

**ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE
THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14 2025
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP SETTING TEN**

PRELUDE

WELCOME & 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 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (ELW 807)

1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer:
"Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

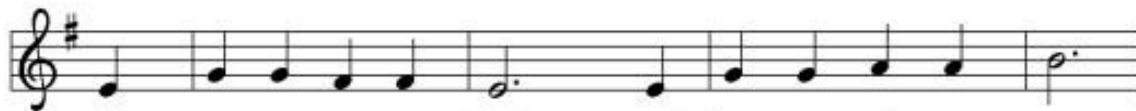
3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

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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)



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 204)



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

MIXED CHOIR - 'CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER'

By Sandell Berg and Olson, with music as Swedish folk tune

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

A reading from Jeremiah.

¹¹ At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward the daughter of my people, not to winnow or cleanse, ¹² a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

²² "For my people are foolish;
they do not know me;
they are stupid children;
they have no understanding.
They are skilled in doing evil
but do not know how to do good."

²³ I looked on the earth, and it was complete chaos,
and to the heavens, and they had no light.

²⁴ I looked on the mountains, and they were quaking,
and all the hills moved to and fro.

²⁵ I looked, and there was no one at all,
and all the birds of the air had fled.

²⁶ I looked, and the fruitful land was a desert,
and all its cities were laid in ruins
before the Lord, before his fierce anger.

²⁷ For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation, yet I will not make a full end.

²⁸ Because of this the earth shall mourn
and the heavens above grow black,
for I have spoken; I have purposed;
I have not relented, nor will I turn back.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 14

¹ Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, every deed is vile; there is no one who does any good.

² **The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, to see if there is anyone who is wise, who seeks after God.**

³ They have all proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; there is none who does good; no, not one.

⁴ **Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the Lord?**

⁵ See how they tremble with fear, because God is in the company of the righteous.

⁶ **Your aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, but the Lord is their refuge.**

⁷ Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of the people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel will be glad.

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

A reading from 1 Timothy.

¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)



GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸ "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* (ELW 588)

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment giv'n.

2 There is welcome for the sinner,
and a promised grace made good;
there is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.

3 For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make this love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify its strictness
with a zeal God will not own.

4 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;
it is something more than all:
greater good because of evil,
larger mercy through the fall.
Make our love, O God, more faithful;
let us take you at your word,
and our lives will be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.

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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.**

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Merciful God, pour out your grace upon your church. Forgive us for the times when we have been unfaithful, and renew our commitment to your gospel of love. Empower us to live as a community of mercy. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Merciful God, we ask forgiveness for the ways we have neglected and harmed this earth and its creatures. Confirm our commitment to care for all you have made, and grant us wisdom and strength to take action toward restoring your creation to its fullness. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Merciful God, govern all who hold positions of power and authority. Instruct them to make just decisions that serve the common good. Make them instruments of your mercy in the world, working to heal divisions and promote peace. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Merciful God, we lift up all who suffer. Bring healing, comfort, and peace to those who are sick, grieving, or in pain (*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*). Give us compassionate hearts to accompany those who are hurting and courage to work for justice and mercy. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Merciful God, bind us together as a community of forgiveness and love. Supply us with humility to seek forgiveness when we have wronged one another and generosity to extend mercy when we have been wronged. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Merciful God, we remember in love those who have departed this life. Console those who mourn, and give them the hope of resurrection. 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.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, 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.

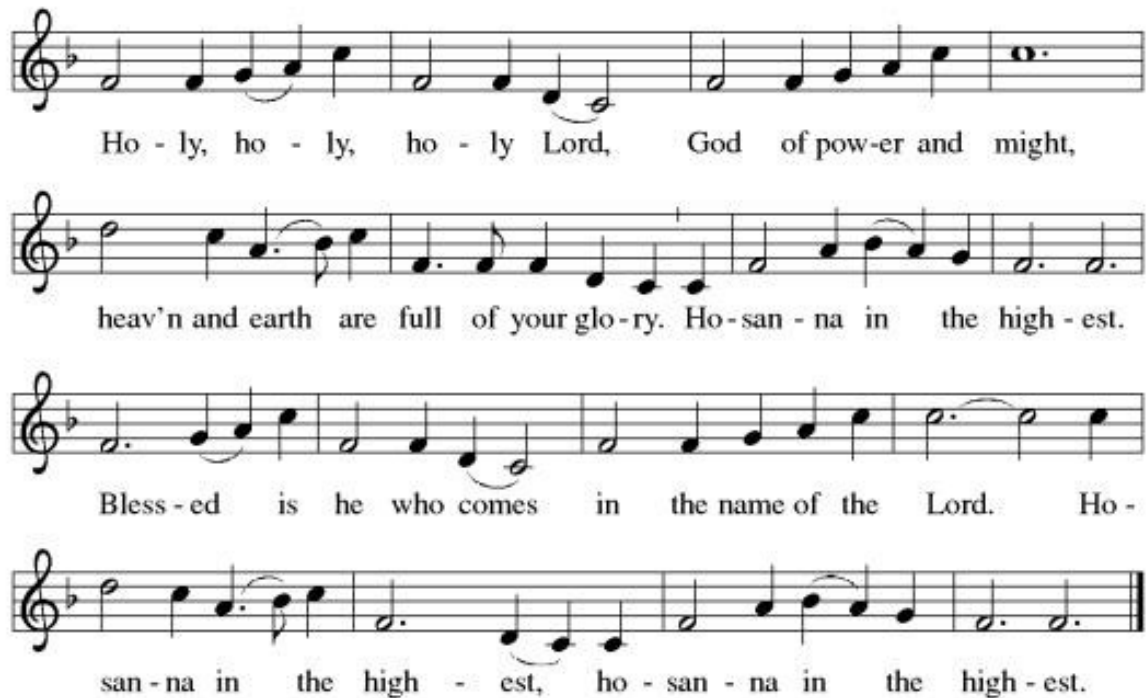
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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

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)



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True* (ELW 675)

1 O Christ, our light, O Radiance true,
shine forth on those estranged from you,
and bring them to your home again,
where their delight shall never end.

