ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21 2025

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP SETTING 10

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our 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 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (ELW 631)

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.

Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee! Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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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. 203)



CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 204)



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 8:18—9:1

A reading from Jeremiah.

- ¹⁸ My joy is gone; grief is upon me; my heart is sick.
- ¹⁹ Listen! The cry of the daughter of my people from far and wide in the land:

"Is the Lord not in Zion?

Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?")

- ²⁰ "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."
- ²¹ For the brokenness of the daughter of my people I am broken, I mourn, and horror has seized me.
- 22 Is there no balm in Gilead?

Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of the daughter of my people not been restored?

9:1 O that my head were a spring of water and my eyes a fountain of tears,

so that I might weep day and night

for the slain of the daughter of my people!

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 79:1-9

- ¹ O God, the nations have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your holy temple; they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.
- ² They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.
- ³ They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury them.

- ⁴ We have become a reproach to our neighbors, an object of scorn and derision to those around us.
- ⁵ How long will you be angry, O Lord? Will your fury blaze like fire forever?
- ⁶ Pour out your wrath upon the nations who have not known you and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your name.
- ⁷ For they have devoured Jacob and made his dwelling a ruin.
- ⁸ Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; for we have been brought very low.
- ⁹ Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your name's sake.

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

A reading from 1 Timothy.

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, ⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)



GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

 $^{\rm 1}$ Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' 3 Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. 4 I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' 5 So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' 6 He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' 7 Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.'8 And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. 9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰ "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY O Jesus, I Have Promised (ELW 810)

1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; remain forever near me, my master and my friend. I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side, nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near. I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear. My foes are ever near me, around me and within; but, Iesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.

3 Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will. Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.

4 O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you that where you are in glory your servant shall be too. And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend. Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt. Text: Public Domain.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

O God, teach your church to act in solidarity with the poor, frustrating the efforts of those who trample on the needy and practicing justice in our own life and community. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Almighty Creator, we pray for an end to the misuse of the earth and its resources, that all people may benefit from your abundant gifts and that our stewardship of creation would be marked by justice and sustainability. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Holy One, embolden elected leaders to pursue policies of economic justice for the benefit of all, especially those who are most vulnerable and marginalized. Persuade them by your example of generosity and compassion. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

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

Compassionate God, we pray for all facing illness, those near death, or those grieving the loss of loved ones (especially Jason, Martha, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Anneliese, Joan, Judy, Larry, Garnet, Betty, Karl, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Barbara, Inge, Marcella, Kirk, David, Gwen, Jeanette, James, Charlie, Brittany, Sheila, Jean, Sandra, and those we name in our hearts and minds). May they find comfort and strength in your love. Prepare us to surround them with your healing care. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

God of love, motivate our congregation to enact economic justice through tangible action, prioritizing the needs of our community and sharing resources generously through our outreach and justice ministries. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Gracious God, we give thanks for the saints who now join the heavenly chorus in praising your name. Lift us up from the dust of grief and remind us of your promise of new life. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am (ELW 814) 2X

Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart

and live in me.

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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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

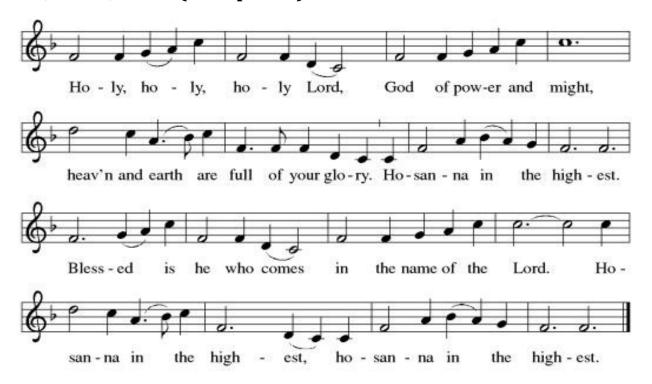
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 207)



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 108)

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you. He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way 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, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,

that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 208)

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

SONG DURING COMMUNION Now We Offer (WOV 761)
Refrain
Now we offer you, our Father,
with the bread and with the wine
all our joys and all our sorrows,
all our struggles and our time.

