

**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**Glen Rock, PA**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**  
**LBW Holy Communion Setting One**  
**Sunday, March 5, 2023**

\*We stand as we are able.

**Introduction to the day**

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

**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**

\*APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 57)

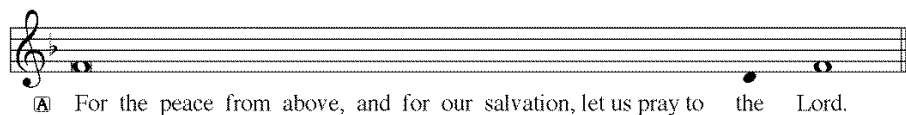
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE (LBW p. 57)



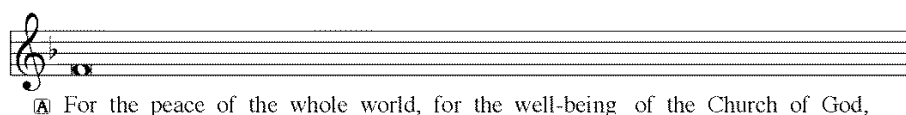
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



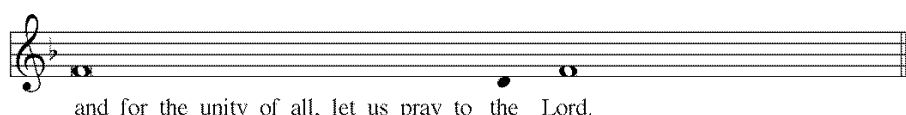
**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



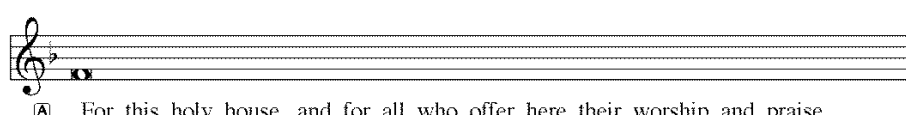
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



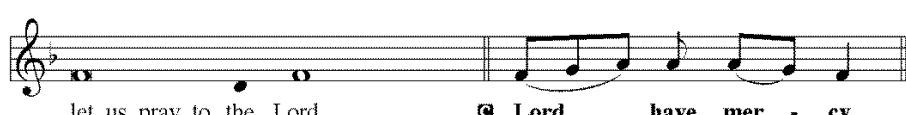
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



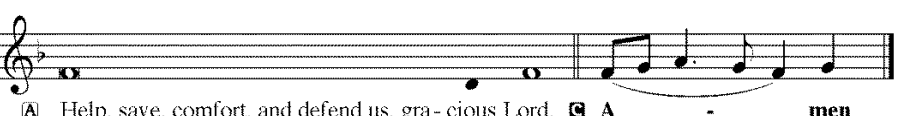
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



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

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



Ⓐ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Ⓑ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - mighty 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. 62)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Eternal God, it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## **FIRST LESSON: Genesis 12:1-4a**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

<sup>4a</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 121** (spoken responsively, verse by verse)

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup>**My help comes from the LORD,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

<sup>5</sup>the LORD himself watches over you;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

<sup>6</sup>**so that the sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

## **SECOND LESSON: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

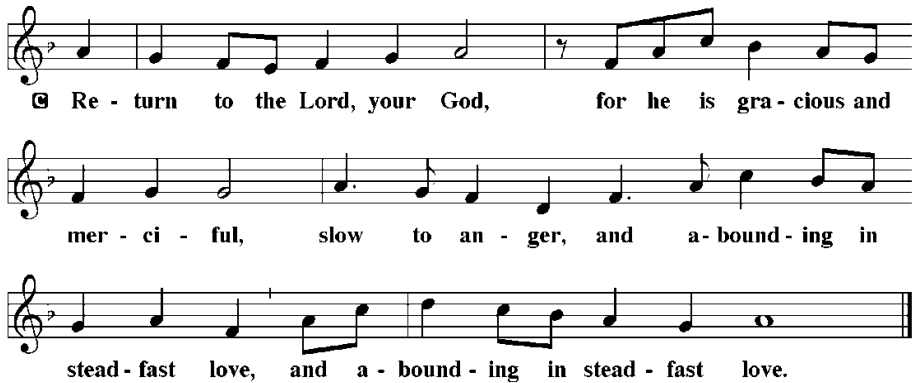
<sup>1</sup>What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (LBW p.63)**



