

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY MAY 25TH 2025
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP SETTING TWO

HYMN SING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 116)

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.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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 *Drawn to the Light* (ELW 593)

1 People who walk in darkness have sought
a light in the heart of the darkest night.
Just when we thought all would be lost,
we were drawn to the light of God.

Refrain

Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night,
drawn to the light and the morning.
Glorious and bright, oh, what a sight
to be drawn to the light of God.

2 How can we tell a heaven from hell
if ev'ryone dwells in the dark of night?
Morning dispels, gently compels,
and we're drawn to the light of God. **Refrain**

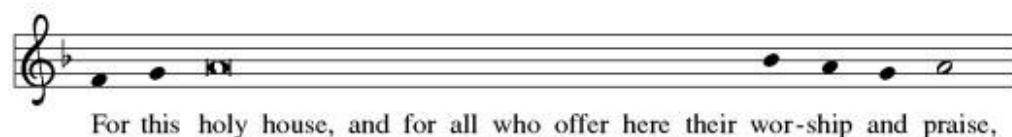
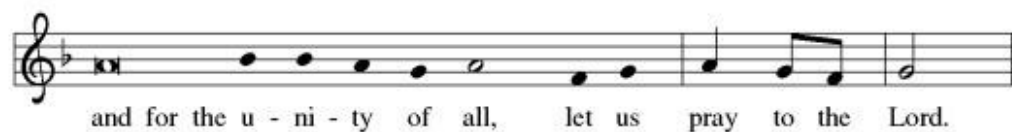
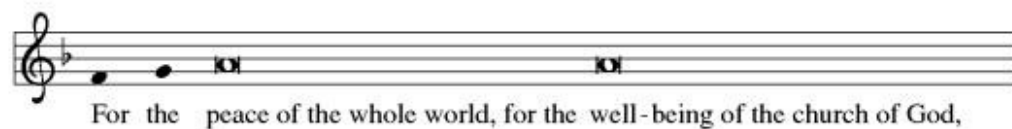
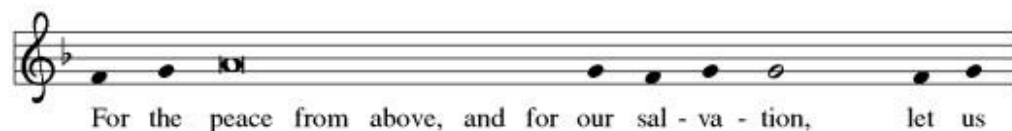
3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none!
The Lamb is the one who is shining bright,
bids us to come! Life has begun
when we're drawn to the light of God. **Refrain**

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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)



CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 122)

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 124)

Let us pray.

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15

A reading from Acts.

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 67

¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

² **Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ **The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷ May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

A reading from Revelation.

¹⁰ And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1} Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 124)



GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²³ Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵ “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *O Spirit of Life* (ELW 405)

1 O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,
in ev'ry need you bring us aid,
proceeding forth from heaven's throne,
from God, the Father and the Son;
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.

2 O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,
increase our faith in our dear Lord;
unless your grace the power should give,
none can believe in Christ and live;
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.

3 O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,
make us to love your sacred word;
the holy flame of love impart,
that charity may warm each heart;
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.

4 O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,
enlighten us by that same word;
teach us to know God's radiant love,
lead us to Christ who reigns above;
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.

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NICENE CREED (ELW p. 126)

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

**in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Unite your people with communities of faith throughout the world. Further cooperation between people of different faith traditions and bless our non-Christian neighbors that we learn and grow in deeper relationship. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bless the earth with fresh water, clean air, and rich soil. Nurture growing crops and encourage communities developing sustainable farming practices. Help us to live in balance and harmony with your good creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Reconcile nations and communities suffering from violence and conflict. Protect refugees, asylum-seekers, and all who flee their homes seeking safety and security. Make all nations safe for both migrants and residents. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bless all who are baptized this day. Especially we pray for Sienna Maria Rombeiro as she is baptized today. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Sustain all who are in need, especially individuals and families struggling with trauma or addiction. Support caregivers, especially nurses, doctors, counselors, and social workers. Come alongside all who are ill or struggling (*especially Jason, Martha, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Anneliese, Joan, Judy, Larry, Garnet, Betty, Lily, Karl, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Barbara, Inge, Marcella, Kirk, David, Gwen, Don, Jeanette, James, Charlie*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Be with the family of Joan Laforce as they continue to grieve her death. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bless love everywhere. Bless Kyle Verch and Angela Zekveld as they are married on Saturday May 31 2025. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for all your saints raised to new life in Christ. Gather us, with them, into the peace only you can give. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

PEACE (ELW p. 128)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING *Day of Arising* (ELW 374 verse 1 and 4)

1 Day of arising,
Christ on the roadway,
unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him,
as fades the first day,
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.

