Zion Lutheran Church Glen Rock, PA Sixth Sunday after Epiphany WOV Setting Five Sunday, February 16, 2020

*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.

PRELUDE: Special Music by Ben Callier

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

In the name of the Father, and of the $\pm\,$ 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

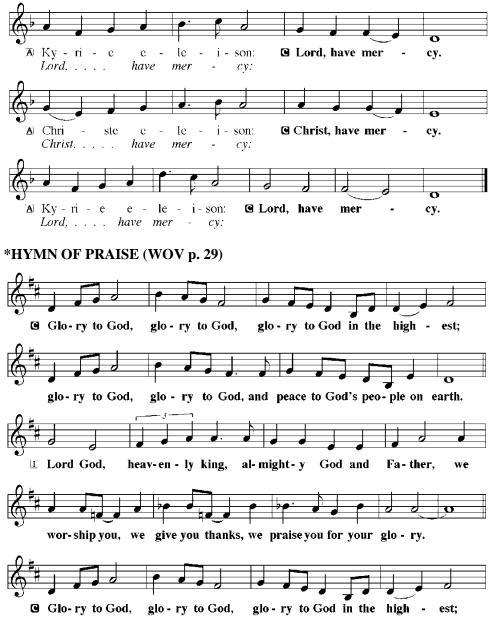
*ENTRANCE HYMN: "O God of Mercy, God of Light" (LBW 425)

*APOSTOLIC GREETING (WOV p. 28)

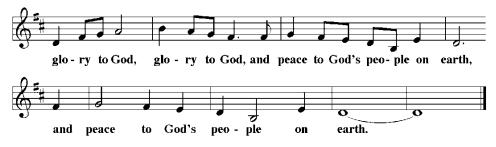
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*KYRIE (WOV p. 28)







*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: "The Church's One Foundation"

Samuel Wesley Arr. Jay Althouse

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, 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!

- ²Happy are they who observe | his decrees and seek him with | all their hearts!
- ³Who never do | any wrong, but always walk | in his ways.
- ⁴You laid down | your commandments, that we should | fully keep them.
- ⁵Oh, that my ways were made | so direct that I might | keep your statutes!
- ⁶Then 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.
- ⁸I will | keep your statutes; do not utter- | ly 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.**

CHILDREN'S TIME WITH PASTOR

*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 stand 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 that 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: "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" (LBW 307)

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)

Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Shepherding God, you protect and guide us with your word. Lead your church into ever closer relationship with you, that we might better know your commands, hold fast to your decrees, and live in your law. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the cosmos, heaven and earth bear witness to the splendor of all you have created. Bless the ground, trees, waterways, and skies with abundant life. Restore synergy between humankind and the natural world, that we may live in harmony with the world you have made. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of peace, you show solidarity with all who suffer. Bring an end to violence, war, discrimination, and all other forms of deadly hate, that we may experience your love through the power of justice. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of hope, you provide bountifully for all people. Use our lives to alleviate global injustice and eliminate poverty, that all benefit from the abundant gifts you pour out for your people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of growth, you nurture this community. Cultivate in us a spirit of service to one another, and bless us in the ministry we share. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of our ancestors, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah and Rachel, we give you thanks for our forebears in the faith who now rest in your eternal grace and love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Confident that you are able to accomplish more than we even dare to ask, we bring these prayers before you, believing in your saving grace revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*PEACE (WOV p. 34)

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

COLLECTION

*OFFERING (WOV p. 35) Let the vine- yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of C bless Gath - er har - vest from the seeds that were ing. a with the sown. that we may be fed 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. fore-taste of the Lord, and give us я feast to come.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (WOV p. 35)

Let us pray.