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, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**GOSPEL: John 3:1-17**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

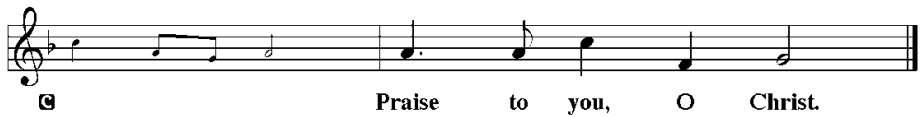
<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

<sup>11</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



### **SERMON (LBW p. 63)**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: “Glory Be to Jesus”**

**LBW (green) 95**

**\*APOSTLES CREED (LBW p. 64)**

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)**

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

O God, you so love your church. Raise up leaders who care for your people. Bless lay theologians, seminary and college professors, and all who are called to the ministry of teaching, that they form and inspire us for the work of the gospel. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

O God, you so love your creation. Breathe new life into our planetary home. Guide the work of researchers, scientists, and activists who love your earth and who inspire us to care for the natural world. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

O God, you so love the world. Uphold leaders who resist tyranny and oppression. Strengthen organizations that promote peace and harmony. Direct their work to alleviate human suffering and to address its root causes. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

O God, you so love your people. Draw near to all who live with mental illness, depression, or addiction, and accompany them in healing and recovery. Hear the cries of those who look to you in their distress. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

O God, you so love your children. Bless the young in our midst, and delight us with their joy, wonder, and curiosity. Revive our ministries with children and youth and equip us all for faithful discipleship. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

O God, you so love your saints. As our ancestors in the faith have been a blessing to us, so inspire us by their example of holy living to be a blessing to those who come after us. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ 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. 67)**



☞ 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. 68)**

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 (LBW p. 68)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

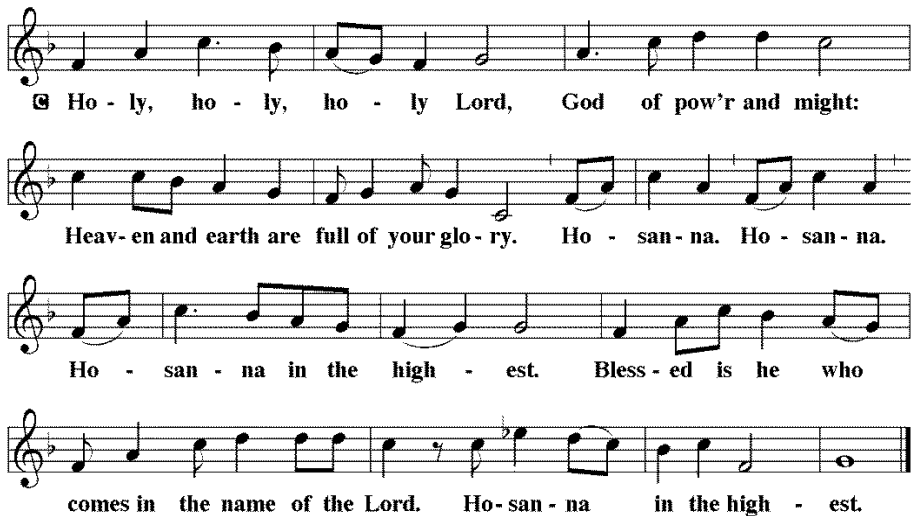
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**\*PREFACE (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. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. 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.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\*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)**

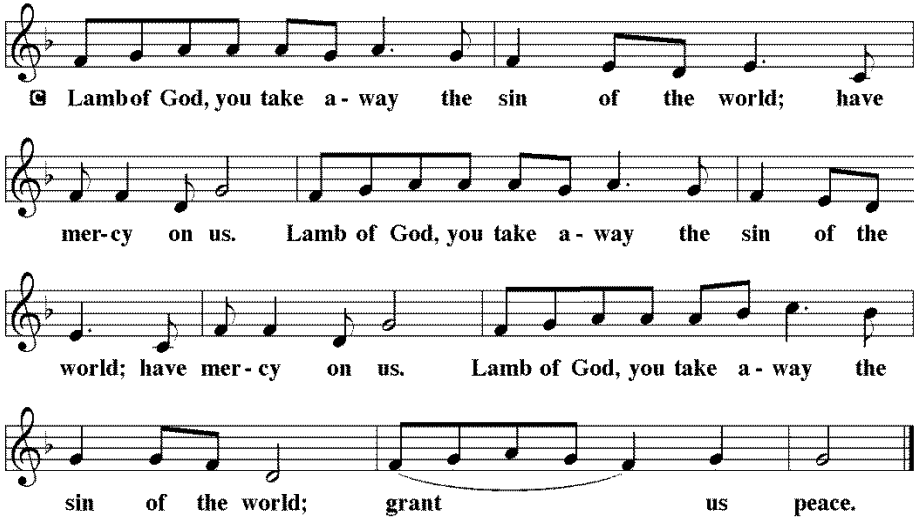
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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: "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"**

