

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE
THE 10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY AUGUST 2 2026
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP - SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* (ELW 843)

1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.

2 Praise the One who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out demons
with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

3 Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
praise the One who makes us one.

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GREETING

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. 213) *(sung by all)*

Kyrie eleison: Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison: Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison: Lord, have mercy.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 213)

**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.**

**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 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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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

Let us pray.

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31

A reading from Genesis.

²² [At night Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 17:1-7, 15

- ¹ Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- ² **Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
let your eyes be fixed on justice.**
- ³ Examine my heart, visit me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- ⁴ **I have not regarded what others do;
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**
- ⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;
and my feet do not slip.
- ⁶ **I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**
- ⁷ Show me your marvelous lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise
against them.
- ¹⁵ **But at my vindication I shall see your face;
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.**

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

A reading from Romans.

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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: Matthew 14:13-21

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Break Now the Bread of Life* (ELW 515)

1 Break now the bread of life,
dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page
I seek you, Lord;
my spirit waits for you,
O living Word.

2 Bless your own word of truth,
dear Lord, to me,
as when you blessed the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease,
all fetters fall;
and I shall find my peace,
my All-in-All!

3 You are the bread of life,
dear Lord, to me,
your holy word the truth that rescues me.
Give me to eat and live
with you above;
teach me to love your truth,
for you are love.

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APOSTLES' CREED (P. 217)

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.**

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

For your church in every place, that it satisfies those who hunger for your word.
Bless the ministry of readers, translators, Bible study leaders, and writers, that
God's word is broken open and shared with all. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For your wondrous creation and all the bounty it provides, that your creatures are fed and nourished. Bless the work of farmers, farmworkers, those who fish, and all whose labor brings your abundance to our tables. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For your children in every nation, that they learn to love justice and live in harmony. Keep us mindful of the horrors of war; draw our hearts instead toward your reign of love, hope, and peace. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For all who cry out with great sorrow and unceasing anguish, that they are comforted. Feed all who struggle with food insecurity; have mercy on all who are suffering in body, mind, and spirit (*especially for Jason, Rhonda, Heather, Joan, Larry, Garnet, Betty, Karl, Trudy, Elva, Eva, Inge, Marcella, David, Gwen, Jeanette, James, Brittany, Jean, June, Katie, Douglas, Cheryl, Roxanna, Bonnie, Dorothy, Kimberly, Freda, Delton, Megan, and those we name in our hearts and minds*). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For this congregation, that it bears faithful witness to the abundance and joy of life in you. Bless all your faithful people gathered here, that they may become blessings for this community. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

With thanksgiving for the faithful who now rest in your mercy, that their witness continues to inspire the church. By their example, may we trust your promises in life and in death. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN *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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OFFERTORY PRAYER (P. 107)

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 Saviour 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 (*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

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 HYMN *On Our Way Rejoicing* (ELW 537)

1 On our way rejoicing
gladly let us go.

Christ our Lord has conquered;
vanquished is the foe.

Christ without, our safety;

Christ within, our joy;

who, if we be faithful,
can our hope destroy?

Refrain

**On our way rejoicing;
as we forward move,
hearken to our praises,
O blest God of love!**

2 Unto God the Father
joyful songs we sing;
unto God the Savior
thankful hearts we bring;
unto God the Spirit
bow we and adore,
on our way rejoicing
now and evermore. **Refrain**

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DISMISSAL (ELW p. 222)

**Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: August 3 – 9

Monday:	7:00 pm	Healing Vets
Thursday:	7:00 pm	Healing Vets
Sunday:	10:00 am	Holy Worship Service

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Worship Leader:	Susan Dupuis
Music Director:	Blaine Sack
Sexton:	Tyler Smith
Projector Operator:	Gerry Vandersleen
Video Recorder:	Ellen Vandersleen
Sound Operator:	Gerry Vandersleen
Counters:	Andrew Zadow, Kathy Green, Lori Crigger
Altar Care:	Doug & Pauline Malliff
Ushers:	Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Rhonda Mau, Heather Miller, Joan Lehman, Larry Blais, Garnet Miller, Betty Kuehl, Karl Hausser, Trudy Hausser, Elva Gagne, Eva Hagenah, Inge Latiok, Marcella Kuehl, David Brumm, Gwen Burchart, Jeanette Nevile, James Dean, Brittany, Jean Kuehl, June Popke, Katie, Douglas Crigger, Cheryl, Roxanna, Bonnie Schmidt, Dorothy Guay, Kimberly Wolfgram-Schmidt, Freda Kathen, Delton Felske, Megan.

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.

Confirmation 2026-2027 Announcement!

There will be an information meeting after worship on Sunday, September 13th, in the parlour. Youth ages 13-14 are invited to join the 2026-2027 Confirmation class. Both years 1 and 2 study together. Classes are on Wednesday nights from 6:15 pm – 8:00 pm.

Please note that Pastor Scott and Pastor Sue will be on vacation from August 1–30, 2026.

If you require pastoral care during this time, please contact Pastor Albert of St. John's Lutheran Church in Petawawa at 416-781-9771, or contact the church office, and we will be happy to assist you.

We wish Pastor Scott and Pastor Sue a restful, refreshing, and blessed vacation. May God grant them a time of renewal, peace, and safe travels as they enjoy this well-deserved time away.

TO RESUME IN SEPTEMBER:

- ✓ Messy Church ✓ Pastoral Care ✓ Coffee Hour
- ✓ Zion Thrift Shop ✓ Morning Socials ✓ Choirs ✓ ZLW Meetings
- ✓ Senior Exercise Class

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

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.

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