

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE  
THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SUNDAY AUGUST 17 2025  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 211)**

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

**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.**

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 *How Firm a Foundation* (ELW 796)**

**1** How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

**2** "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

**3** "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.  
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine."

**4** "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove  
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,  
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."

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## **GREETING (ELW p. 213)**

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. 213)**

### **Refrain**

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God,  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you,  
we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory. **Refrain**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer. **Refrain**

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. **\*Final Refrain**

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**Glory To God, Glory To God,  
Glory To God In The Highest;  
Glory To God, Glory To God,  
And Peace To God's People On Earth,  
And Peace To God's People On Earth.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 215)**

Let us pray.

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7**

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup> I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup> He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes.

<sup>3</sup> And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup> What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes?

<sup>5</sup> And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. <sup>6</sup> I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

<sup>7</sup> For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19**

<sup>1</sup> Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

<sup>2</sup> **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.**

<sup>8</sup> You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.

<sup>9</sup> **You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.**

<sup>10</sup> The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

<sup>11</sup> **You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.**

<sup>12</sup> Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

<sup>13</sup> **The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.**

<sup>14</sup> Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;

<sup>15</sup> **behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.**

<sup>16</sup> They burn it with fire like rubbish; at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.

<sup>17</sup> **Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one you have made so strong for yourself.**

<sup>18</sup> And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.

<sup>19</sup> **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29 - 40, 12:1- 2**

A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. <sup>32</sup> And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup> Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented <sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground. <sup>39</sup> Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

<sup>12:1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 216)**

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

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

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56** *The holy gospel according to Luke.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>49</sup> “I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! <sup>50</sup> I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup> Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup> From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup> they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” <sup>54</sup> He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. <sup>55</sup> And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. <sup>56</sup> You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?” *The gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON (ELW p. 217)**

**HYMN OF THE DAY *O God of Every Nation* (ELW 713)**

**1** O God of ev'ry nation,  
of ev'ry race and land,  
redeem your whole creation  
with your almighty hand;  
where hate and fear divide us  
and bitter threats are hurled,  
in love and mercy guide us  
and heal our strife-torn world.

**2** From search for wealth and power  
and scorn of truth and right,  
from trust in bombs that shower  
destruction through the night,  
from pride of race and station  
and blindness to your way,  
deliver ev'ry nation,  
eternal God, we pray.

**3** Lord, strengthen all who labor  
that all may find release  
from fear of rattling saber,  
from dread of war's increase;  
when hope and courage falter,  
Lord, let your voice be heard;  
with faith that none can alter,  
your servants undergird.

**4** Keep bright in us the vision  
of days when war shall cease,  
when hatred and division  
give way to love and peace,  
till dawns the morning glorious  
when truth and love shall reign,  
and Christ shall rule victorious  
o'er all the world's domain.

## **APOSTLES' CREED (ELW p. 217)**

Let us confess our faith using 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.

Raise up faithful leaders for your church around the world. Inspire global missionaries with a spirit of accompaniment, as they walk alongside our partners in the gospel in solidarity, interdependence, and mutuality. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Safeguard rivers and lakes from pollution. Sustain the work of conservationists, policy makers, and advocacy groups seeking to protect fresh water sources. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Embrace all who suffer in isolation: for those who are incarcerated or detained, those who are fleeing from unsafe environments, and those who are sick or homebound (*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, Geraldine, Brittany, Sheila*). Reassure them of your care in all times and places. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Be with the family and friends of Donald Nevile, beloved father of Pastor Sue Nevile, who passed away Thursday August 7th 2025. Hear us, O God.*

**Your mercy is great.**

Guide the leaders of this congregation. In these late summer weeks, inspire their planning for a new program year ahead. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration and support for their work. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

With thanksgiving, we remember the cloud of witnesses who surround us. By the example of their faith, enable us to run with perseverance the race set before us, until that day when we join their unending praise. 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. 218)**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**THANKSGIVING**

**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**

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.**



## **CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING (ELW p. 219)**

Salvation belongs to our God  
and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

Great and wonderful are your deeds,  
O God of the universe;  
just and true are your ways,  
O Ruler of all the nations.

Who can fail to honor you, Lord,  
and sing the glory of your name?

Salvation belongs to our God  
and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
and blessed is the one  
whose name is the Word of God.

All praise and thanks to you, holy God!  
Salvation belongs to our God  
and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

## **THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD (ELW p. 220)**

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 221)SUNG**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us **SING** 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.**

## **BLESSING (ELW p. 221)**

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 *God, When Human Bonds Are Broken* (ELW 603)**

**1** God, when human bonds are broken  
and we lack the love or skill  
to restore the hope of healing,  
give us grace and make us still.

**3** You in us are bruised and broken:  
hear us as we seek release  
from the pain of earlier living;  
set us free and grant us peace.

**2** Through that stillness, with your Spirit  
come into our world of stress,  
for the sake of Christ forgiving  
all the failures we confess.

**4** Send us, God of new beginnings,  
humbly hopeful into life.  
Use us as a means of blessing:  
make us stronger, give us faith.

**5** Give us faith to be more faithful,  
give us hope to be more true,  
give us love to go on learning:  
God, encourage and renew!

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## **DISMISSAL (ELW p. 222)**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ATTENDANCE:</b> <b>Sunday August 10, 2025: 33</b></p>
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**ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: August 18–24**

Sunday: 10:00 am Holy Worship Service

**TODAY’S SCHEDULED WORSHIP LEADERS**

Worship Leader: Ellen Vandersleen  
Director of Music: Blaine Sack  
Sexton: Tyler Smith  
Projector Operator: Zac Phannenhour  
Video Recorder: Ty Phannenhour  
Sound Operator: Todd Phannenhour  
Counters: Kathy Hoffman, Christine Booth,  
Lisa Campitelli  
Altar Care: June Popke  
Ushers: Pamela Duplessis, Cindy Thrasher  
Coffee Hour: Peter & Patti Wegner

**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, Geraldine Belore, Brittany, Sheila Zadow-Purdy.

✝ Please prayer for the family and friends of Donald Nevile, beloved father of Pastor Sue Nevile, who passed away Thursday August 7<sup>th</sup> 2025. Visitation at Erb and Good Funeral Home Waterloo, on Tuesday August 19<sup>th</sup> with funeral service on Wednesday August 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m., Trillium Lutheran Church, Waterloo.

*If you know of anyone in hospital, in need of a visit or are recently deceased, please inform the church 613 732-8792 or Pastor Scott 705 313-0333.*



### 🔔 HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! 🔔

Pastor Dave and Elaine Metzger celebrated their 69<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Sunday August 10<sup>th</sup> 2025.

Your friends at Zion wish you love and joy as you celebrate this milestone and may your blessed union continue to flourish with God's grace.

### **PASTOR SCOTT AND PASTOR SUE ON HOLIDAYS AUGUST 4<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>**

During the three Sundays they are away there will no Holy Communion.

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

### **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.