

**Zion Lutheran Church
Glen Rock, PA
Second Sunday of Christmas
LBW Holy Communion Setting One
Sunday, January 4, 2026**

*We stand as we are able.

Introduction to the day

Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS (LBW p. 56)**

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**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage 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 you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

Amen

***ENTRANCE HYMN:** “Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

WOV (blue) 716

***APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 57)**

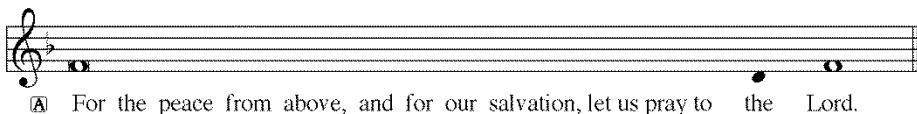
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE (LBW p. 57)



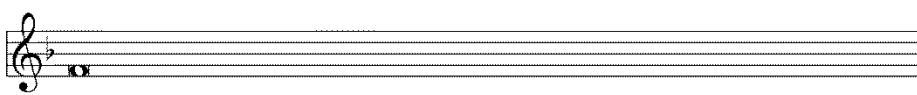
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mer - cy.



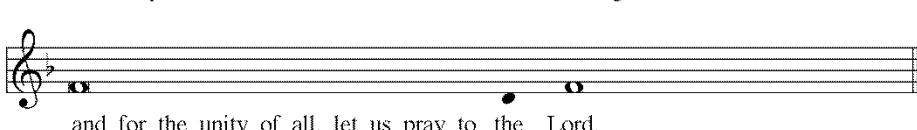
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



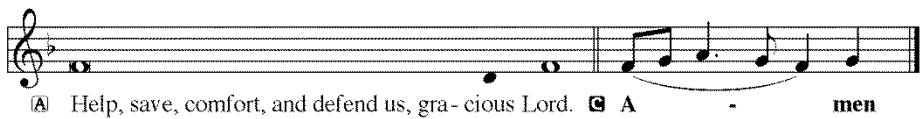
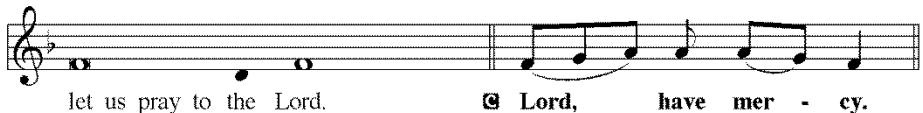
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



*HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW p.60)



al- le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon-or, glo - ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. II For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 62)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

ANTHEM: “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

Children’s church dismissal: All children are invited to the Nursery, at this time.

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:7-14

⁷ Thus says the LORD:

 Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
 and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
 proclaim, give praise, and say,
 “Save, O LORD, your people,
 the remnant of Israel.”

⁸ See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north
 and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
 those with child and those in labor together;
 a great company, they shall return here.

⁹ With weeping they shall come,
 and with consolations I will lead them back;
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
 in a straight path where they shall not stumble,
for I have become a father to Israel,
 and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
 and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him
 and will keep him as a shepherd does a flock.”

¹¹ For the LORD has ransomed Jacob
 and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹² They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
 and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
 and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
 and they shall never languish again.

¹³ Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
 and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy;
I will comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow.
¹⁴ I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 147:13-21

¹³ Worship the LORD, ¹ O Jerusalem;
praise your ¹ God, O Zion;
¹⁴ **for he has strengthened the bars ¹ of your gates;**
he has blessed your chil- ¹ dren within you.
¹⁵ He has established peace ¹ on your borders;
he satisfies you with the ¹ finest wheat.
¹⁶ **He sends out his command ¹ to the earth,**
and his word runs ¹ very swiftly.
¹⁷ He gives ¹ snow like wool;
he scatters hoar- ¹ frost like ashes.
¹⁸ **He scatters his ¹ hail like bread crumbs.**
Who can stand a- ¹ gainst his cold?
¹⁹ He sends forth his ¹ word and melts them;
he blows with his wind, and the ¹ waters flow.
²⁰ **He declares his ¹ word to Jacob,**
his statutes and his judg- ¹ ments to Israel.
²¹ He has not done so to any ¹ other nation;
to them he has not revealed his judgments. ¹ Hallelujah!

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 1:3-14

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us

the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ,¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will,¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (LBW p. 62)

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in G major, common time. The first staff begins with a soprano C note, followed by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?' are written below the notes. The second staff begins with a soprano C note, followed by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics 'You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes.

