# Zion Lutheran Church, Glen Rock, PA Third Sunday in Lent LBW Holy Communion Setting One Sunday, March 12, 2023

\*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

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

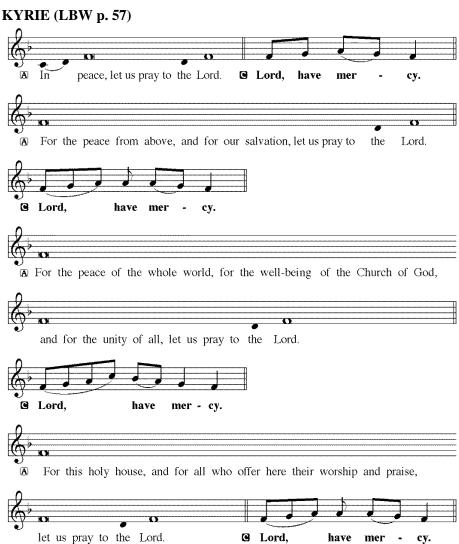
# \*ENTRANCE HYMN: "Christ, the Life of All the Living" LBW (green) 97

## \*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.





Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. @ A

men

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



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

The Lord be with you.

# And also with you.

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** 

## FIRST LESSON: Exodus 17:1-7

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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?" <sup>3</sup>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?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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** (spoken responsively, verse by verse)

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the LORD;

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

<sup>2</sup>Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

<sup>3</sup>For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

<sup>4</sup>In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.

<sup>5</sup>The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.

<sup>6</sup>Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

<sup>7</sup>For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

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

<sup>9</sup>They put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

<sup>10</sup>Forty years long I detested that generation and said, "This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."

<sup>11</sup>So I swore in my wrath,

"They shall not enter into my rest."

#### SECOND LESSON: Romans 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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: John 4:5-42

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



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

<sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>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.) <sup>10</sup>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." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>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." <sup>15</sup>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."

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"

<sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup>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." <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

<sup>27</sup>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?" <sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" <sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup>Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." <sup>32</sup>But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup>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. <sup>36</sup>The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

<sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>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 (LBW p. 63)

\*HYMN OF THE DAY: "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

**LBW 324** 

# \*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.

We pray for your church. Bless partnerships with other Christians and interreligious dialogue. Guide the daily work of denominational and congregational leaders. Strengthen our combined witness for the sake of the gospel, that all experience your life-giving love. Merciful God,

# receive our prayer.

We pray for the universe. All creation teems with life, from the depths of the earth and seas to the skies above. Fill us with awe and reverence for the diversity and preservation of life. Merciful God,

# receive our prayer.

We pray for the nations of the world. Topple the dividing walls that separate us from our neighbors. Form us into your beloved community where diversity of gender, race, language, ability, and ethnic origin is celebrated and affirmed. Merciful God,

# receive our prayer.

We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. Be present with all who are lonely, and give courage to all who are afraid. Comfort those who live with chronic illness or other sickness (*especially*). Give them your living water always. Merciful God,

# receive our prayer.

We pray for this congregation, nurture their faith and pour your love into their hearts. Inspire our community by their testimony to God's grace in their lives. Merciful God.

# receive our prayer.

We give thanks for the lives of all your saints. Their hope in you sustained lives of faith and service. Encourage us with the hope they shared in you. 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)



**②** 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.

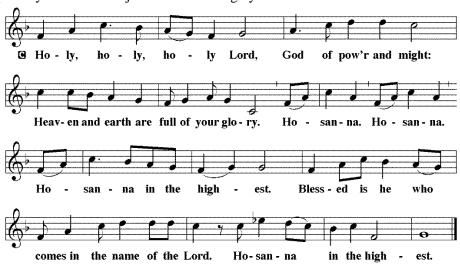
We lift them to the Lord.

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:



# \*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,

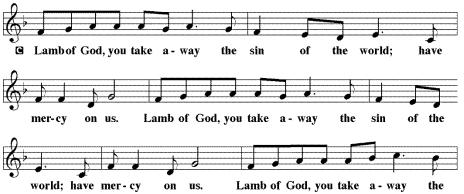
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

# \*COMMUNION HYMN (LBW p. 72)





# **COMMUNION (LBW p. 72)**

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

The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

# COMMUNION HYMN: "Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus" LBW (green) 219

## \*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** 



# 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: "O Christ, Our King, Creator, Lord" LBW 101

## 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 Diane Bortner.

Today's altar flower arrangement is presented in memory of Marjorie & Melvin Walters and Margaret & Andy Wilhelm, by Sandy Fair.

