

Zion Lutheran Church, Glen Rock, PA
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
LBW Setting One
Sunday, February 8, 2026

*We stand as we are able.

Introduction to the day

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

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: “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

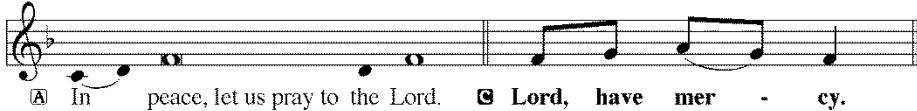
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*APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 57)

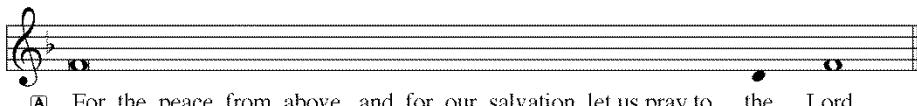
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

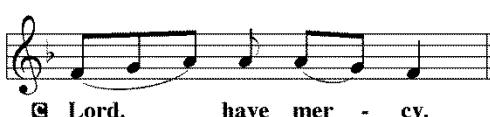
KYRIE (LBW p. 57)



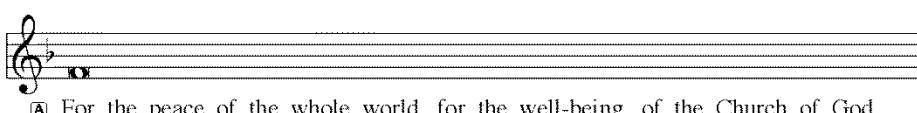
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mer - cy.



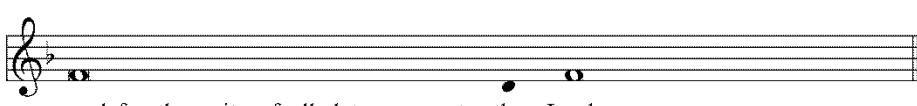
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



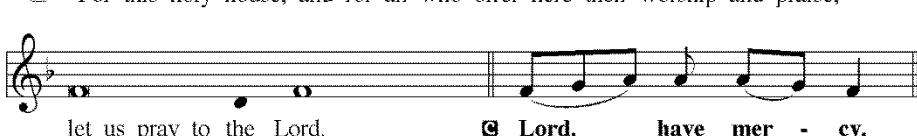
A and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



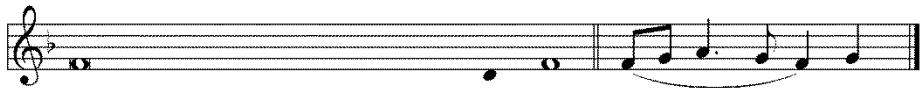
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra- cious Lord. Ⓑ A - men

*HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW p.58)



Ⓐ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Ⓒ 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,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 62)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe with joy what the Scriptures proclaim, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

ANTHEM: “

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

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 58:1-9a[9b-12]

¹ Shout out; do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,

to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me

and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness

and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments;

they want God on their side.

³ “Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day

and oppress all your workers.

⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight

and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today

will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,

a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush

and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,

a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:
 to loose the bonds of injustice,
 to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
 and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
 and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them
 and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
 and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
 the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

^{9a} Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
 you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”

[^{9b} If you remove the yoke from among you,
 the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry
 and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
 and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually
 and satisfy your needs in parched places
 and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
 like a spring of water
 whose waters never fail.

¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
 you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
 the restorer of streets to live in.]

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 112:1-9[10]

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who ¹ fear the Lord
and have great delight in ¹ his commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty ¹ in the land;**
the generation of the upright ¹ will be blessed.

³ Wealth and riches will be ¹ in their house,
and their righteousness will ¹ last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness ¹ for the upright;**
the righteous are merciful and full ¹ of compassion.

⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will never be shaken;**
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

⁷ They will not be afraid of any ¹ evil rumors;
their heart is right; they put their trust ¹ in the LORD.

⁸ **Their heart is established and ¹ will not shrink,**
until they see their desire upon ¹ their enemies.

⁹ They have given freely ¹ to the poor,
and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their ¹ head
with honor.

[¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and ¹**
pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.]

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12[13-16]

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they

would not have crucified the Lord of glory.⁹ But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,

nor the human heart conceived,

what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [¹³ And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴ Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

¹⁶ “For who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.]

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 5:13-20

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

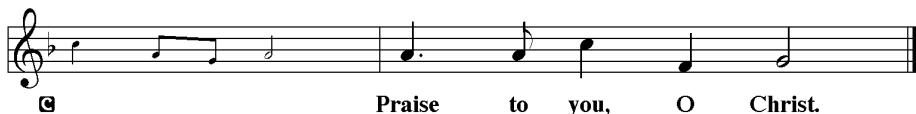
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** “In Christ There Is No East or West” LBW (green) 359

***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.

Your church does ministry in many and various ways. Keep the baptized true to the mind of Christ, that our works and witness bring hope to a troubled world.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your marvelous creation cries out to you. Restore polluted air, soil, and water sources to wholeness. Guard honeybees, elephants, great whales and songbirds from harm, and renew the face of the earth. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your people in every nation suffer injustice, poverty, and the threat of violence. Guide those in authority to govern with compassion, and bring peace to war zones. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your blessings are poured out for all in need. Help and heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease, hunger, abuse, or persecution. Comfort those who are sick or grieving (*especially*). Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your wisdom guides this congregation and its ministries. Sustain our ordained leaders, staff, lay leaders, and volunteers. Form us to be salt and light for the neighbors we serve, following the example of Christ. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your saints rejoice at your heavenly banquet. We give thanks for their lives of faith, trusting that we also will be embraced by your eternal love. 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

***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.

***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: "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" LBW (green) 453**

***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.

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 02/15/26

Exod 24:12-18, Ps 2, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matt 17:1-9

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, 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.

There is no communion today.

Today we welcome Seminarian Seth Zimmann to lead us in worship.

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, please sign up on the sheet near the bulletins at the back of the sanctuary.

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 - 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 8: none needed
February 15: Butch Hengst
February 22: none needed

Lectors:

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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PANCAKE DINNER FUNDRAISER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

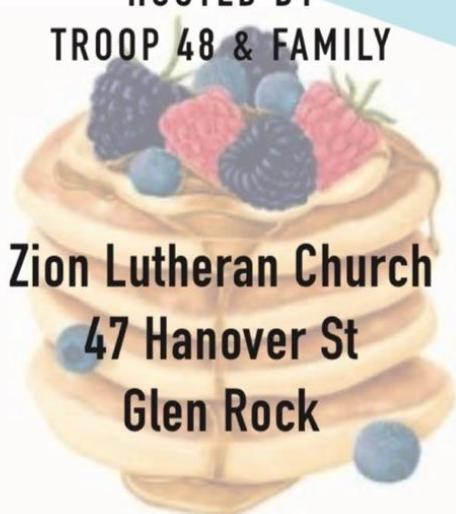
Dinner includes
pancakes, sausage,
fruit and beverages

Carry Out Containers available

Proceeds will be going to the
Boy Scout Troop 48
for the equipment fund

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TROOP 48 & FAMILY



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Glen Rock

THIRD THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 19, 2026

4:30PM - 6:00PM

Join us in the church social hall for food and fellowship.

FREE
CHILI, SIDES,
AND DESSERTS

BRING A DISH TO SHARE.

ALL ARE WELCOME

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