

Zion Lutheran Church
Glen Rock, PA
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
LBW Holy Communion Setting One
Sunday, February 1, 2026

*We stand as we are able.

Introduction to the day

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION 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 us, and for his sake God forgives us all our 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:** “Let the Whole Creation Cry”

LBW (green) 242

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

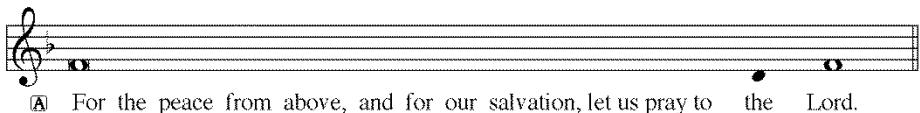
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE (LBW p. 57)



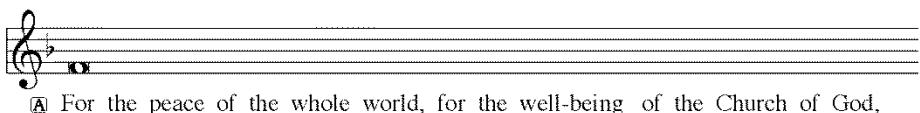
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mer - cy.



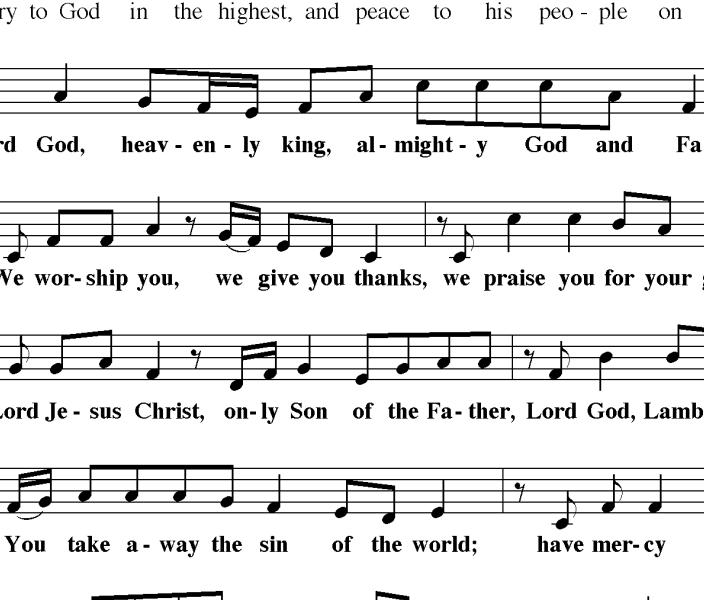
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, C Lord, have mer - cy.

let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra- cious Lord. **C** A - men

***HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW p.58)**


 A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
 B Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:
 We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:
 You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
 You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho- ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho- ly Spir - it,



*PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 62)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you know that we cannot withstand the dangers which surround us. Strengthen us in body and spirit so that, with your help, we may be able to overcome the weakness that our sin has brought upon us; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord.

Amen

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

FIRST LESSON: Micah 6:1-8

¹ Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

² Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the LORD has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³ “O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶ “With what shall I come before the LORD
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 15

¹ LORD, who may dwell in your ¹ tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your ¹ holy hill?

**² Whoever leads a blameless life and does ¹ what is right,
who speaks the truth ¹ from his heart,**

³ there is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil ¹ to his friend;
he does not heap contempt up- ¹ on his neighbor.

**⁴ In his sight the wicked ¹ is rejected,
but he honors those who ¹ fear the LORD.**

⁵ He has sworn to ¹ do no wrong
and does not take ¹ back his word.

**⁶ He does not give his money in ¹ hope of gain,
nor does he take a bribe a- ¹ gainst the innocent.**

⁷ Whoever ¹ does these things
shall never be ¹ overthrown.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸ The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,
"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God

decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe.

²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, ²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (LBW p. 62)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

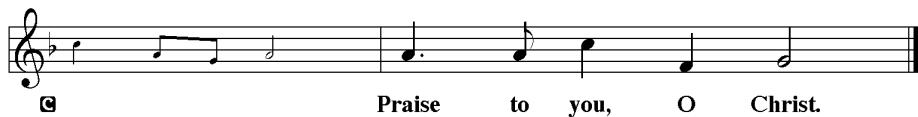
8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY: “All Praise to You, O Lord”

