

**Zion Lutheran Church, Glen Rock, PA**  
**First Sunday in Lent**  
**LBW Setting Two**  
**Sunday, February 22, 2026**

\*We stand as we are able.

**Introduction to the day**

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

**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**

\*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. 78)**



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



☩ For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



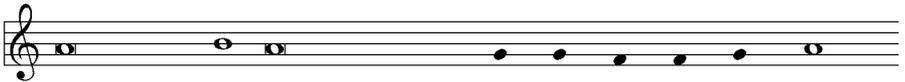
☩ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



☩ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



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



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

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW p.79)**



Ⓐ Glo - ry to God in the high - est,    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,

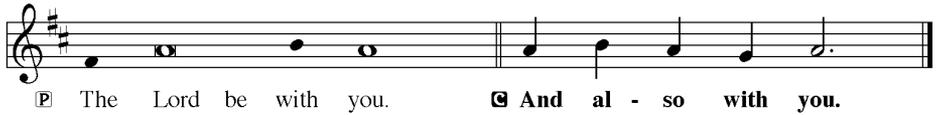


you a - lone are the Most    High,    Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



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

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 82)**



Let us pray.

Lord God, you led your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your Church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

**ANTHEM:** “Fairest Lord Jesus”

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

**FIRST LESSON: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

<sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

<sup>3:1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, <sup>5</sup> for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 32

- <sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose transgressions <sup>1</sup> are forgiven,  
and whose sin is <sup>1</sup> put away!
- <sup>2</sup> **Happy are they to whom the LORD im-<sup>1</sup>putes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there <sup>1</sup> is no guile!**
- <sup>3</sup> While I held my tongue, my bones with-<sup>1</sup>ered away,  
because of my groaning <sup>1</sup> all day long.
- <sup>4</sup> **For your hand was heavy upon me <sup>1</sup> day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the <sup>1</sup> heat of summer.**
- <sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my <sup>1</sup> sin to you,  
and did not con-<sup>1</sup>ceal my guilt.
- <sup>6</sup> **I said, “I will confess my transgressions <sup>1</sup> to the LORD.”  
Then you forgave me the guilt <sup>1</sup> of my sin.**
- <sup>7</sup> Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in <sup>1</sup> time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they <sup>1</sup> shall not reach them.
- <sup>8</sup> **You are my hiding-place; you preserve <sup>1</sup> me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts <sup>1</sup> of deliverance.**
- <sup>9</sup> “I will instruct you and teach you in the way that <sup>1</sup> you should go;  
I will guide you <sup>1</sup> with my eye.
- <sup>10</sup> **Do not be like horse or mule, which have no <sup>1</sup> understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will <sup>1</sup> not stay near  
you.”**
- <sup>11</sup> Great are the tribulations <sup>1</sup> of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust <sup>1</sup> in the LORD.
- <sup>12</sup> **Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice <sup>1</sup> in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are <sup>1</sup> true of heart.**

## SECOND LESSON: Romans 5:12-19

<sup>12</sup> Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned <sup>13</sup> for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man’s trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup> And the gift is not

like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup> If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup> Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup> For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (LBW p. 83)**

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,  
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup> But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’  
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

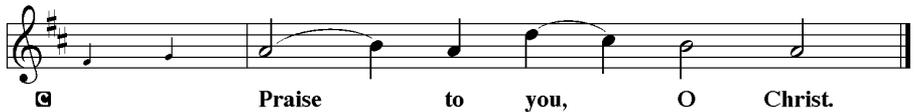
<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him,

“Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’ ”

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.



## SERMON

\***HYMN OF THE DAY:** “Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

LBW (green) 93

\***APOSTLES CREED (LBW p. 85)**

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. 85)**

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

*A brief silence.*

God of all grace, grant faith to your church. Give to all the baptized the will to resist temptation and to worship and serve you alone. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of all creation, tend this earth. When human greed and disobedience threaten this planet and the life it contains, lead us by your Spirit into ways of reverence, awe, and gentleness. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of all nations, preserve us from trouble. Surround all living in places of violence with your steadfast love and give resilience to all who work for peace. Grant courage to those who challenge, especially around issues of racism and systemic oppression. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of all healing, mend our wounds. Bring wholeness to all who are sick, give peace to all who groan in grief, and send companions to all who are lonely or isolated. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of all people, provide for our community. For any among us who hunger for bread, bring nourishment. For any among us who hunger for truth, speak your life-giving word. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of all life, bring us to you. We thank you for your free and abounding grace, and for those who, by that same grace, now rest eternally in you. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

**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. 87)**



What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all his ben - e - fits to me?



I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will call on the



name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal - va - tion and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the



pres - ence of all his peo - ple, in the courts of the Lord's house,



in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 87)**

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. 97)**

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. 97)**

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: “Christ, the Life of All the Living”** LBW (green) 97

**\*DISMISSAL (LBW p. 95)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

Today’s altar flower arrangement is presented in memory of Joy Keller-Brown, by Jim Morris and Sarah Brown.

Today’s second altar flower arrangement is presented in honor of Claire Morris’ birthday, by Jim Morris and Sarah Brown.

## SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 03/0126

Gen 12:1-4a, Ps 121, Rom 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17

### PRAYER REQUESTS

The family of 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.

**There is no communion today.**

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

#### **Community Lenten and Easter Schedule:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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.

**PERSONNEL here at ZION**

- Darryl Engler, Organist
- Brenda Davis, Administrative Assistant
- Kelley Fisher, Treasurer
- Chad Fisher, Sexton
- Chad Fisher, Council President.....ckoash6@gmail.com or 717-891-5327
- Rick Freda, Council Vice President.....rickfreda@yahoo.com or 302-864-5700

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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

## SUNDAY SERVANTS

### **Assisting Ministers:**

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 22: Jake Gilroy  
March 1: Donna Price  
March 8: Linda Beegle  
March 15: Nate Rogers  
March 22: Pam Hoffman  
March 29: Kelley Fisher

### **Council Offering Duty:**

February – Jen Webb and Pam Hoffman  
March – Jeff Brown and Donna Price

### **Altar Care:**

February – Diane Bortner  
March – Pam Spangler



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