4 Christ, our companion,
hope for the journey,
bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision,
set all hearts burning
that all creation with you may rise.

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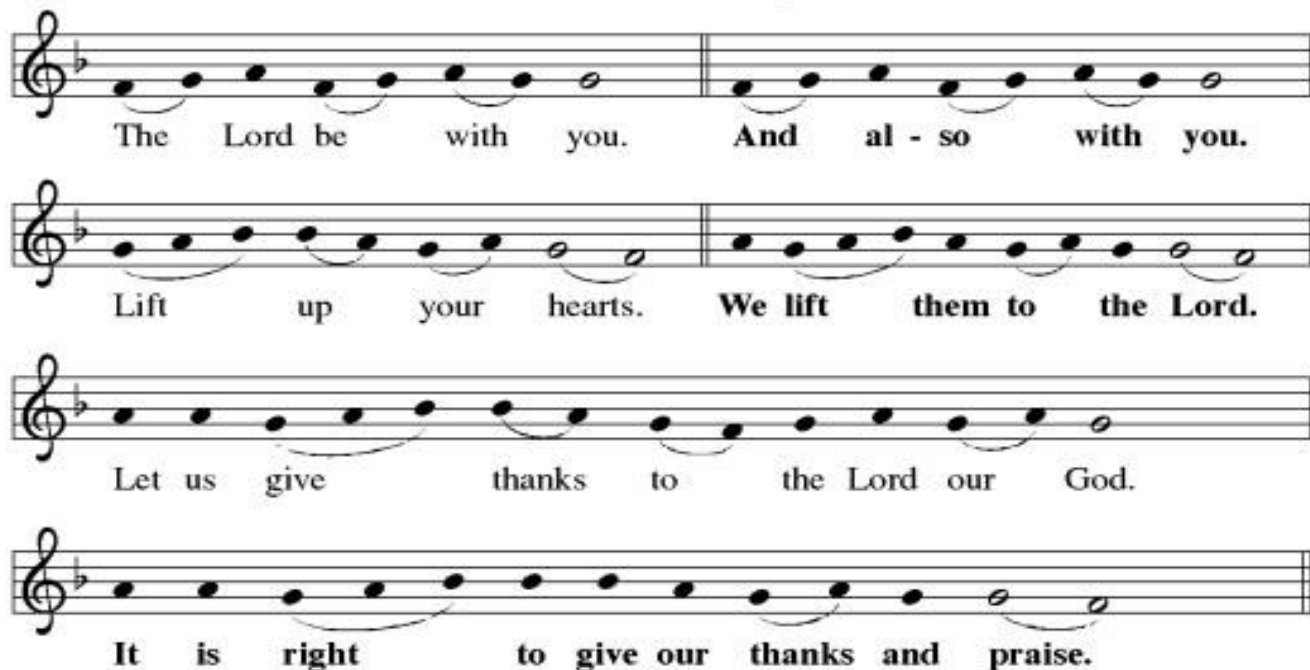
OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 129)

