

Zion Lutheran Church, Glen Rock, PA
Transfiguration of Our Lord
LBW Holy Communion Setting One
Sunday, February 15, 2026

*We stand as we are able.

Introduction to the day

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

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 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

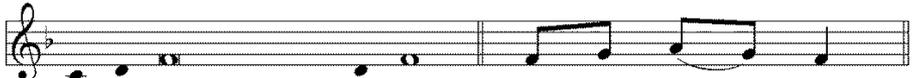
***ENTRANCE HYMN: “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” LBW (green) 90**

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

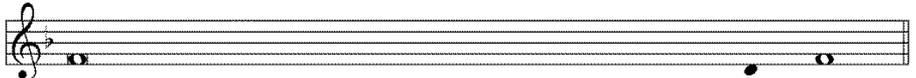
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE (LBW p. 57)



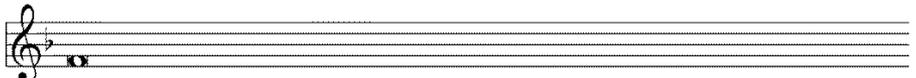
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **B** Lord, have mer - cy.



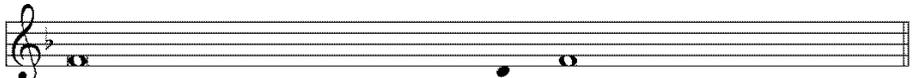
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



B Lord, have mer - cy.



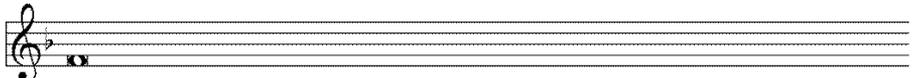
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



B Lord, have mer - cy.



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

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

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

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was

slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

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

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

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

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

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

☩ 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, on the mountain you showed your glory in the transfiguration of your Son. Give us the vision to see beyond the turmoil of our world and to behold the king in all his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

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

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 24:12-18

¹² The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua,

and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud.

¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 2

¹ Why are the nations | in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter | empty threats?

² **Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes | plot together,**

against the LORD and against | his anointed?

³ “Let us break their | yoke,” they say;

“let us cast off their | bonds from us.”

⁴ **He whose throne is in heav- | en is laughing;**

the LORD has them | in derision.

⁵ Then he speaks to them | in his wrath,

and his rage fills | them with terror.

⁶ **“I myself have | set my king**

upon my holy | hill of Zion.”

⁷ Let me announce the decree | of the LORD:

He said to me, “You are my son; this day have I be- | gotten you.

⁸ **Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for | your inheritance**

and the ends of the earth for | your possession.

⁹ You shall crush them with an | iron rod

and shatter them like a | piece of pottery.”

¹⁰ **And now, you | kings, be wise;**

be warned, you rulers | of the earth.

¹¹ Submit to the ¹ LORD with fear,
 and with trembling ¹ bow before him;
¹² lest he be angry, ¹ and you perish;
 for his wrath is ¹ quickly kindled.
¹³ Happy ¹ are they all
 who take ref- ¹ uge in him!

SECOND LESSON: 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶ We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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.

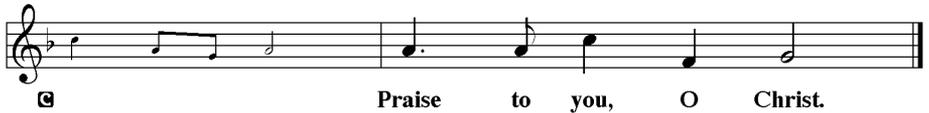
GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 17th chapter.



¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** “Jesus on the Mountain Peak” WOV (blue) 653

***APOSTLES’ CREED (LBW p. 65)**

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.

Revealing God, your Spirit sustains the church. Strengthen the faithful with the revelation of Christ transfigured, that we may joyfully follow him in the way of the cross. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Life-giving God, creation is full of your majesty. Nurture in us a deep respect for the interdependence of all life, and make us wise and vigilant stewards of your good earth. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Peacemaking God, the nations are in turmoil. We pray for an end to violent conflict. Give wisdom to negotiators and sanctuary to refugees. Defend any who are in danger. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Healing God, you desire wholeness for all people. Bring healing to any who are experiencing illness, chronic pain, or mental anguish. Comfort the dying and those who grieve. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Holy God, in our worship we glimpse your glory, hear your voice, and receive assurance of your love. Inspire all who prepare, lead, and participate in worship to serve you with reverence and joy. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Transforming God, you bring life from death. We give thanks for the witness of those who have died in faith, and we praise you for the hope we have in Christ, our Morning Star. 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.

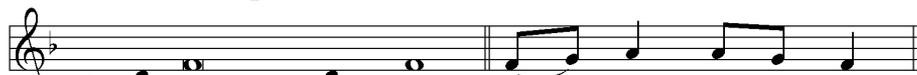
***OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 67)**

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 al - so with you.



☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.



☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



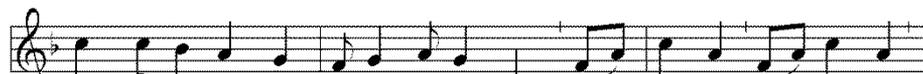
☑ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

***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.



***THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 69)**

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

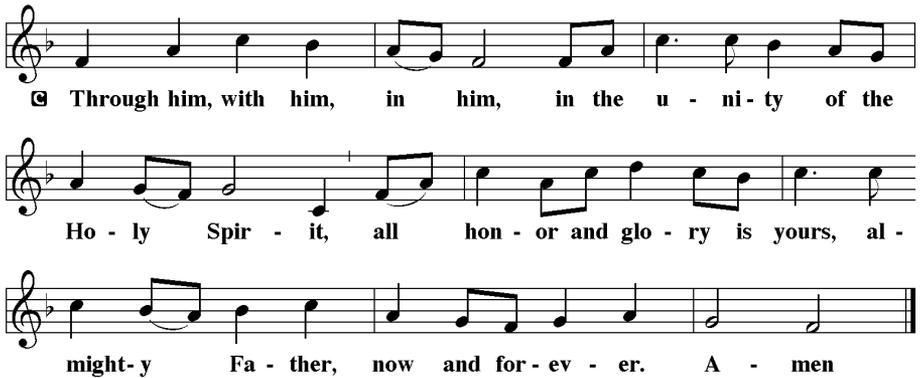
to share with us the great and promised feast.

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)**

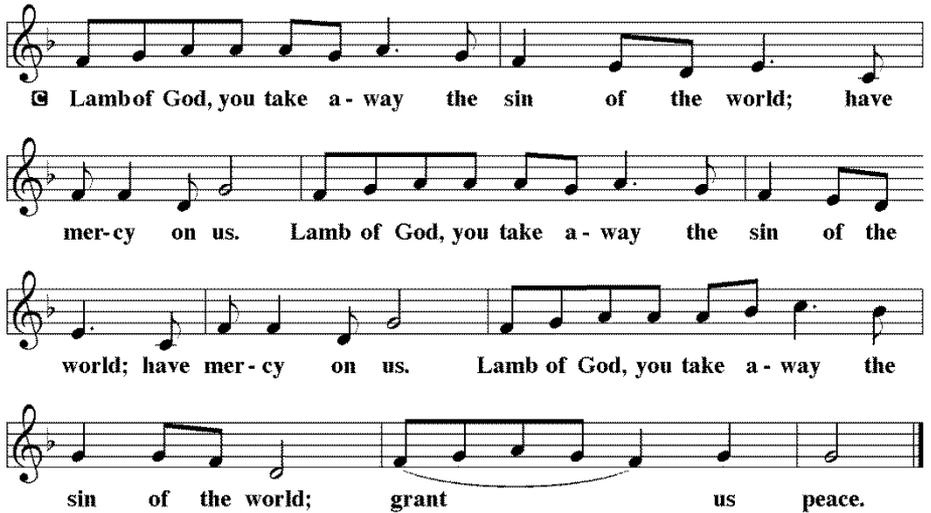
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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)**



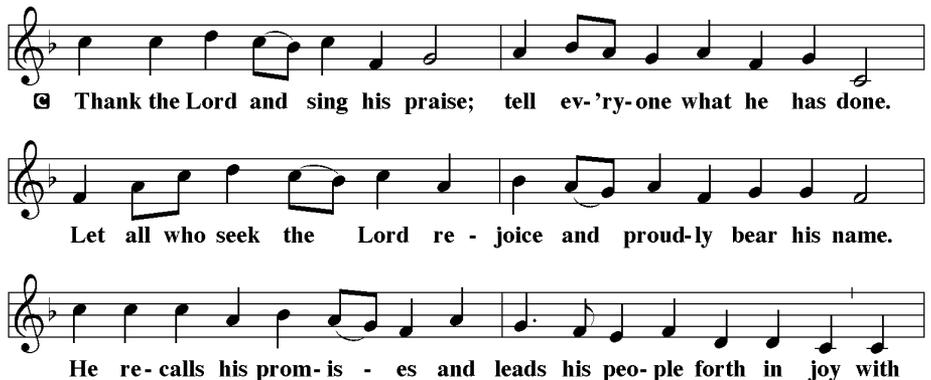
☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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**



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.
He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



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: "Blessing and Honor"**

WOV (blue) 525

***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, by Butch & Susie Hengst.

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 02/22/26

Gen 2:15-17, 3:1-7, Ps 32, Rom 5:12-19, Matt 4:1-11

PRAYER REQUESTS

Heather Light, Donna Chandler, 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.

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

Today we welcome Rev. John Teitman 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

Update on sorting of old paperwork once stored in the attic: The initial sorting phase is complete. The next step is to read through the old bulletins, newsletters, minutes, and other paperwork to see if there is historic information worth noting to maintain the extraordinary history of Zion Dr. Charles Glatfelter initiated for us. **If you are willing to take some of the paperwork home with you to read and note where historical information is contained, and then return the paperwork to Zion, please contact Brenda Davis or Jeff and Pam Hoffman.** This will be an ongoing process throughout the winter months.

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.

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

Tom Bailey, Jeff Brown, Chad Fisher, Rick Freda, Pam Hoffman, Gail Prego,
Donna Price, and Jen Webb

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Assisting Ministers:

February 15: Butch Hengst

February 22: none needed

March 1: Diane Bortner

March 8: Donna Price

March 15: George Brown

March 22: Jeff Hoffman

March 29: Butch Hengst

Lectors:

February 15: Pam Hoffman

February 22: Jake Gilroy

March 1: Donna Price

March 8: Linda Beegle

March 15: Nate Rogers

March 22: Jen Webb

March 29: Kelley Fisher

Council Offering Duty:

February – Jen Webb and Pam Hoffman

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February – Diane Bortner

March – Pam Spangler



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