2 Fill with the radiance of your grace
the wand'ers lost in error's maze.
Set free all those whose hearts and minds
some deep delusion haunts and binds.

3 Lord, open all reluctant ears
and take away the needless fears
of those who tremble to express
the faith their inmost hearts confess.

4 Lord, let your mercy's gentle ray
shine down on others strayed away.
To those in conscience wounded sore
show heaven's waiting, open door.

5 Make theirs with ours a single voice
uplifted, ever to rejoice
with wond'ring gratitude and praise
to you, O Lord, for boundless grace.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* (ELW 608)

1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain

**"Come home, (Come home,
come home! (come home!)
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"**

2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? **Refrain**

3 Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. **Refrain**

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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 SONG *Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing* (ELW 544)

1 Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing,
worship, thanks, devotion voicing:
glory be to God on high!
Christ, your cross and passion sharing,
by this eucharist declaring
yours the final victory.

2 Scattered flock, one shepherd sharing,
lost and lonely, one voice hearing,
ears attentive to your word;
by your blood new life receiving,
in your body, firm believing,
we are yours, and you the Lord.

3 Sins forgiven, wrongs forgiving,
we go forth alert and living
in your Spirit, strong and free.
Partners in your new creation,
seeking peace in ev'ry nation,
may we faithful foll'wers be.

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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ATTENDANCE: Sunday September 7, 2025: 75

(Please mute cell phones during worship service)

ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: September 15–21

Monday: 10:00 am Pastoral Care Mtg.
1:00 pm Senior Exercise Class
7:00 pm Music Healing Vets

Tuesday: 1:00 pm Social Ministry Mtg.
7:00 pm RCLC Mtg -Lounge
7:00 pm Men's Choir

Wednesday: 11:00 am E.N. Get Together
1:00 pm Senior Exercise Class
7:00 pm Mixed Choir

Thursday: 2:00 pm Supples Landing Worship Service
7:00 pm Music Healing Vets

Friday: 1:00 pm Senior Exercise Class

Sunday: 10:00 am Holy Worship Service with
Holy Communion and Living Stones Service

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Scott Schellenberger
Director of Music:	Blaine Sack
Worship Assistant:	Krista Smith
Sexton:	Diane Hammel
Projector Operator:	Ellen Vandersleen
Video Recorder:	Ryan Schmidt
Sound Operator:	Noah Schmidt
Counters:	Lisa Campitelli, Karen Gauthier, David Lehman
Altar Care:	Jean Rutz
Ushers:	Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz
Coffee Hour:	Patti & Peter 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, Brittany, Sheila Zadow-Purdy, Jean Kuehl, Sandra Graham.

BIRTHDAY WISHES! Paul Merredew along with family and friends, would like to wish Elva Merredew a Very Happy 92nd birthday on September 16th!

Psalm 95:1-2 ¹ O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! ² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Extol Him with music and song! God loves to hear you sing (even if you think you have a terrible voice). A joyful heart singing His praises is a sweet, sweet sound. If you play an instrument, play it for Him. Gather with your family and friends to praise Him. Sing joy to the Lord for He is the rock of our salvation.

Please join us for some fellowship and birthday cake during coffee hour after today's service.

CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETING to follow worship service today **Sunday September 14th 2025**

PINT OR POP WITH THE PASTORS Join Pastor Scott and Pastor Sue for a drink and conversation at Finnigan's thing evening, **Sunday September 14th at 6:30 pm.**

PASTORAL CARE will be meeting on **Monday September 15th at 10:00 am.**

SOCIAL MINISTRY will be meeting on **Tuesday September 16th at 7:00 pm.**

SUPPLES LANDING Worship Service will be held on **Thursday September 18th at 2:00 pm.**

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

HYMN SING

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

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

CONFIRMATION CLASSES Parents of confirmation age children considering joining this year please speak with Pastor Scott or contact the church office 613-732-8792.

OCTOBER GUIDING LIGHT DEADLINE Please submit your Guiding Light submissions to the office no later than **Friday September 19th** for inclusion in the October Guiding Light. Thank you.

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.

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.



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



Next Dates:
Sept 8, Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 1
Come for an evening of so much FUN!
Bring a friend!

Morning Social Gatherings



Are you looking to spend some time having coffee, tea and goodies while sharing conversation with others?

Come to our bi-weekly fellowship hours:
September 10 and 24 at 10:00am

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

Pint or Pop with the Pastors



Join Pastor Scott and Pastor Sue for a drink and conversation!
We will gather at Finnigan's
September 14 at 6:30 pm.
Bring some money for food if you'd like to eat!

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