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

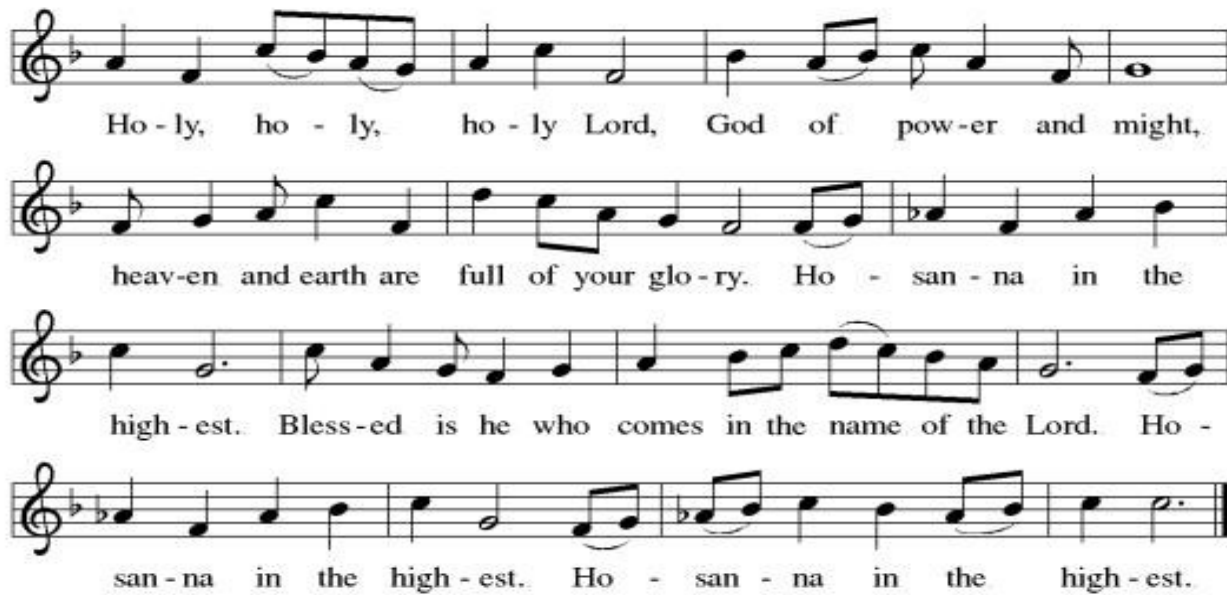
GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE (ELW p. 129)



PREFACE (ELW p. 130)

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,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the
resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 130)



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 130)

O God most mighty,
O God most merciful,
O God our rock and our salvation,
hear us as we praise,
call us to your table,
grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void,
you formed order and beauty.
When Abraham and Sarah were barren,
you sent them a child;
When the Israelites were enslaved,
you led them to freedom.
Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath,
and the psalmists cried out for healing,
and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.
He was born among the poor,
he lived under oppression,
he wept over the city.
With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **[Amen.]**
Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **[Amen.]**
Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **[Amen.]**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.
O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly,
O God our strength and our song,
you show us a vision of a tree of life
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.
Grant us such life,
the life of the Father to the Son,
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,
life in you, now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 134)

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *O Lord, We Praise You* (ELW 499)

1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and adore you,
in thanksgiving bow before you.

Here with your body and your blood you nourish
our weak souls that they may flourish.

O Lord, have mercy!

May your body, Lord, born of Mary,
that our sins and sorrows did carry,
and your blood for us plead

in all trial, fear, and need:

O Lord, have mercy!

2 Your holy body into death was given,
life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to you could bind us;
may this feast of that remind us!
O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, your kindness so much did move you
that your blood now moves us to love you.
All our debt you have paid;
peace with God once more is made.
O Lord, have mercy!

3 Lord God, bestow on us your grace and favor,
that we follow Christ our Savior
and live together here in love and union,
nor repent this blest communion.
O Lord, have mercy!
Let not your good Spirit forsake us,
by this holy banquet remake us.
Give your church, Lord, to see
days of peace and unity.
O Lord, have mercy!

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN *The Peace of the Lord: La paz del Señor* (ELW 646)

1 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord
the peace of the risen Lord Jesus:
the peace of the Lord is for you and for me,
and also for all of God's children.
The peace of the Lord is for you and for me,
and also for all of God's children.

2 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord,
the peace of the risen Lord Jesus:
the peace of the Lord is among us right now,
so open yourselves to receive it.
The peace of the Lord is among us right now,
so open yourselves to receive it.

3 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord,
the peace of the risen Lord Jesus:
the peace of the Lord kept within cannot live,
so open yourselves now to share it.
The peace of the Lord kept within cannot live,
so open yourselves now to share it.

Text: Anders Ruuth; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923. English text © Lutheran World Federation.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 136)

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING (ELW p. 136)

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 *Go to the World* (ACS 991)

1 Go to the world! Go into all the earth.

Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

2 Go to the world! Go into ev'ry place.

Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.

