

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE  
THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SUNDAY AUGUST 10 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 *Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun (557 ELW)***

**1** Awake, my soul, and with the sun  
thy daily stage of duty run;  
shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise  
to pay thy morning sacrifice.

**2** All praise to thee, who safe hast kept  
and hast refreshed me while I slept.  
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake,  
I may of endless light partake.

**3** Lord, I my vows to thee renew.  
Disperse my sins as morning dew;  
guard my first springs of thought and will;  
and with thyself my spirit fill.

**4** Direct, control, suggest, this day,  
all I design or do or say,  
that all my pow'rs, with all their might,  
in thy sole glory may unite.

**5** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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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**

### **\*Final 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,  
And Peace To God's People On Earth.**

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

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church.  
Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive  
you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20**

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup> The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

<sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

<sup>11</sup> What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls or of lambs or of goats.

<sup>12</sup> When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more!

<sup>13</sup> Bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and Sabbath and calling of convocation— I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

<sup>14</sup> Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them.

<sup>15</sup> When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.

<sup>16</sup> Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove your evil deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil;

<sup>17</sup> learn to do good; seek justice; rescue the oppressed; defend the orphan; plead for the widow.

<sup>18</sup> Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: If your sins are like scarlet, will they become like snow? If they are red like crimson, will they become like wool?

<sup>19</sup> If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land,

<sup>20</sup> but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23**

<sup>1</sup> The mighty one, God the Lord, has spoken; calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

<sup>2</sup> **Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God shines forth in glory.**

<sup>3</sup> Our God will come and will not keep silence; with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

<sup>4</sup> **God calls the heaven from above to witness the judgment of the people.**

<sup>5</sup> “Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”

<sup>6</sup> **The heavens declare the rightness of God’s cause, for it is God who is judge.**

<sup>7</sup> “Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

<sup>8</sup> **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifice; your burnt offerings are always before me.**

<sup>22</sup> Consider this well, you who forget God, lest I tear you apart and there be no liver you.

<sup>23</sup> **Whoever offers me a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; I will show the salvation of God to those who go the right way. “**

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith, with Sarah’s involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

<sup>13</sup> All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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 12:32-40**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup> “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup> “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup> be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup> “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON (ELW p. 217)**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY *Have No Fear, Little Flock* (ELW 764)**

**1** Have no fear, little flock;  
have no fear, little flock,  
for the Father has chosen  
to give you the kingdom;  
have no fear, little flock!

**3** Praise the Lord high above;  
praise the Lord high above,  
for he stoops down to heal you,  
uplift and restore you;  
praise the Lord high above!

**2** Have good cheer, little flock;  
have good cheer, little flock,  
for the Father will keep you  
in his love forever;  
have good cheer, little flock!

**4** Thankful hearts raise to God;  
thankful hearts raise to God,  
for he stays close beside you,  
in all things works with you;  
thankful hearts raise to God!

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## **APOSTLES' CREED (ELW 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive to Christ's call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth, especially where life and habitats are threatened. Guide the work of astronomers and all who teach us about the stars and galaxies. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Let your loving kindness be on those in need (*especially for Jason, Martha, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Anneliese, Joan, Judy, Larry, Garnet, Betty, Karl, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Barbara, Inge, Marcella, Kirk, David, Gwen, Don, Jeanette, James, Charlie, Geraldine, Brittany, Sheila*). Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and died having seen them only from a distance. Sustain us in our hope of things not seen. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your loving kindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**



## **PEACE (ELW p. 218)**

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**

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)

*Refrain*

Sal - va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for -

ev - er and ev - er. 1 Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O

God of the u - ni - verse; just and true are your ways, O

Rul - er of all the na-tions. Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and

*Refrain*

sing the glo - ry of your name? Sal - va-tion be-longs to our

God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

2 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, and

bles-sed is the one whose name is the Word of God. All

*Refrain*

praise and thanks to you, ho - ly God! Sal - va-tion be-longs to our

God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

## **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)**

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.**

## **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 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* (ELW 632)**

**1** O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home.

**2** Under the shadow of your throne  
your saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is your arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.

**3** Before the hills in order stood  
or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting you are God,  
to endless years the same.

**4** A thousand ages in your sight  
are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.

**5** Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.

**6** O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home.

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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><b>ATTENDANCE:</b> <b>Sunday August 3, 2025: 60</b></p>
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## **ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: August 11–17**

Sunday:      10:00 am      Holy Worship Service

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

Worship Leader:	Lorraine MacKenzie
Director of Music:	Blaine Sack
Sexton:	Koiti Rull
Projector Operator:	Ellen Vandersleen
Video Recorder:	Ryan Schmidt
Sound Operator:	Noah Schmidt
Counters:	Andrew Zadow, Kathy Green, Lori Crigger
Altar Care:	Sandra Graham
Ushers:	Kevin & Jean Rutz
Coffee Hour:	Susan Dupuis

## **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, Don and Jeanette Nevile, James Dean, Charlie Merredew, Geraldine Belore, Brittany, Sheila Zadow-Purdy.

*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.*

**Pastor Scott and Pastor Sue will be on holidays August 4 - August 24. During the three Sundays they are away there will be 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.

## **GUIDING LIGHT DEADLINE**

Please submit your Guiding Light submissions no later than Friday August 15 2025 for inclusion in our September newsletter.

## **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.