

**Zion Lutheran Church
Glen Rock, PA
Third Sunday in Lent
LBW Holy Communion Setting Two
Sunday, March 8, 2026**

*We stand as we are able.

Introduction to the day

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

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

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ,

and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

***ENTRANCE HYMN: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"**

LBW (green) 107

***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)



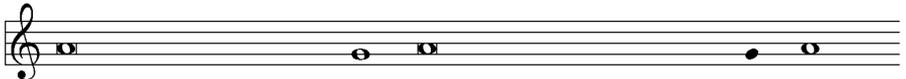
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **B** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



B Lord, have mer - cy.



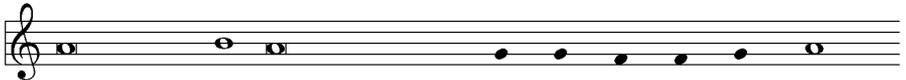
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty 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 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 - migh - ty 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.

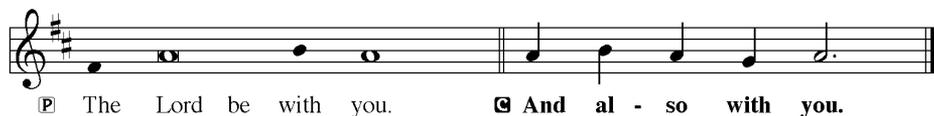
You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

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. 82)**



Let us pray.

Eternal Lord, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, so that we become instruments of your redeeming love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

ANTHEM: "Cross of Jesus"

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

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 17:1-7

¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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

PSALM: Psalm 95

¹ Come, let us sing ¹ to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of ¹ our salvation.

² **Let us come before his presence ¹ with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to ¹ him with psalms.**

³ For the LORD ¹ is a great God,
and a great King a- ¹bove all gods.

⁴ **In his hand are the caverns ¹ of the earth,
and the heights of the hills ¹ are his also.**

⁵ The sea is his, ¹ for he made it,
and his hands have molded ¹ the dry land.

⁶ **Come, let us bow down and ¹ bend the knee,
and kneel before the ¹ LORD our Maker.**

⁷ For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep ¹ of his
hand.

Oh, that today you would hearken ¹ to his voice!

⁸ **Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did ¹ in the wilderness,
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they ¹ tempted me.**

⁹ They put me ¹ to the test,
though they had ¹ seen my works.

¹⁰ **Forty years long I detested that genera- ¹tion and said,
“This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not ¹ know my
ways.”**

¹¹ So I swore ¹ in my wrath,
“They shall not enter in- ¹ to my rest.”

SECOND LESSON: Romans 5:1-11

¹ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

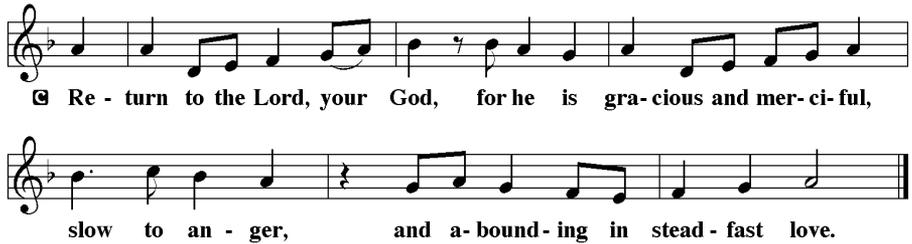
⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a

good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹ But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

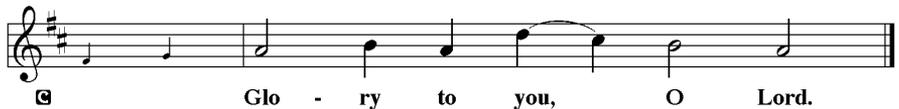
***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (LBW p. 83)**



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: John 4:5-42

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



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

⁵ [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the

well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” ¹³ Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” ¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” ¹⁷ The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’ ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” ¹⁹ The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” ²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” ²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

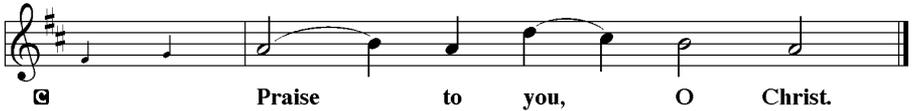
²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” ²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” ³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³ So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” ³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and

another reaps.’ ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

LBW (green) 497 (alternate tune)

***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.

O God, when suffering arises, preserve your church. Give to pastors, deacons, bishops, and all servants of your gospel the endurance that produces character and the hope that will never disappoint. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

When the waters run dry, sustain this earth. Send water to places languishing with drought, and bring relief to places damaged by floods. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

When quarrels ensue, soften our hearts. Quell hostilities between nations and peoples, and reconcile all humans across the lines of race, class, nationality, moral conviction, religion, and all else that divides or oppresses. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

When your people thirst, satisfy their needs. Send water and food to all who need nourishment. Grant welcome to all who are excluded. Show your mercy to any in need (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

When we gather to worship, send us your Spirit. Renew our hearts through the joyful noise we make and bless the work of our church musicians and musical ensembles. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God, when death draws near, we rejoice in the promise of life with you. We remember all who have entered eternal rest, and we pray that you bring us the hope of sharing in your glory. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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

Amen.