Go seek God's presence in each time and space.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

3 Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.

As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry, Amen!"
Alleluia. Alleluia.

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DISMISSAL (ELW p. 137)

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, May 18, 2025: 52, Living Stones 36 – Total: 88

ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: May 26 – June 1

Monday:	1:00 pm	Exercise Class
	7:00 pm	Healing Vets
Tuesday:	7:00 pm	Mixed Choir
Wednesday:	1:30 pm	Exercise Class
	6:15 pm	Confirmation Class
	7:00 pm	Men's Choir
Thursday:	7:00 pm	Healing Vets
Friday:	10:00 am	Joan LaForce Funeral Service
	1:00 pm	Exercise Class
	6:30 pm	Verch/Zekveld Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday	2:30 pm	Verch/Zekveld Wedding
Sunday:	10:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Scott Schellenberger
Worship Assistant:	Ellen Vandersleen
Director of Music:	Blaine Sack
Sexton:	Hunter Denney
Projector Operator:	Rick Gerundin
Video Recorder:	Korbin Smith
Sound Operator:	Brian Smith
Counters:	Jean & Kevin Rutz
Altar Care:	Cheryl Sack
Ushers:	Alan Rose, Cheryl Sack
Coffee Hour:	Dornetta Mau, Wilmer Verch

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, Anneliese Trautrim, Joan Lehman, Judy and Larry Blais, Garnet Miller, Betty Kuehl, Lily Kubiseski, Karl Hausser, Elva & Clarence Gagne, Eva Hagenah, Barbara Schoof, Inge Latiok, Marcella Kuehl, Kirk Weichenthal, Joan LaForce, David Brumm, Gwen Burchart, Don and Jeanette Nevile, James Dean, Charlie Merredew.

Please pray for the family and friends as they grieve the death of their loved one, Joan LaForce. Her funeral service will be **Friday May 30th 2025 at 10:00 am** at Zion Lutheran Church. There will be no visitation.

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.

OFFERINGS – HOW CAN YOU LEAVE A DONATION?

- 1.) Place your gift in the OFFERING PLATES AT EITHER ENTRANCE to the 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. Please be sure to leave an address for tax receipts.

EXERCISE CLASS UPDATE Please note the time change for Wednesday's exercise class. **Monday 1:00 pm, Wednesday 1:30 pm, Friday 1:00 pm.** Be sure to bring a friend!

RETIREMENT HOME SERVICES Miramichi Lodge on **Tuesday June 3rd** at **10:30 am.**

CONFIRMATION CLASSES are scheduled for **Wednesday May 28th, June 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th** at **6:15 pm.**

ST JOSEPH'S FOOD BANK OPPORTUNITY

St. Joseph's Community Food Bank is presently seeking to hire a part-time Purchasing Coordinator. This motivated team member is responsible for sourcing, purchasing food, and managing the Food Bank's inventory. Requirements: ability to lift up to 40 lbs., valid driver's license, and own vehicle. Some online ordering. Info: 613-635-2770. Send resume and cover letter outlining qualifications and passion for the role to: **stjosephsfoodbank3@gmail.com**

IN OUR CONGREGATION

Gerry and Ellen Vandersleen are excited to share the joyous news of the Baptism of their granddaughter, Sierra Maria Rombeiro, child of Rebecca and Michael Rombeiro, their daughter and son-in-law. The blessed event will take place at Hope Fellowship Church in Courtice, Ontario, on Sunday May 25, 2025. Prayers and blessings to Sierra, her parents, grandparents and family.

WEDDING

We pray for Kyle Verch and Angela Zekveld as they are married on **Saturday May 31st at 2:30 pm** at Zion Lutheran Church.

FATHER'S DAY SUNDAE

Join us on **Sunday June 15th 2025** during fellowship. Join us and make your own sundae!

MESSY CHURCH: There is no messy church gathering in the month of **June.**

ZION WATERFRONT SERVICE SUNDAY JUNE 22 at 11:00 AM

Join Zion Lutheran Church at the Pembroke waterfront amphitheatre for our Sunday Worship Service and potluck, led by Living Stones Band. Bring yourself, a chair, a potluck dish and a friend! In case of rain or inclement weather, the service will be held at Zion Lutheran Church.

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