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

Today's second altar flower arrangement is presented in honor of Kelley Fisher's birthday, by Owen, Allison, Sam, and Henry.

#### SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 3/19/2023

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

# 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.

**Fun Trivia Time this afternoon from 3-5pm at Christ Lutheran Church**, 80 South Main St., Loganville, PA 17342, Suggested donation of \$5 at the door (All proceeds go to help families and communities affected by earthquake in Syria and Turkey.) Food for sale includes walking tacos, hot dogs, baked goods and more.

Easter flower orders are due next Sunday, 3/19. Payment for flowers can be made at a later day, but the flower order needs to be placed on Monday, 3/20.

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 Price's stepmom 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 SCI Cambridge Springs PO Box 33028 St. Petersburg, FL 33733

There has been conversation about some possible fellowship events for Spring and Summer. If you are interested in helping to plan and carry out some of the ideas discussed or other options, contact Brenda at 717-235-3276 or office@zionglenrock.org.

# Friends of Glen Rock Borough News:

- Registration has been extended until Wednesday, March 15 at 9pm for the upcoming Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Glen Rock Park. This event is open to ages 12-18 years old. Pre-registration is required. Flashlights and baskets/bags will NOT be provided. This is a free event.
- ◆ Tea and Greens Party Saturday, March 18 at 5:30-7pm at Mains St Market, 17 Main St, Glen Rock Join us as we learn from Alison of Love Sown Farms the secrets of growing delicious microgreens! While Alison teaches the fine art of growing microgreens, Kate of Burtt Baking Co will be serving two courses of her signature baked goods. Our savor course will include a scone, microgreen salad and local cheese and chutney. During our sweet course, you can try 3 delicious bites with local jams. We'll be pairing both courses with Tulsi Fields Farm hot teas. Each attendee will also receive a microgreen growing kit as well as any other goodies we can find lying around in our kitchen (because who doesn't love extra gifts?). Tickets are \$45. Limited seating.

- ♦ Glen Rock Park Community Garden opening May 2023. Plots are available to rent for the entire growing season and rentals are open to Glen Rock residents only until June. Garden plots are rented annually from May 1<sup>st</sup> (April 1<sup>st</sup> in subsequent years) through October 31. Each plot measures approximately 20x20 feet. Plots are assigned on a "first come, first served" basis. Returning gardeners will retain their previous plots unless otherwise requested. Plots can be reserved online or call 717-235-3206 to set up a meeting at the borough office.
- ♦ Glen Rock Arts & Brew Fest will take place on Saturday, June 3, 2023. Friends of Glen Rock Borough Committee is looking for volunteers for this event. Volunteers can help in a variety of ways, including answering questions for event attendees the day of the event. Zion is also looking for ideas on how the church can be involved in the event. If you have ideas of how Zion can participate, please contact Brenda at 717-235-3276 or office@zionglenrock.org.

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

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

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.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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

#### SUNDAY SERVANTS

## **Assisting Ministers:**

Mar. 12: George Brown

Mar. 19: Linda Beegle

Mar. 26: Pam Hoffman

Apr. 2: Joy Keller-Brown

Apr. 9: Donna Price

#### Lectors:

Mar. 12: Pam Hoffman

Mar. 19: Joy Keller-Brown

Mar. 26: Donna Price

Apr. 2: Linda Beegle

Apr. 9: Jen Webb

# **Council Offering Duty:**

March – Chad Fisher and Tom Bailey

April - Edgar Davis and Donna Price

## **Social Time Hosts:**

Mar. 12 – Jen and Eric Webb

Mar. 19 – Tom and Pam Spangler

Mar. 26 – Sheree Sidler

Apr. 2 – Rick Freda and Michael Warns

Apr. 9 – Beegle Family

## Altar Care:

March - Diane Bortner

April - Pam Spangler and Donna Price

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