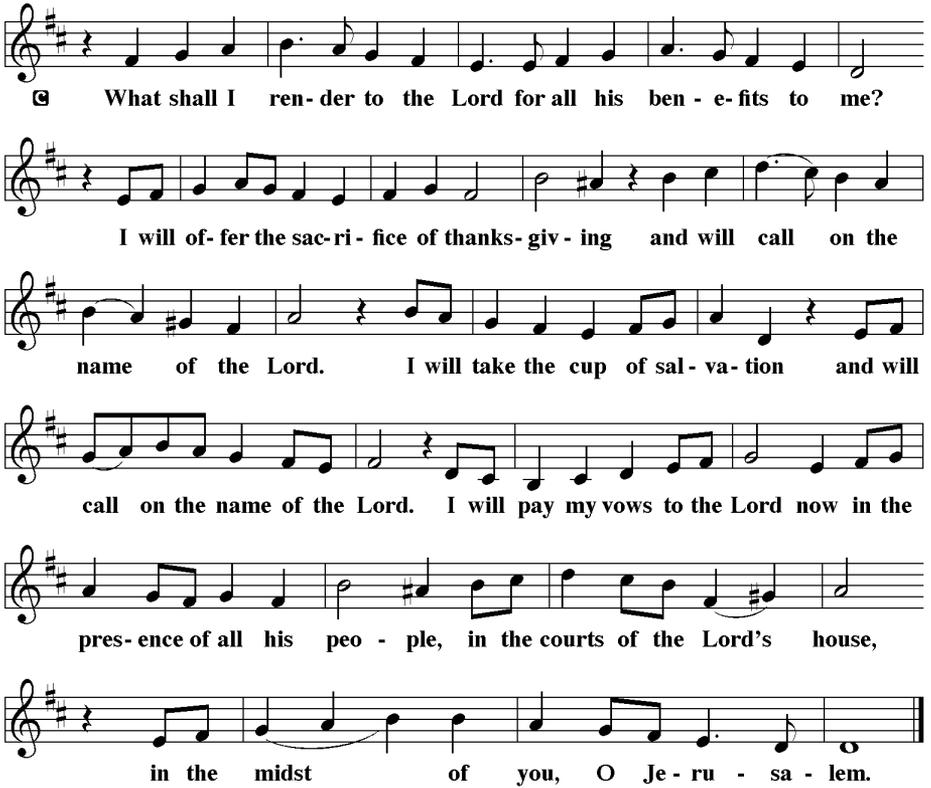
***PEACE (LBW p. 66)**

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

***DIALOGUE (LBW p. 88)**



♩ 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. 88)**

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, Lord God of pow'r and might:



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



***THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 89)**

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. 91)**

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.**

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.94)

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. 95)

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:** “Savior, Again to Your Dear Name” LBW (green) 262

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

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 03/15/26

1 Sam 16:1-13, Ps 23, Eph 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mark Freda, Shirley Seitz, 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Zion! We are glad you are here today. After worship, you are invited to a time of fellowship with coffee and snacks in the social hall directly beside the sanctuary.

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

Today we welcome Rev. John Teitman to lead us in worship.

If you are new to Zion or have an update to your contact information, please fill out a connection card located on the windowsill near the bulletins.

As we look forward to Easter morning, a question was raised at the recent council meeting about having breakfast before the 9am service or brunch after worship during social time. We’d like your input. Please fill out the bulletin insert and return your answers in the offering plate by Sunday, March 22nd.

The Christian Education Committee is seeking volunteers to assist as needed to supervise our little ones during Children's Church. This is expected to fill an occasional need according to your availability. Please direct inquiries to: Pam Hoffman (pam@gilmangroup.com - 717-676-0433), Kelley Fisher (kelleyfish23@gmail.com - 410-598-0586), or Brenda Davis [church office] (office@zionglenrock.org - 717-235-3276).

Lenten Book Study: *The Cost of Discipleship* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Tuesdays at 6 PM, March 10, 17, and 24

Christ Lutheran Church, 105 South Main St. Shrewsbury

Copies of the book can be purchased from Pastor Brian Biery for \$10. You can reach him at pastor.biery@gmail.com or 717-579-4031 for pickup or delivery of the text.

Community Choir 2026: A community concert will be held at Zion on Saturday, April 25 at 3pm. Proceeds will benefit the Glen Rock / Arthur Hufnagel and Shrewsbury / Paul Smith Libraries.

Practices: Sundays - March 15, and April 19 from 6-7:30 PM

If you cannot attend both practices, you are still welcome to join us. Contact Rev. Brian Biery at 717-579-4031 if you would like to participate or with questions.

Community Lenten and Easter Schedule:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
Public Library of Glen Rock.**

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

**Announcements for the weekly bulletin are due to the office by early
Tuesday morning so bulletin work can be completed by the end of the day
on Tuesday.** This schedule allows time for the bulletin to be sent to the presiding
pastor for the upcoming week and allows the website committee time to post the
bulletin on Zion's website. Announcements can be emailed to Brenda at
office@zionglenrock.org.

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Chad Fisher, Council President.....ckoash6@gmail.com or 717-891-5327

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Assisting Ministers:

March 8: Donna Price
March 15: George Brown
March 22: Jeff Hoffman
March 29: Butch Hengst
April 2: Diane Bortner
April 5: Donna Price
April 12: George Brown
April 19: Jeff Hoffman
April 26: Butch Hengst

Lectors:

March 8: Linda Beegle
March 15: Nate Rogers
March 22: Pam Hoffman
March 29: Kelley Fisher
April 2: Kayla Rogers
April 5: Chad Fisher
April 12: Rachel Foltz
April 19: Susie Hengst
April 26: Diane Bortner

Council Offering Duty:

March – Jeff Brown and Donna Price
April – Rick Freda and Gail Prego

Altar Care:

March – Pam Spangler
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