

Zion Lutheran Church
Glen Rock, PA
First Sunday in Lent
LBW Holy Communion Setting Two
Sunday, March 9, 2025

*We stand as we are able.

Introduction to the day

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (LBW p. 77)**

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: “My Song Is Love Unknown”** LBW (green) 94 vs 1-4

***APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 78)**

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)**



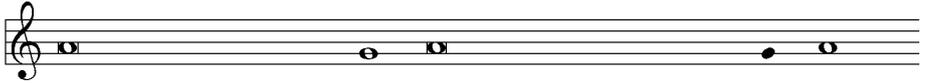
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



G Lord, have mer - cy.



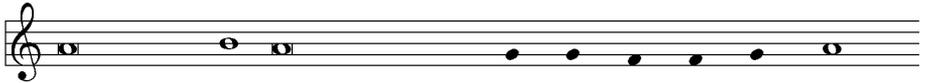
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



G 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-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.

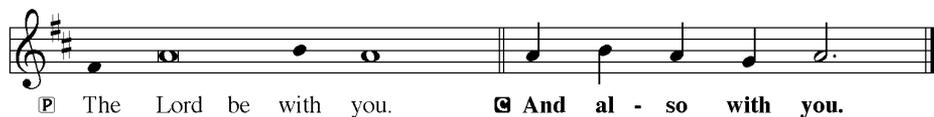
You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

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. 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: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹ When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD,

have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

¹ He who dwells in the shelter of ^l the Most High,
abides under the shadow of ^l the Almighty.

² **He shall say to the LORD, “You are my refuge ^l and my stronghold,
my God in whom I ^l put my trust.”**

⁹ Because you have made the ^l LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your ^l habitation,

¹⁰ **there shall no evil hap- ^l pen to you,
neither shall any plague come ^l near your dwelling.**

¹¹ For he shall give his angels charge ^l over you,
to keep you in ^l all your ways.

¹² **They shall bear you ^l in their hands,
lest you dash your foot a- ^l gainst a stone.**

¹³ You shall tread upon the li- ^l on and the adder;
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent un- ^l der your feet.

¹⁴ **Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I de- ^l liver him;
I will protect him, because he ^l knows my name.**

¹⁵ He shall call upon me, and I will ^l answer him;

I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring ^l him to honor.

¹⁶ **With long life will I sat- ^l isfy him,
and show him ^l my salvation.**

SECOND LESSON: Romans 10:8b-13

^{8b} “The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew

and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

¹³ For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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: Luke 4:1-13**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.



☐ Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.

³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please.

⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,'

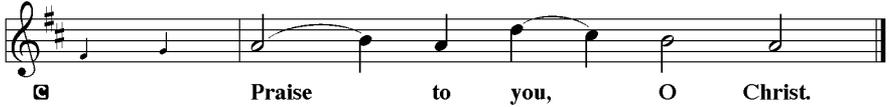
¹¹ and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON (LBW p. 83)

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

LBW (green) 230

***APOSTLES’ CREED (LBW p. 84)**

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

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, speak your word anew among your church. Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to turn inward in fear or complacency. Embolden church institutions to turn from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Mothering God, speak the word of life into wilderness places and fertile fields. Grant wisdom to your people, that we may quell the urge to strip lands of their resources and instead preserve first fruits for future generations. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Almighty God, speak a word of wisdom to people in positions of power: mayors, councils, and tribal leaders, legislators, judges and juries, presidents, and monarchs. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance, resisting the temptations of the evil one. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Steadfast God, speak words of courage to your people in the wilderness. Protect migrants and refugees on perilous journeys, that they find safe refuge and a portion in the bounty you have given humanity to share. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone. Bless lay ministers, home communion teams, and others who attend to those who are overlooked, vulnerable, or lonely, that all find belonging in your love. We pray for all who are ill (*especially*). God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Living God, we give thanks for all the faithful who have crossed the threshold from death to life. Guide us who are living to learn from their wisdom and follow their example. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

Amen.

***PEACE (LBW p. 86)**

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.

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

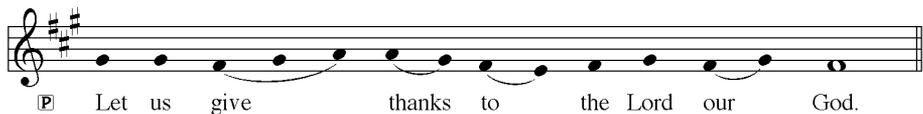
***DIALOGUE (LBW p. 88)**



♩ 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. 90)**

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.**

**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. 92)**



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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION (LBW p. 92)

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

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

COMMUNION HYMN: “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

LBW (green) 226

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND CANTICLE (LBW p. 92)**

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. 94)

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. 94)**

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

***SENDING HYMN:** “Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

LBW (green) 93

***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, by Brenda Gladfelter.

Today’s high altar flower arrangements are presented in memory of Janet Steedle McCullough, by the Seitz and Prego families.

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 3/16/2025

Gen 15:1-12, 17-18, Ps 63:1-8, 1 Cor 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rebecca Myers, Brian Phelps, Geraldine Ambrosius, Glenn and Linda Engler,
Marian Williams, Jan Cowart, Tim Myers, Bonni Whitman,
Jon Stiffler, 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. Peter Rustico to lead us in worship.

Nolan Williams passed away peacefully on Monday, March 3, 2025. A public gathering will be held on Monday, March 10, 2025 from 10:00am until a memorial service begins at 11:00am at Zion Lutheran Church. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations in Nolan’s memory can be made to Zion Lutheran Church.

If you would like to sponsor altar or high altar flowers, contact Brenda in the office.

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

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

- **Mid-week Community Lenten Service, Wednesday, 3/12 at 7pm** at New Hope Fissels, 3426 Fissels Church Rd, Glen Rock
- **Mid-week Community Lenten Service, Wednesday, 3/19 at 7pm** at Trinity UCC, 27 Manchester St, Glen Rock
- **Third Thursday time of food and fellowship, March 20th** from 4:30-6pm in Zion's social hall– baked potato bar and desserts. A sign-up sheet is available near the bulletins at the back of the Sanctuary.
- **Mid-week Community Lenten Service, Wednesday, 3/26 at 7pm** at Immanuel UMC, 1 New St, Glen Rock
- **Mid-week Community Lenten Service, Wednesday, 4/2 at 7pm** at Zion Lutheran Church, 47 Hanover St, Glen Rock
- **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
- **Mid-week Community Lenten Service, Wednesday, 4/9 at 7pm** at Christ Lutheran Church, 105 S Main St, Shrewsbury
- **Palm Sunday service at Zion on 4/13 at 9am**
- **April 17, 2025, Maundy Thursday meal in Zion's social hall from 5:30-6:30pm** – ham and green beans, sides and desserts
- **April 17, 2025 Maundy Thursday service at Zion at 7pm**
- **Good Friday – self guided Stations of the Cross** around Zion's church building – all day

- **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
- **April 20, 2025 at 6:45am, Easter Sunrise Service** at Immanuel UMC cemetery, near 306 Church St, Glen Rock
- **April 20, 2025, 9am, Easter Service at Zion**
- **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

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.** 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 set has been raised through donations and fundraisers.

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

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Assisting Ministers:

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 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

Altar Care:

March – Pam Hoffman
April – Diane Bortner



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