LBW (green) 78

*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)**

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

God our wisdom, renew the church in the power of the Spirit, that it may do justice, love kindness, live humbly, and boldly proclaim Christ crucified. We pray for social justice and humanitarian aid ministries. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God our source, we honor you by caring wisely for your creation. We pray for the health of old growth forests, ice caps, and ocean currents. Preserve the diversity of life on earth. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God our righteousness, raise up visionary leaders who serve with integrity and respect human rights. Increase freedom in every nation. Protect educators, journalists, artists, and religious activists who are reviled for speaking truth. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God our advocate, you give hope to all who suffer because of persecution, poverty, or war. Reunite separated families and bring orphaned children to safety. Comfort any who grieve or suffer in any way (*especially*). Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God our blessing, we pray for the children and youth of this congregation, and for parents, grandparents, mentors, teachers, and youth ministers who model love for their neighbor and care for others. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God our joy, we give thanks for the lives of those before us who journeyed humbly with you. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus 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. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. 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

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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,

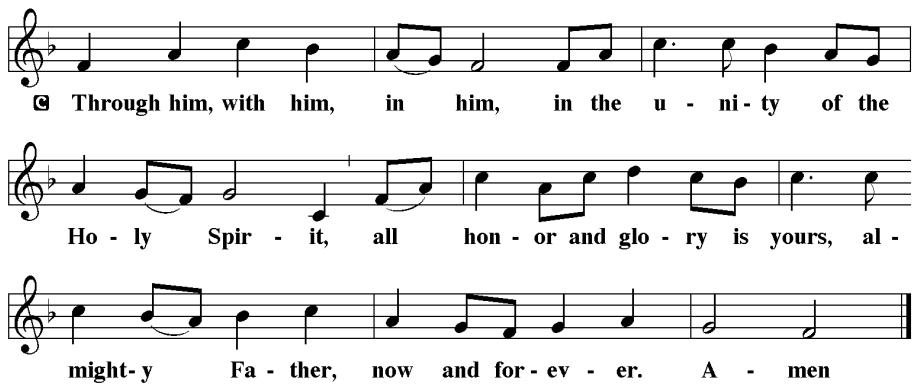
 that we who receive the Lord's body and blood

 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 u - ni - ty of the
Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is yours, al -
might- 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;

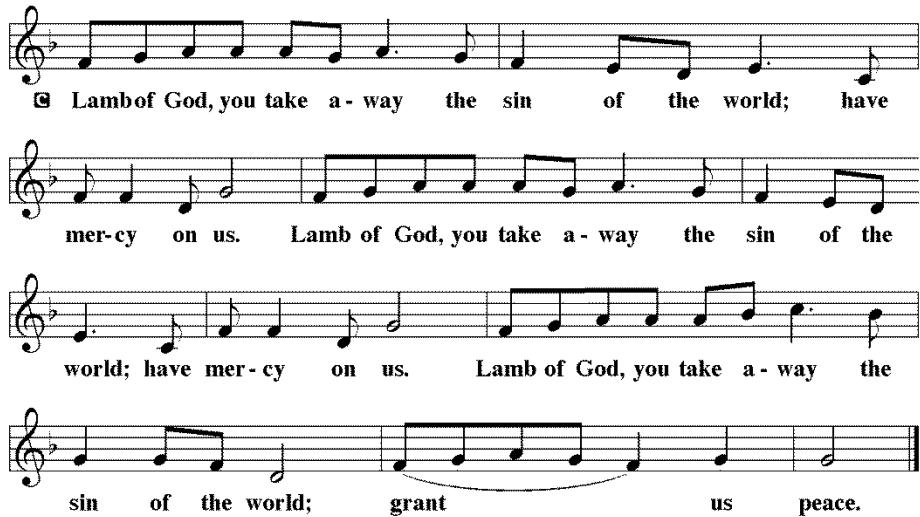
and lead us not into temptation,

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.

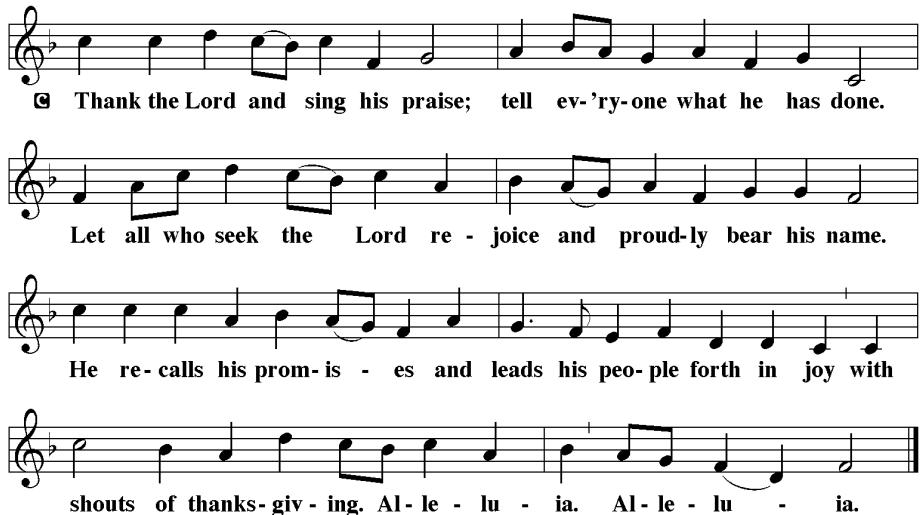
COMMUNION (LBW p. 72)

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: "The Church of Christ, in Every Age" LBW (green) 433**

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

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Today's altar flower arrangement is presented in memory of Claude & Nelda Roser, by Evelyn and Dennis Roser.

