

**Zion Lutheran Church
Glen Rock, PA
Transfiguration of Our Lord
LBW Holy Communion Setting One
Sunday, March 2, 2025**

*We stand as we are able.

Introduction to the day

Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.

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: "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"**

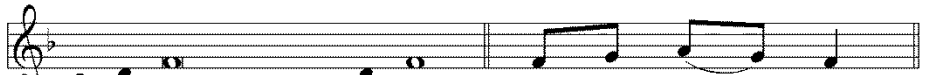
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***APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 57)**

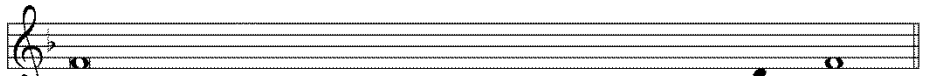
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE (LBW p. 57)



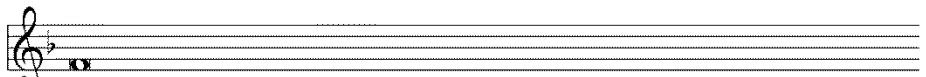
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **B** Lord, have mer - cy.



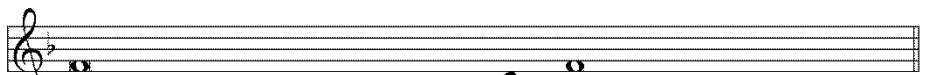
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



B Lord, have mer - cy.



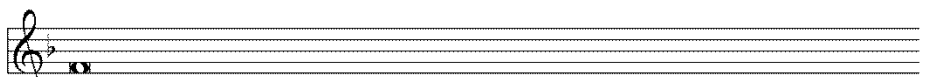
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



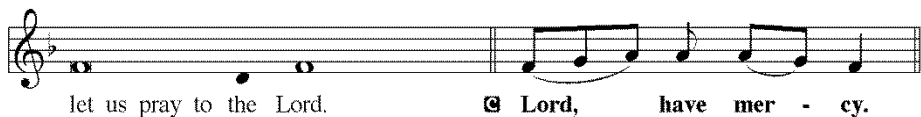
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



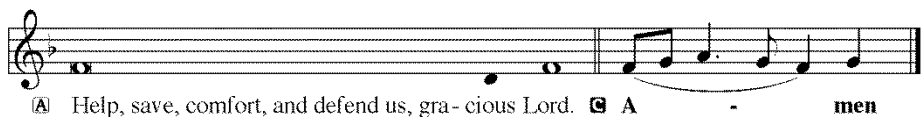
B Lord, have mer - cy.



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

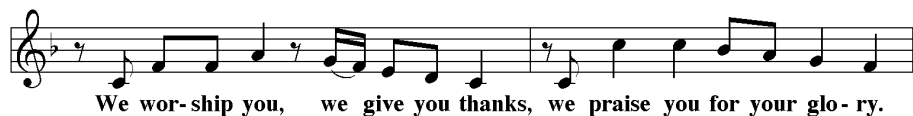
***HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW p. 58)**



☩ Glor - y 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,



***PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 62)**



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

ANTHEM: "Day by Day"

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 99

¹ The LORD is King; let the ¹ people tremble.

He is enthroned upon the cherubim; let ¹ the earth shake.

² **The LORD is ¹ great in Zion;**

he is high a- ¹bove all peoples.

³ Let them confess his name, which is ¹ great and awesome;

he is the ¹ Holy One.

⁴ **“O mighty King, lover of justice, you have ¹ established equity;**

you have executed justice and righteous- ¹ness in Jacob.”

⁵ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down be- ¹fore his
footstool;

he is the ¹ Holy One.

⁶ **Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call**

up- ¹on his name,

they called upon the LORD, and he ¹ answered them.

⁷ He spoke to them out of the pil- ¹lar of cloud;

they kept his testimonies and the decree ¹ that he gave them.

⁸ **O LORD our God, you answered ¹ them indeed;**

**you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their ¹ evil
deeds.**

⁹ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his ¹

holy hill;

for the LORD our God is the ¹ Holy One.

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1} Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God’s word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of 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: Luke 9:28-36[37-43a]

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 9th chapter.

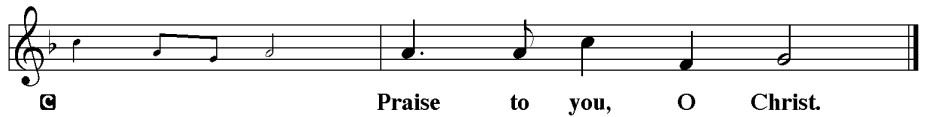
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.

And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

[³⁷ On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸ Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹ Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰ I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.”⁴¹ Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” ⁴² While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ^{43a} And all were astounded at the greatness of God.]

