

2026 THEME FOR BEREA & ZION

LIVING THE FRUIT 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: K. Hayter / M. 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.

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

(Because we are celebrating the Lord’s Supper today please refer to “Our Communion Practice” on the inside cover of this bulletin for guidance.)

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Psalm of the Day ~ Psalm 65: 9-13

- 9 You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide their grain, for so you have prepared it.
- 10 You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.**
- 11 You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.
- 12 The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,**
- 13 the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

Old Testament ~ Isaiah 55:10-13

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. “For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Epistle ~ Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Gospel ~ Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

“Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”



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Isaiah 55:10–11

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