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

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 02/8/26

Isa 58:1-9a [9b-12], Ps 112:1-9 [10], 1 Cor 2:1-12 [13-16], Matt 5:13-20

PRAYER REQUESTS

Donna Chandler, Kelsey McCullough, Keith Copenhaver, James Thompson, Randy Ruth, Joann King, Trey Tomaschko, Lou Tomaschko, Beth Hennessey, Suzanne Becker, Chad Smith, Brian Phelps, 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.

Join the Christian Education Committee after worship today at 10:30 a.m. in the large classroom (education wing) for a showing of "Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace". This biographical film runs approximately 90 minutes (intermission at the midpoint). Everyone is invited.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer is an icon of our Lutheran faith --a Lutheran Pastor, Educator, and activist in Germany (1920s - 1940s) who ultimately lost his life to the Nazi regime in 1945.

Super Bowl Sunday is Sunday, February 8th. Whether you're a football fan or not, Super Bowl Sunday is a time to gather non-perishable food items for our local community and make our guesses for who may win the big game. This is also an opportunity to show your love for your favorite team or school by wearing their colors or logo.

Community Lenten and Easter Schedule:

Ash Wednesday, February 18th – 11am service followed by a luncheon at Friedensaal Lutheran Church, 9138 White Church Rd, Seven Valleys, PA 17360, Rev. Doug DeStephano preaching

Ash Wednesday, February 18th – 7pm service at Christ Lutheran Church, 105 S. Main St, Shrewsbury, PA 17361, Rev. Brian Biery preaching

Wednesday, February 25th – 7pm service at Zion Lutheran Church, 47 Hanover St, Glen Rock, PA 17327, Rev. Doug DeStephano preaching

Wednesday, March 4th – 7pm service at Immanuel UMC, 1 New St, Glen Rock, PA 17327, Rev. Skip Spangler preaching

Wednesday, March 11th – 7pm service at Zion Lutheran Church, 47 Hanover St, Glen Rock, PA, 17327, Rev. Peter Rustico preaching

Wednesday, March 18th – 7pm service at Trinity UCC, 27 Manchester St, Glen Rock, PA 17327, Rev. Brian Biery preaching

Wednesday, March 25th – 7pm service at New Hope (Fissels) UCC, 3426 Fissels Church Rd, Glen Rock, PA 17327

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd – 5pm Bread and Soup Dinner (no service) at New Hope (Fissels) UCC, 3426 Fissels Church Rd, Glen Rock, PA

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd – 7pm service at Zion Lutheran Church,
47 Hanover St, Glen Rock, PA 17327, Rev. Doug DeStephano
preaching

Good Friday, April 3rd – 7pm at New Hope (Fissels) UCC,
3426 Fissels Church Rd, Glen Rock, PA 17327

Good Friday, April 3rd – 7pm at St. Paul (Hametown) Lutheran Church,
11894 Susquehanna Trail South, Glen Rock, PA 17327

Easter Sunrise, Sunday, April 5th – 6:45am at Zion Lutheran Church
Cemetery, at the top of Hanover St, on the right

Easter Worship, Sunday, April 5th – 9am at Zion Lutheran Church,
47 Hanover St, Glen Rock, PA 17327, Rev. Paul Haack preaching

Community Choir 2026: A community concert will be held at Zion on Saturday, April 25 at 3pm. Proceeds will benefit the Glen Rock / Arthur Hufnagel and Shrewsbury / Paul Smith Libraries.

Practices: Sundays - February 1, March 15, and April 19 from 6-7:30 PM
Contact Rev. Brian Biery at 717-579-4031 if you would like to participate or with questions.

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 February will benefit Southern Community Services. S.C.S provides services for community members who need food assistance, rental assistance, back to school supplies, veteran assistance, energy assistance, and so much more. Southern Community Services is located within the Shrewsbury Y.M.C.A at 100 Constitution Ave, P.O. Box 263, Shrewsbury, PA 17361.

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:

February 1: Jeff Hoffman
February 8: none needed
February 15: Butch Hengst
February 22: none needed

Lectors:

February 1: Diane Bortner
February 8: George Brown
February 15: Pam Hoffman
February 22: Jake Gilroy

Council Offering Duty:

February – Jen Webb and Pam Hoffman

Altar Care:

February – Diane Bortner



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