Blessed are you,

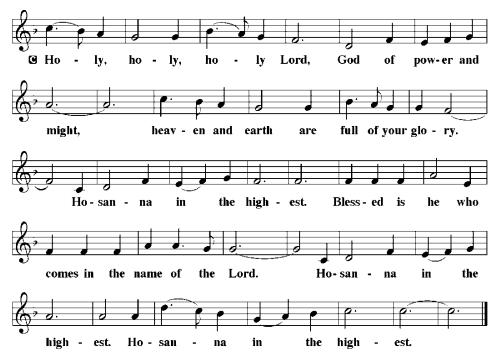
O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*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:



*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;

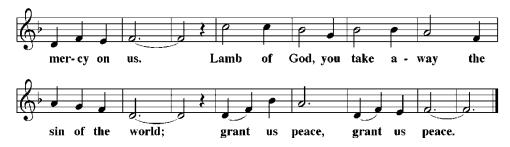
and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.





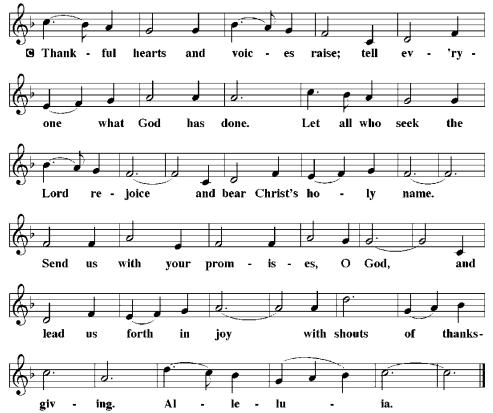
COMMUNION (WOV p. 39)

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

COMMUNION HYMN: "There Is a Balm in Gilead" (WOV 737)

*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**



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: "Blessed Assurance" (WOV 699)

*DISMISSAL (WOV p. 41)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: "Trio Sonata" Jacob Krebs

Today's communion bread and wine are presented to the Glory of God, by Pam & Jeff Hoffman.

Today's high altar flower arrangements are presented to the Glory of God, by Felicia Ernst.

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 2/23/20

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mary Bailey, Linda Beegle, Brian Dell, Floyd Dell, Betty Gaither, Mike Gemmill, Shannon Hildebrand, Karen Landis, Don Miller, Jim Ream, Kenny Rohrbaugh, Steve Scott, Bryan Sellers, Susette Stallard, Karen Stine, Earl Williams

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR TODAY

Greeters	Becki McCullough, Sandy Fair
Acolyte	Owen Fisher
Assisting Minister	Donna Price
Lector	Diane Bortner
Offering Ushers	George Brown, Tom Bailey,
	Renate Shiles, Jeff Hoffman
Communion Usher	Tom Bailey
Communion Assistant	Becki McCullough
Nursery	Felicia Ernst
Social Time	Sheree Sidler
Offering Depositors	George Brown, Tom Bailey
Counters	Bev Reindollar, Gloria Ream

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March and April Servants Lists are now available on the sign-up table in the Upstairs Fellowship Area.

Orders for Easter flowers will start next week. Orders for Easter flowers will be due no later than Sunday, March 1st.

Next Sunday is Loose Change Offering. February's collection will benefit Olivia's House in York. Olivia's House began with a concept of "Hearts can Heal", a program designed by Family and Bereavement Specialist, Leslie Delp M.A. Leslie, a psychologist specializing in bereavement therapy, recognizing the need children and families had during difficult time with the death of a loved one. Olivia's House has grown to offer year round programs and services.

If you have signed up to sponsor flowers on a Sunday morning, make sure you provide the office with the dedication you would like printed in the bulletin.

The first meeting of Zion brethren was on August 29, 1860 with a dozen courageous Glen Rock citizens in attendance. It is now the year 2020 and as we celebrate our 160th anniversary we are once again called upon to be bold like our twelve founders Lutheran pastors are retiring at a faster rate than those being ordained, causing a shortage. Congregations have temporary pastors with no replacement in sight. This coupled with shrinking budgets and membership requires us to adopt new ways of thinking. Where do we go from here? Is a cooperative ministry the answer? All congregation members are

invited to attend a special presentation on exploring these questions and future options for Zion. Pastors Doug DeStephano of Christ Lutheran Loganville, George Schneider of St. John Lutheran New Freedom and Katie Brantner of St. Paul Lutheran-Hametown will lead us in a discussion about our vision and future ministry.

