

2026 THEME FOR BEREA & ZION

LIVING THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23

The fruit of the Spirit is evidence of His work in our lives, shown by how we serve Christ by serving others. Because of the salvation Jesus bought for us, we are now free. But what SHOULD we do? Paul says he (and we) are "slaves" ("servants") to Christ.

By being servants and in gratitude to Jesus for His saving work, we are empowered by the Spirit working in and through us to do what He wants. We praise Him with lives well lived, and bring the message of salvation to everyone around us, bringing Him glory by our actions.

Throughout the year, we will explore the meaning of all nine fruit. Watch for these explorations on the announcement page. We hope you will revisit your understanding of God's gifts, seeing where the Holy Spirit's fruit shine through. You are a work in progress, a work of art that God has not yet finished.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour! It's great to have you with us today! If you are here because you are looking for a church family to be a part of, We're always excited to unite brothers and sisters in Christ. Talk to Pastor John today.

BEREA & ZION GUESTS

At the end of worship we would like to invite you to please take a moment to sign our guest book in the foyer.

SERVANTS IN THE LORD’S HOUSE

BEREA

Organist: Bill Irwin
Altar Guild: Kevin & Heather Ball
Elders: Kevin Ball, Chuck Becker
For Prayer: Lilo 226 421-2436, Elizabeth 519 237-3622

ZION

Organist: Joanne Maguire
Altar Guild: R. Luckhart / M.A. Walper
Elders: Ken Rader, Lorne Koch, Tom Hayter, Randy Bowers, Jeff Miller
For Prayer: Nancy 237-3653, Brenda 237-3789



OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE...

... is that we ordinarily offer the Lord’s Supper only to those who are communicant members of a congregation of Lutheran Church-Canada or of congregations which are part of a church body which is in altar and pulpit fellowship with The LC-C.

Scripture teaches that Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, the confession of a common faith, and that those who are unprepared may do to themselves spiritual harm. We hold this historic position out of love for God’s Word and in the care of souls.

Even as we try to respect the practices of other Christian denominations, so we ask others to please respect our practice.

If there are some whom we do not commune who would like to come forward, they may do so, crossing their arms over their chests and our pastor will speak a blessing over those persons.

Any who would like to discuss this practice at more length may make an appointment with the pastor to do so.

(As you wait for the service to begin, because we are celebrating the Lord’s Supper today please take a moment for self examination. You can refer to the inside cover of this bulletin for guidance)

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Please be seated for Announcements

Psalm of the Day ~ Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
- 8 The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 9 The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.
- 11 May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Old Testament ~ Isaiah 42:1-9

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

Epistle ~ Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel ~ Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."



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Matthew 3:16-17

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