. In the breaking, there is an opening up; in the pouring out, there are the roots of sharing; in death and burial, there is the seed of the new life to come.

As we look in our world, in our lives, and in our hearts, for his second coming, keep us close to this vision that we have seen. Through the giving in the bread and wine, reconcile us to our world.

Send upon us, and upon all your creation, the life-giving Spirit who first moved upon the waters of the deep. Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive. Unite us with you through the body and blood of your Son, your Word made flesh.

By whom, and with whom and in whom, in the unity of your Creative Spirit, with all that has been, is, and will be in your universe, we stand before you and worship you, God of all, in songs of everlasting praise,
Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever**. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 134) (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.

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.

***God, Whose Farm Is All Creation* (ELW 734)**

1 God, whose farm is all creation,
take the gratitude we give;
take the finest of our harvest,
crops we grow that we may live.

2 Take our plowing, seeding, reaping,
hopes and fears of sun and rain,
all our thinking, planning, waiting,
ripened in this fruit and grain.

3 All our labor, all our watching,
all our calendar of care
in these crops of your creation,
take, O God: they are our prayer.

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***Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song: Jésus, je voudrais te chanter* (ELW 808)**

1 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

2 Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

3 As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.
And with all of the family you saved by your love,
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 136)

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

Go out into the world rejoicing,
and encounter the Creator who waits to meet you there;
Rejoice in its richness and diversity and live as those who praise God for its bounty;
and the blessing of the Creator God, the Eternal Father, the Risen Son and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always.

Amen

SENDING SONG *Lift High the Cross* (ELW 660)

Refrain
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain

2 All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. Refrain

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. Refrain

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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DISMISSAL (ELW p. 137)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: September 16 – 22

Monday:	8:30 am	Pickle Ball
	1:00 am	Senior Exercise Class
	10:00 am	Pastoral Care Mtg.
	6:30 am	Pickle Ball
	7:00 pm	Healing Vets
Tuesday:	7:00 pm	Mixed Choir
Wednesday:	10:00 am	Mid Week Service
	12:00	Staff Mtg.
	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
	7:00 pm	Men's Choir
Thursday:	6:00 pm	ALPHA Program
	7:00 pm	Healing Vets
Friday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
Sunday:	10:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion and Baptism of Brittany Schwantz
	11:00 am	Intro To Confirmation Mtg.

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Scott Schellenberger
Worship Assistant:	Michael Lange
Music Director:	Blaine Sack
Sexton:	Hunter Denney
Projector Operator:	Zachary Phannenhour
Video Recorder:	Ty Phannenhour
Sound Operator:	Todd Phannenhour
Counters:	Lisa Campitelli, Karen Gauthier, David Leman
Altar Care:	Sandra Graham
Ushers:	Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz
Coffee Hour:	Patti & Peter Wegner

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, Amy Markus-Burgess, Judy and Larry Blais, Garnet Miller, Betty Kuehl, Lily Kubiseski, Karl Hausser, Ingrid Trautrim, Sharon Wall, Melissa Nieman, Elva & Clarence Gagne, Eva Hagenah, Paul Wegner, Charlotte, Barbara Schoof, Anita Parcher, Kinsley Rolfe, Inga Latiok, Danita Wolfgram, Marcella Kuehl, Marlene Schleen.

Flowers have been placed on the altar in memory of Albert and Dorothy Brum by their daughters Sandra Dempsey and Gail Hoden.

YARD SALE DONATIONS
We are now accepting donations for our yard sale that will be held at Zion on October 26th. You can place your items on the stage. Thank you for your support.

FUNERAL LUNCHEON GROUP VOLUNTEERS
We are looking for a few volunteers for our Funeral Luncheon Group, a very important part of our kitchen group. If you can help out for a couple of hours on an as needed basis, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact June Popke at 613 735-7828.
A great big thank you goes out to the faithful volunteers we currently have the honour of working with. Thank you so much!

ETERNITY FOR TODAY BOOKLETS
An order for the Eternity For Today booklets for 2025 will be placed on Monday September 30th, 2024. Please inform the church office if you would like to subscribe for 2025. Cost is $17.00 for the year.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN
The Zion Lutheran Women invite you to support The FLC on September 22, 2024 – the loose offerings will be designated to the Fellowship of the Least Coin. You can also donate by envelope donation or PAR offering, but please mark as Fellowship of the Least Coin.

Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement for justice, peace, and reconciliation led by Christian women. Least coins are collected and the International Committee for the Fellowship of the Least Coin disburses them all over the world as grants for post-secondary education and training for women; grassroots projects that empower women and girls, advocates for their rights, and work to end gender-based violence and poverty; and provide relief in times of natural and human-made disasters.
Your support would be much appreciated.

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De la foi à l'action

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.

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

PINTS (OR POP) WITH PASTORS

Pints (or pop) with the Pastors on **Sunday September 15th** at **6:30 pm** at Finnegans.

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care will meet on **Monday September 16th** at **10:00 am**.

MID-MONTH WORSHIP SERVICES

Please join us for our Mid Month Worship Service with Holy Communion on **Wednesday September 18th** at **10:00 am.**

ALPHA PROGRAM

The ALPHA Program will begin on **Thursday September 19th** from **6-8 pm**. Please contact Pastor Scott or the church office if you are interested in attending.

MORNING SOCIAL

Join us on **Wednesday September 25th** at **10:00 am** in the Parish Hall. Come on out for fun and fellowship.

HYMN SING

There will be a hymn sing before the Worship service on **Sunday, September 29th**.

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY WITH POTLUCK AFTER SERVICE

On **Sunday, September 29th**,please join us after worship service for a potluck and fellowship in the parish hall. Everyone should invite a friend!

MIXED & MEN'S CHOIRS

Mixed Choir will resume on **Tuesday's** at **7:00 pm** and Men's Choir will resume on **Wednesday's** at **7:00 pm.**

SENIORS EXERCISE CLASSES

Join us every **Monday, Wednesday & Friday** at **1:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Be Sure to Bring a Friend!

ATTENDANCE:
Sunday September 8 - 73

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