DATE: Monday, March 2, 2020TIME: 7:00 pmPLACE: Zion's Upstairs Fellowship Area

Join us in being pioneers in a new spiritual landscape.

Zion has not received offering envelopes yet. The office is now researching a new company to supply Zion with envelopes. Please continue to use the envelopes on the sign-up table in the Fellowship Area to give your contributions. It is important that you provide your name and/or contribution number, along with the amount enclosed, on the envelope. Contribution numbers did <u>not</u> change from last year.

The Christian Education Committee will once again be assembling boxes of nonperishable snacks to send to military personnel and college students who are affiliated with Zion. We are asking for your help in identifying eligible individuals. We currently have identified possibly 9 individuals. Please join us in filling the boxes with gum, granola bars, cookies (homemade and bought), etc. Boxes for your donations will be available in the upstairs Fellowship Hall from Sunday, February 2 through Sunday, February 23 when packing will take place during Social Time. We would also welcome any monetary contributions to help defray shipping costs. Cards will be available for your signature and words of encouragement once the individuals are identified. Please join us in letting those folks know that they are in our thoughts and prayers. Please contact any member of our committee with your questions. Lois Goodling, Jeff Hoffman, Pam Hoffman, Bill Ream, Gloria Ream, Jim Ream, Evelyn Roser, Pam Spangler and Bev Reindollar, Chair.

Final details for the new directory are being completed. Copies of the new directory will be made available soon.

We are thankful for the people of Zion! We are excited to announce that your grateful hearts have donated \$700.00 during our recent God's Global Barnyard funding drive to support those in underdeveloped countries. Through your kindness, we were able to purchase the following:

9 sets of honeybees; 8 sets of chicks; 3 piglets; 4 goats; 2 roosters; 12 fruit tree seedlings.

We can only imagine the joy that will be felt by those who will benefit from these wonderful gifts! Bless you, one and all, Christian Education Committee

Most worship services are recorded. Audio recordings of the lessons and sermons can be found on Zion's website www.zionglenrock.org.

Pre-reader and reader versions of the children's bulletin can be found in the Hanover St. vestibule on a weekly basis.

If you desire pastoral care or conversation, please contact Pastor Katie Brantner at 717-420-0779.

PERSONNEL here at ZION

Pastor Paul Haack, Stated Sunday Supply Pastor	
Pastor Katie Brantner, Interim Pastoral Care Coordinator717-420-0779)
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Brenda Davis, Administrative Assistant	
Natalie Walker, Custodian	
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COUNCIL MEMBERS

Joy Keller-Brown, Donna Price, Bill Ream, Tom Bailey, Susan Hengst, George Brown, Carrie Miller, Edgar Davis and Gevene Harden

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OFFICE HOURS Monday – Friday, 9:30am-12:30pm

ZION'S SCHEDULE for THIS WEEK

Sunday, 2/16

9:00 AM Liturgy of Word & Sacrament

-Children's Church begins after Children's Time with the pastor 10:10AM Social Time

10:30 AM Adult Sunday School

Monday, 2/17

8:00 AM Samaritans Sewing Group

7:30 PM AA

Tuesday, 2/18

6:30 PM Christian Ed Committee

7:00 PM Cub Scouts

Thursday, 2/20

6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal

ZION'S SCHEDULE for NEXT WEEK

Sunday, 2/23

9:00 AM Liturgy of Word & Sacrament

-Children's Church begins after Children's Time with the pastor

10:10AM Social Time

10:30 AM Adult Sunday School

6:15PM Youth Group

Monday, 2/24

8:00 AM Samaritans Sewing Group

7:30 PM AA

Tuesday, 2/25

7:00 PM Cub Scouts

Wednesday, 2/26

7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Community Service at Immanuel UMC, GR 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Community Service at Friedensaal Lutheran **Thursday**, 2/27