1 As the fields of wheat now growing will become a holy sign, so shall we reveal you, Jesus, that in us you now may shine. **Refrain**

2 Like the grape put in the cellar, there to change into the wine, all the poor on earth who suffer shed their sorrows in this sign. **Refrain**

3 In these gifts we see our oneness throughout city and the field, and we find a life of solace where the scars of strife are healed. **Refrain**

4 All your people who are yearning for the freedom still ahead offer fruits of your creation in these gifts of wine and bread. **Refrain**

5 We sing glory to the Father and to Christ who lives above, and we praise the Holy Spirit for the gift to us of love. **Refrain**

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SONG DURING COMMUNION There Is a Balm in Gilead (ELW 614) Refrain

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. **Refrain**

2 If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all." **Refrain**

3 Don't ever be discouraged, for Jesus is your friend; and if you lack for knowledge he'll ne'er refuse to lend. **Refrain**Text: African American spiritual. Text: Public Domain.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

Amen.

SENDING SONG Let Justice Flow like Streams (ELW 717)

1 Let justice flow like streams of sparkling water, pure, enabling growth, refreshing life, abundant, cleansing, sure.

2 Let righteousness roll on as others' cares we heed, an ever-flowing stream of faith translated into deed.

3 So may God's plumb line, straight, define our measure true, and justice, right, and peace pervade this world our whole life through.

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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ATTENDANCE:

Sunday September 14, 2025: 80

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. Please be sure to leave an address for tax receipts.

(Please mute cell phones during worship service)

ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: September 22–28

Monday: 8:30 am Pickle Ball

1:00 pm Senior Exercise Class

6:00 pm Pickle Ball

7:00 pm Music Healing Vets

Tuesday: 7:00 pm Men's Choir

Wednesday: 10:00 am Morning Social

11:00 am E.N. Get Together

1:00 pm Senior Exercise Class

7:00 pm Mixed Choir

Thursday: 7:00 pm Music Healing Vets

Friday: 1:00 pm Senior Exercise Class

Sunday: 10:00 am Holy Worship Service with Holy

Communion

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister: Pastor Scott Schellenberger

Director of Music: Blaine Sack

Worship Assistant: Susan Dupuis

Sexton: Koit Rull

Projector Operator: Sherri Phannenhour

Video Recorder: Zachary Phannenhour

Sound Operator: Todd Phannenhour

Counters: Lisa Campitelli, Karen Gauthier, David Lehman

Altar Care: Sandra Graham

Ushers: Kevin & Jean Rutz

Coffee Hour: Debbie & Stan Sitkiewicz

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ill. Please pray for those who are in hospital, or requested Martha Kodrzynski, Lehman, Godin, Ella special prayers: Jason 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, Brittany, Sheila Zadow-Purdy, Jean Kuehl, Sandra Graham.

A Memorial Visitation for Francine Remus Smith will be held at the Malcolm, Deavitt & Binhammer Funeral Home on **Tuesday, September 23, 2025 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.**, followed by interment in Zion Lutheran Cemetery.

HEAVENLY BIRTHDAY FLORAL ARRANGEMENT

The floral arrangement on the altar has been placed by Gail Roesler in loving memory of her mother Aileen Roesler who would have celebrated her 88th birthday on September 20th.

MORNING SOCIAL Please join us for our Morning Social on Wednesday September 24th at 10:00 a.m.

<u>ZLW – FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN</u> Loose offerings received on Sunday September 28th will be designated for the Fellowship of the Least Coin. We thank you for your participation in this program. *Zion Lutheran Women*

HYMN SING There will be a hymn sing prior to the service on **Sunday**, **September 28**th.

<u>SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS</u> Senior Exercise classes Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1:00 pm. Welcome and bring a friend!

<u>CONFIRMATION CLASSES</u> Confirmation classes begin Wednesday October 1st 2025 at 6:15 pm. Please speak with Pastor Scott if you have any questions.





You need not be a member of Zion. Everyone is welcome.





Join us the first Monday every month. We begin each night with a meal at 5:30 pm.



Next Dates:
October 6, November 3, December 1

Come for an evening of so much FUN! Bring a friend!

MILLER STREET CONSTRUCTION Miller Street between Munro Street and Christie Street will be undergoing construction beginning Monday September 8th 2025 for 3 weeks. The construction will block off the Miller street entrance, so please use the Munro Street driveway entrance to get into the church parking lot. Parking on church property will not be affected.

CAMP LUTHERLYN 60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION We are very excited to share details of our 60th Anniversary Roast Beef Dinner! Join us Saturday October 25th - We would like to invite you (and others) to join us for a 60th Anniversary Celebration for Camp Lutherlyn. It will feature a fabulous roast beef dinner with live music by Gate 47 - a renowned Ottawa Valley contemporary Christian band and an opportunity beforehand to tour the camp or do crafts or both. Tickets are \$40 each and can be purchased by e-transferring Lutherlyn.Fin@gmail.com (please be sure to include name and email address in details of the e-transfer).



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