GOSPEL: John 1:[1-9] 10-18

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

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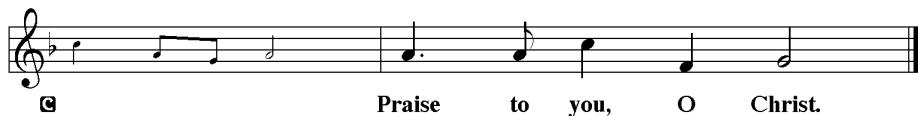
[¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON (LBW p. 83)

*HYMN OF THE DAY: "Once in Royal David's City" WOV (blue) 643

*APOSTLES CREED (LBW p. 64)

With the whole church, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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**

***THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (LBW p. 65)**

Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

O God, you reveal yourself wherever two or three are gathered in your name. Be with us now, not only in the infant Jesus and resurrected Christ, but in the beloved people of this assembly. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You reveal yourself in the waters of the womb; in brooks, ponds, and oceans; and in the waters of baptism. Grant us wisdom to tenderly care for the earth as a garden watered by your grace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You reveal yourself in blessed diversity. Help us to look for you in people near and far, in bodies of all kinds, and in kindred young and old. Let us seek you in many places, praising you in many tongues. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You reveal yourself in new life. Support those beginning a new job, a new relationship, or a new living situation, especially those displaced because of tragedy or loss. Be with all others who need your life-giving touch this day (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You reveal yourself in holy communion. Sustain all who provide food and fellowship in this congregation and in the wider community. Make our tables signs of your welcoming presence among us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You promise to turn mourning into joy and to comfort those who weep. We remember those who have died and look to being united with them in your glory. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

***PEACE (LBW p. 66)**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

***PRESENTATION OF OFFERING**

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE: (LBW p. 66)**



Let the vine - yards be fruit- ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath- er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 67)**

Let us pray.

Merciful Father,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

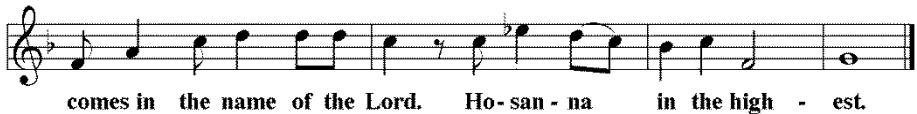
*DIALOGUE (LBW p. 68)

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 him thanks and praise.

*PREFACE (LBW p. 68)

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



*THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 70)

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:

Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.

You have filled all creation with light and life;

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations.

You rescued Israel, your chosen people.

Through the prophets you renewed your promise;

and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son,

who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom

and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup

we remember the life our Lord offered for us.

And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power

to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection,
that we who receive the Lord's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, al -
mighty y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men

***LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 71)**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

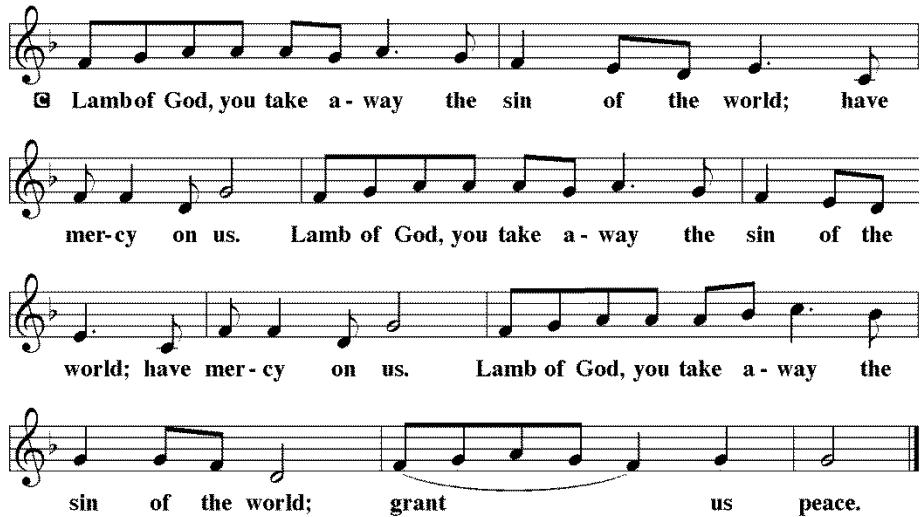
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,

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.