6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR SUNDAY 2/23/20

Greeters	Sue Hengst, Felicia Ernst
Acolyte	Travis King
Assisting Minister	Alice Simmons
Lector	George Brown
Offering Ushers	George Brown, Tom Bailey,
	Dave Seitz, Jeff Brown
Communion Usher	Dave Seitz
Communion Assistant	Diane Bortner
Nursery	Webb family
Social Time	Tom & Pam Spangler
Offering Depositors	George Brown, Tom Bailey
Counters	Dave & Shirley Seitz

FINANCIAL Information for YOU

Weekly Contributions and Expenses

2020 Weekly contribution goal to cover budget expenses: \$2,464.00

2/9/20 Regular Contributions	\$1,	,352.23
Other Contributions/Gifts +	⊦\$	0.00
=	\$	45.98 Dedicated Dollars
	\$1,	,306.25 Contributions to cover Expenses

Weekly Expenses: \$9,993.51

Cumulative Contributions and Expenses for 2020

Regular Contributions	\$	17,159.20
Other Contributions/Gifts	+\$	0.00
Dedicated Dollars	- <u>\$</u>	4,845.25
Contributions to cover Expense	s \$	12,313.95
Expenses to date: \$23,743.44		

UPCOMING LENTEN SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 26 – Ash Wednesday

7PM at Immanuel UMC, Glen Rock - Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion with Pastor Dave Stewart preaching: "Relief for the Hungry"

7PM at Friedensaal Lutheran Church – Community service hosted by the South York Conference

Wednesday, March 4 – 7PM at Zion Lutheran Church, Glen Rock – Pastor Art Grahe preaching: "A Kaleidoscope of Caring"

Thursday, March 5 -

6PM at St. Paul Lutheran, Hametown - meal before service (sign up requested)

7PM at St. Paul Lutheran, Hametown – Lent 1- Community service hosted by the South York Conference

Wednesday, March 11 – 7PM at New Hope UCC, Glen Rock – Pastor Skip Spangler preaching: "The Well"

Thursday, March 12-

6PM at Christ Lutheran, Loganville - meal before service (sign up requested)

7PM at Christ Lutheran, Loganville – Lent 2- Community service hosted by the South York Conference

Wednesday, March 18 – 7PM at Trinity UCC, Glen Rock – Pastor Paul Haack preaching: "Quilts: Warmth and Shelter"

Thursday, March 19 -

- 6PM at Salem Lutheran, Jacobus meal before service (sign up requested)
- **7PM at Salem Lutheran, Jacobus** Lent 3- Community service hosted by the South York Conference
- Wednesday, March 25 7PM at Immanuel UMC, Glen Rock Pastor Art Grahe preaching: "Outreach to Children"

Thursday, March 26 -

- 6PM at Friedensaal Lutheran meal before service (sign up requested)
- **7PM at Friedensaal Lutheran** Lent 4- Community service hosted by the South York Conference
- Wednesday, April 1 7PM at Zion Lutheran Church, Glen Rock Pastor Dave Stewart preaching: "Spirit of Hope"

Thursday, April 2 -

- 6PM at St. Paul Lutheran, Hametown meal before service (sign up requested)
- **7PM at St. Paul Lutheran, Hametown** Lent 5- Community service hosted by the South York Conference
- Sunday, April 5 Palm Sunday- Services at each individual congregation

Thursday, April 9 – Maundy Thursday

- 6PM at Christ Lutheran, Loganville meal before service (sign up requested)
- **7PM at Christ Lutheran, Loganville** Community service hosted by the South York Conference

7PM – Services at each of the Glen Rock congregations

Friday, April 10- Good Friday

- **12Noon at St John Lutheran, New Freedom** Community service hosted by the South York Conference
- 7PM at New Hope UCC, Glen Rock Tenebrae

7PM at Friedensaal Lutheran - Community service hosted by the South York Conference

Sunday, April 12 – Easter

- **6:30AM Sunrise service at Trinity UCC Cemetery** on the top of Hanover St., Glen Rock
- **7:30 AM Easter Breakfast at Trinity UCC** (sign up requested) Morning services at each individual congregation

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