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)**

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Transfiguring God, through the glory of your presence, you transform us. Move the church from complacency to boldness in sharing the good news with others.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for your creation. As seasons change, give patience and skill to all who tend to animals giving birth. Grant nourishing weather for the growing of crops.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for all in leadership, especially for those who lead states, counties, and town councils. Give them wisdom to protect local resources so that all will flourish both now and in the years to come. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Bring your healing grace to those who feel distant from you. Speak comfort to those who need your words of mercy. We pray for those close to our communities and in our hearts. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of our past, present, and future, lead us into new beginnings, trusting in the promise of new life in Christ. Accompany congregations needing to close, and give courage to congregations starting new ministries. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Renewing God, the saints who have gone before us witnessed to the ways you transform your church and people. We give thanks for their example and pray we carry it forward. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

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



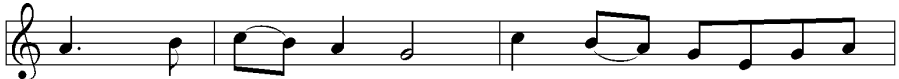
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



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)**

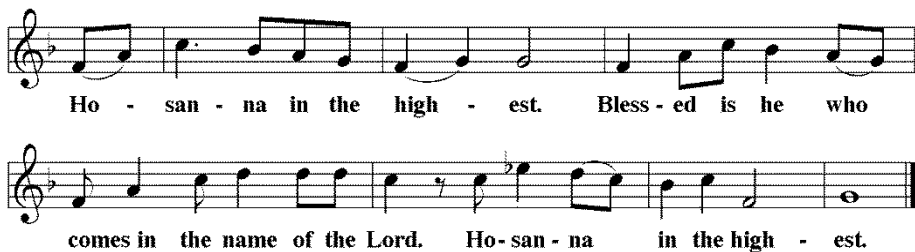
It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the 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. 70)**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,

that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

***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.**

COMMUNION HYMN: "Father, We Thank You"

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***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 - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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: "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

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*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.

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 3/9/2025

Duet 26:1-11, Ps 91:1-2, 9-16, Rom 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rebecca Myers, Brian Phelps, Geraldine Ambrosius, Glenn and Linda Engler,
Marian Williams, Jan Cowart, Tim Myers, Bonni Whitman,
Jon Stiffler, Nolan Williams, Shirley Seitz, Sandy Fair, Diane Moul,
LeMos Stallard

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. Martin Zimmann to lead us in worship.

Currently no regular altar flowers are sponsored for the month of March. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers in the month of March or anytime, contact Brenda in the office. The cost of regular altar flowers is \$30.

Besides the upcoming Lenten schedule of services and the current bulletin insert information, mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

- **Monthly Third Thursday food and fellowship**, typically from 4:30-6pm – see time change for Maundy Thursday
- **Glen Rock Library Benefit Concert at Zion on Saturday, 4/5 at 2pm** – local musicians and choirs will be performing, a free will offering will be collected
- **Trivia Time Fundraiser at Zion on Sunday, 4/6 from 4-6pm**-will benefit local food pantries, teams of up to six people welcome, \$5/person or 5 food items/person entrance fee, food, drinks and snacks will be available for additional purchase, if you would like to volunteer to help in the kitchen or make a dessert for the event see Brenda Davis

- **Easter Egg Hunt for all ages on Saturday, 4/19 at 10:30am, event will be held at Friedensaal Lutheran Church**, this is a joint venture between Zion, Friedensaal, and Christ Loganville
- **Joint Worship & Church Picnic at Friedensaal Lutheran Church on Sunday, 6/1.** More details will be made available later, this is a joint venture between Zion, Friedensaal, and Christ Loganville
- **Glen Rock Library Book Sale at Zion on Saturday, June 7th,** while the Glen Rock Arts & Brew Fest is taking place, more details will be made available later
- **Confirmation for Jake, Sam, and Henry on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th during the 9am worship,** Pastor Doug DeStephano will be preaching, Friedensaal and Christ Loganville congregations will be joining Zion for this celebration
- **Joint worship & meal on Sunday, July 6th at Zion –** Friedensaal, Christ Loganville, Salem Jacobus, St Paul Hametown, and Zion will be worshipping and sharing fellowship over a meal together to wrap up the Fourth of July weekend, more details will be made available later

Do you have a stash of plastic Easter eggs you are no longer using? Please consider donating them to the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt. Your donations can be given to any of Zion's members of the Partnership Committee – Edgar and Brenda Davis, Jeff and Pam Hoffman

Pastor Brian Biery will be holding a Lenten Book Study at Christ Lutheran Church, 105 South Main St, Shrewsbury, PA, on Tuesdays at 6pm from March 11-April 15. The study will focus on the book *The Great Dechurching: Who's Leaving, Why Are They Going, and What Will It Take to Bring Them Back?* A light supper will be provided. If you are interested in participating, please email Pastor Brian Biery at pastor.biery@gmail.com.

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.

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 March will benefit the Arthur Hufnagel Glen Rock Public Library.** As mentioned last week in the announcements before worship began, the library has been closed for over a year due to repairs needed to the building. To date, \$100,000 of the \$140,000 goal has been raised in the last year. Our collection for the month will be added to the fundraising efforts to reach the goal of \$140,000.

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, Edgar Davis, Chad Fisher, Rick Freda, Pam Hoffman, Donna Price, and Jen Webb

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Assisting Ministers:

Mar 2: Pam Hoffman
Mar 9: Diane Bortner
Mar 16: George Brown
Mar 23: Jeff Hoffman
Mar 30: George Brown
Apr 6: Joy Keller-Brown
Apr 13: Pam Hoffman
Apr 20: Diane Bortner
Apr 27: Donna Price

Lectors:

Mar 2: Joy Keller-Brown
Mar 9: Donna Price
Mar 16: Jake Gilroy
Mar 23: Linda Beegle
Mar 30: Jen Webb
Apr 6: Kelley Fisher
Apr 13: Nola Webb
Apr 17: Donna Price
Apr 20: Chad Fisher
Apr 27: Susie Hengst

Council Offering Duty:

March – Jen Webb and Edgar Davis
April – Pam Hoffman and Jeff Brown

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March – Pam Hoffman
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