

Zion Lutheran Church
Glen Rock, PA
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
WOV Setting Five
Sunday, February 12, 2023

*We stand as we are able.

Introduction to the day

In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (WOV p. 10)**

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen

***ENTRANCE HYMN: "All Creatures of Our God and King" LBW 527**

***APOSTOLIC GREETING (WOV p. 28)**

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 (WOV p. 28)**



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **G** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

***HYMN OF PRAISE (WOV p. 29)**



G Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



L 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.



G Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



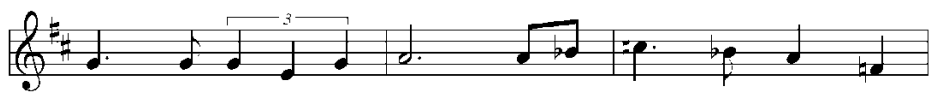
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



II 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.



III Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



IV 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.



V Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



***PRAYER OF THE DAY (WOV p. 30)**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord God, mercifully receive the prayers of your people. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

ANTHEM: "Let Us Love One Another"

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

[Moses said to the people:] ¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 119:1-8

¹Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD!

²**Happy are they who observe his decrees
and seek him with all their hearts!**

³Who never do any wrong,
but always walk in his ways.

⁴**You laid down your commandments,
that we should fully keep them.**

⁵Oh, that my ways were made so direct
that I might keep your statutes!

⁶**Then I should not be put to shame,
when I regard all your commandments.**

⁷I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

⁸**I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.**

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

¹Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (WOV p. 31)**



***GOSPEL: Matthew 5:21-37**

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I say to you ³³that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’

³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON (WOV p. 32)

***HYMN OF THE DAY: “Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways”**

LBW 480

***APOSTLES’ CREED (WOV p. 33)**

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 (WOV p. 34)**

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Inspire your church that it may be a sign of life throughout the world. From the exploration of faith with children and new believers to missionaries and bishops, shape lives of faithfulness, so that all find abundant life in your ways. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Nourish your creation. Accompany all who plant and water. Bless the work of farmers; provide for subsistence farmers facing drought and climate change. Guide the work of agricultural scientists toward sustainable ways to feed the world. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Give growth where there seems to be no hope for life. In nations and regions where reconciliation seems impossible, empower peacemakers with your Spirit. Where death holds sway through violence, disease, and hunger, equip relief workers to bring hope. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Nurture all in need. Bring healing to all who experience trauma caused by systems of injustice and destructive relationships. Give courage to those struggling to repent and those seeking reconciliation. Sustain all who work for restoration. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Encourage this congregation. Call us to a common purpose and keep us from quarrelling. Turn our hearts toward you and guide our leaders, so that our choices may be lifegiving for all. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Thanks be to you for the lives of all who have died in Christ. Teach us to follow them in your ways and gather us with them into the promise of eternal life with you. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

Amen.


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

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE: (WOV p. 35)



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 dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (WOV p. 35)

Let us pray.

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*DIALOGUE (WOV p. 36)

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 (WOV p. 36)**

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 - er and



might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***THANKSGIVING (WOV p. 37)**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.
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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
that by this Holy Communion we may know
the unity we share with all your people
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen

***LORD'S PRAYER (WOV p. 39)**

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 (WOV p. 39)**



☐ 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; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION (WOV p. 39)

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

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

COMMUNION HYMN: "In the Quiet Consecration"

LBW 223

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND CANTICLE (WOV p. 40)**

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



Thank - ful hearts and voi - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -



one what God has done. Let all who seek the



Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and



lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -



giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (WOV p. 41)

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. **Amen**

***BLESSING (WOV p. 41)**

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen

***SENDING HYMN: “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer” LBW (green) 343**

***DISMISSAL (WOV p. 41)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Today’s altar flower arrangement is presented in honor of our family’s February birthdays – Benji, Matt, Angie & Abby, by Tom & Pam Spangler.

Today’s communion elements are presented to the Glory of God, by Dave & Shirley Setiz.

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 2/19/2023

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Lois Goodling, Merrilea Ritchey, Alysha Fassnacht, Diane Moul,
Andrew Gilroy, Linda Kowalewski, Kevin Krout, Sharon Krout, Pam Prowell,
LeMos Stallard, Pat & Mary Wiglesworth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Services are videotaped and streamed live each week on Zion Lutheran Church’s Facebook page. It is possible during 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.

Upcoming Community Lenten services:

This year’s theme is: “Behold, I Am Doing a New Thing”

Ash Wednesday, February 22 at Trinity UCC

Wednesday, March 1 at Immanuel UMC, Vicar David will be preaching

Wednesday, March 8 at Zion Lutheran

Wednesday, March 15 at New Hope UCC (Fissels)

Wednesday, March 22 at Christ Lutheran, Shrewsbury

Wednesday, March 29 at New Hope UCC (Fissels)

All services will begin at 7:00pm.

Tanya Krout's birthday is February 20th. Her mailing address is:

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Your cards and letters must be mailed in a plain white envelope without any embellishments. (An update was recently given concerning Tanya's limited access to notepaper and cards. Please do not include any extra items in your mailings to Tanya. It is our understanding that all items mailed to Tanya are scanned, and not actually given to Tanya.)

The Loose Change offering plate is available every Sunday. You may bring your loose change any Sunday of the month. At the end of the month, the total collected for that month will be sent to the chosen organization. **February's Loose Change collection will benefit New Life Center for Women and Children.** They are a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to assisting women with children. Created in 2013, their goal is to provide emotional, physical, spiritual, and academic needs to women with life controlling problems like drugs and alcohol. Their goal is to assist with education and parenting classes to assist these women with housing and employment opportunities.

If you desire pastoral care or conversation, please contact Vicar David Hoth at 720-855-8878.

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

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SUNDAY SERVANTS

Assisting Ministers:

Feb 12: Butch Hengst
Feb 19: Joy Keller-Brown
Feb 26: Donna Price
Mar. 5: Diane Bortner
Mar. 12: George Brown
Mar. 19: Linda Beegle
Mar. 26: Pam Hoffman

Lectors:

Feb 12: Diane Bortner
Feb 19: Susie Hengst
Feb 26: Chad Fisher
Mar. 5: George Brown
Mar. 12: Pam Hoffman
Mar. 19: Joy Keller-Brown
Mar. 26: Donna Price

Council Offering Duty:

February – Susie Hengst and Jeff Brown
March – Chad Fisher and Tom Bailey

Social Time Hosts:

Feb 12: Bev Reindollar
Feb 19:
Feb 26: Jeff and Pam Hoffman
Mar. 5 – Becki McCullough
Mar. 12 – Jen and Eric Webb
Mar. 19 – Tom and Pam Spangler
Mar. 26 – Sheree Sidler

Altar Care:

February – Linda Beegle
March – Diane Bortner

2023 FINANCIAL Information for YOU

Weekly Contributions and Expenses

2022 Weekly contribution goal to cover budget expenses: \$2,290.00

2/05/2023 Regular Contributions \$ 2,582.00

Other Contributions/Gifts +\$ 0.00

-\$ 0.00 *Dedicated Dollars*

\$ 2,582.00 Contributions to cover Expenses

Weekly Expenses: \$ 4,754.83

Cumulative Contributions and Expenses for 2023

Regular Contributions \$ 10,669.34

Other Contributions/Gifts +\$ 19,246.16

Dedicated Dollars - \$ 19,032.34

Contributions to cover Expenses \$ 10,883.16

Expenses to date: \$ 7,412.98



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