**LBW (green) 99**

**\*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**



Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful- filled.



My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre- pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re- veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (LBW p.74)**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same 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: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"**

**LBW (green) 104**

**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 3/12/2023**

Exod 17:1-7, Ps 95, Rom 5:1-11, John 4:5-42

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Services are videotaped and streamed live each week on Zion Lutheran Church's Facebook page.** It is possible during recording that people attending the service will be filmed. If you have any concerns about being filmed, please contact the office at 717-235-3276.

**It's time to show Zion's VIPs some love for Easter.** We will be collecting Hershey kisses, small Reese's peanut butter eggs, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, homemade cookies, and cards for our local VIPs, including Norma Innerst, Joyce Bosley, Dorothy Lentz, Shirley Henry, Lemos Stallard, Lois Goodling, Richard and Renate Shiles, and Marlene Batchelor (Donna's Price's step mom who recently moved to York County from North Carolina). Items will be collected until Sunday, 3/26. Cards can be sent directly to Tanya Krout at Smart Communication/PADOC

Tanya Krout/006199

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## **Upcoming Community Mid-Week Lenten services:**

This year's theme is: "Behold, I Am Doing a New Thing"

Wednesday, March 8 at Zion Lutheran

Wednesday, March 15 at New Hope UCC (Fissels)

Wednesday, March 22 at Christ Lutheran, Shrewsbury

Wednesday, March 29 at New Hope UCC (Fissels)

All services will begin at 7:00pm.

**Maundy Thursday service** will be at Zion at 7pm on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Community Good Friday Tenebrae Service** will be at Immanuel UMC at 7pm on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Easter Sunrise Service** will be at Zion's cemetery at the top of Hanover St at 6:45am on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Zion will also have a 9am service in the Sanctuary on Easter morning.**

**The Loose Change offering plate is available every Sunday.** You may bring your loose change any Sunday of the month. At the end of the month, the total collected for that month will be sent to the chosen organization. **March's Loose Change collection will benefit the Senior Center in New Freedom.** The mission of the Senior Center is to establish and maintain a place that provides programs for seniors age 60 and up. These programs promote social, emotional, cultural, economic and physical well-being for all seniors, regardless of race, religion, or nationality. Daily activities include games, trips, movies, speakers, crafts, and health programs. The center is located at 150 E. Main Street, New Freedom 17349.

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

**PERSONNEL here at ZION**

- Vicar David Hoth, Interim Vicar.....720-855-8878
- Darryl Engler, Organist
- Brenda Davis, Administrative Assistant
- Raven Baker, Custodian
- Chad Fisher, Sexton.....717-891-5327
- Donna Price, Council President.....717-235-5465
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**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Donna Price, Tom Bailey, Susan Hengst, Edgar Davis, Rick Freda, Chad Fisher, Linda Beegle, Jeff Brown

## SUNDAY SERVANTS

### **Assisting Ministers:**

Mar. 5: Diane Bortner  
Mar. 12: George Brown  
Mar. 19: Linda Beegle  
Mar. 26: Pam Hoffman

### **Lectors:**

Mar. 5: George Brown  
Mar. 12: Pam Hoffman  
Mar. 19: Joy Keller-Brown  
Mar. 26: Donna Price

### **Council Offering Duty:**

March – Chad Fisher and Tom Bailey

### **Social Time Hosts:**

Mar. 5 – Choir members  
Mar. 12 – Jen and Eric Webb  
Mar. 19 – Tom and Pam Spangler  
Mar. 26 – Sheree Sidler

### **Altar Care:**

March – Diane Bortner



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