*COMMUNION HYMN (LBW p. 72)



C Lam of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

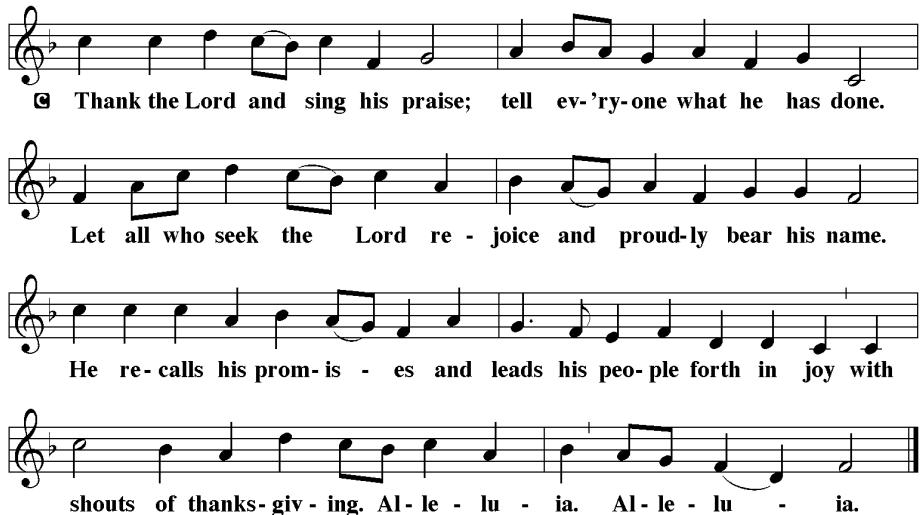
COMMUNION (LBW p. 72)

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND CANTICLE (LBW p. 72)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev - ry-one what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proudly bear his name.
He re - calls his prom- is - es and leads his peo- ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks- giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (LBW p.74)

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would 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 (LBW p. 74)**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and  give you peace.

Amen

***SENDING HYMN: "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" WOV (blue) 747**

***DISMISSAL (LBW p. 74)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Today's communion elements are presented to the Glory of God.

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 01/11/26

Isa 42:1-9, Ps 29, Acts 10:34-43, Matt 3:13-17

PRAYER REQUESTS

Keith Copenhaver, James Thompson, Ron Goodling, Randy Ruth, Joann King,

Trey Tomaschko, Lou Tomaschko, Beth Hennessey, Suzanne Becker,

Chad Smith, Brian Phelps, Glenn and Linda Engler, Tim Myers,

Bonni Whitman, Jon Stiffler, Shirley Seitz, Sandy Fair, Diane Moul

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Zion! We are glad you are here today. After worship, you are invited to a time of fellowship with coffee and snacks in the social hall directly beside the sanctuary.

Communion is offered every Sunday. Wine and apple juice are both available. All are welcome.

Today we welcome Rev. Peter Rustico to lead us in worship.

Volunteers are needed for the Wreaths Across America wreath removal on January 17th at 1pm. Volunteers should meet at the Glen Rock Legion, 4035 Manchester St, Glen Rock.

The prices of flower arrangements from Glen Rock Floral Co. (formally known as “Flowers by Cindy”) will increase in 2026. Regular altar flowers and second arrangements will cost \$41 per arrangement. High altar flowers will cost \$29 per 2 bud vases. The new prices include a delivery fee.

Have you been pulling out your cold weather clothes and outerwear since the temperatures started dropping? Please consider donating your unwanted coats, sweatshirts, and sweaters to Coats of Friendship. A box is available in the church social hall for your donations.

The Loose Change offering plate is available every Sunday. At the end of the month, the total collected for that month will be sent to the chosen organization. **Our loose change collection for January will benefit H.O.P.E. (Help for Oncology Problems and Emotional Support).** H.O.P.E.’s mission is volunteer driven, to provide high-quality, hands-on and heart-felt assistance and support to cancer patients and their families.

Services are recorded and streamed live each week on Zion Lutheran Church’s Facebook page. It is possible during the recording that people attending the service will be filmed. If you have any concerns about being filmed, please contact the office at 717-235-3276.

Announcements for the weekly bulletin are due to the office by early Tuesday morning so bulletin work can be completed by the end of the day on Tuesday. This schedule allows time for the bulletin to be sent to the presiding pastor for the upcoming week and allows the website committee time to post the bulletin on Zion’s website. Announcements can be emailed to Brenda at office@zionglenrock.org.

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Assisting Ministers:

January 4: Diane Bortner
January 11: Donna Price
January 18: none needed
January 25: George Brown
February 1: Jeff Hoffman
February 8: none needed
February 15: Butch Hengst
February 22: none needed

Lectors:

January 4: Kayla Rogers
January 11: Rachel Foltz
January 18: Susie Hengst
January 25: Chad Fisher
February 1: Diane Bortner
February 8: George Brown
February 15: Pam Hoffman
February 22: Jake Gilroy

Council Offering Duty:

January – Tom Bailey and Chad Fisher
February – Jen Webb and Pam Hoffman

Altar Care:

January – Pam Hoffman
February – Diane Bortner

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Brenda Davis, Administrative Assistant

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