

**Zion Lutheran Church  
Glen Rock, PA  
Second Sunday in Lent  
LBW Holy Communion Setting Two  
Sunday, March 16, 2025**

\*We stand as we are able.

**Introduction to the day**

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

**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: “Christ, the Life of All the Living”** LBW (green) 97

**\*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)**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW p. 79)**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people 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,  
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 82)**

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**

**ANTHEM:** “You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord”

**FIRST LESSON: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**

<sup>1</sup> After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir

of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"<sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir."<sup>4</sup> But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir."<sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be."<sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup> Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess."<sup>8</sup> But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?"<sup>9</sup> He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon."<sup>10</sup> He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.<sup>11</sup> And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup> As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

<sup>17</sup> When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.<sup>18</sup> On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 27**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then<sup>1</sup> shall I fear?

The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I<sup>1</sup> be afraid?

<sup>2</sup> **When evildoers came upon me to eat<sup>1</sup> up my flesh,  
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stum-<sup>1</sup> bled and fell.**

<sup>3</sup> Though an army should en-<sup>1</sup> camp against me,  
yet my heart shall not<sup>1</sup> be afraid;

<sup>4</sup> **and though war should rise<sup>1</sup> up against me,  
yet will I put my<sup>1</sup> trust in him.**

<sup>5</sup> One thing have I asked of the LORD; one<sup>1</sup> thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days<sup>1</sup> of my life;

<sup>6</sup> **to behold the fair beauty<sup>1</sup> of the LORD  
and to seek him<sup>1</sup> in his temple.**

<sup>7</sup> For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe<sup>1</sup> in his shelter;  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high up-<sup>1</sup> on a  
rock.

<sup>8</sup> **Even now he lifts<sup>1</sup> up my head  
above my enemies<sup>1</sup> round about me.**

<sup>9</sup> Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds<sup>1</sup> of great  
gladness;

I will sing and make music<sup>1</sup> to the LORD.

<sup>10</sup> **Hearken to my voice, O LORD,<sup>1</sup> when I call;  
have mercy on me and<sup>1</sup> answer me.**

<sup>11</sup> You speak in my heart and say,<sup>1</sup> “Seek my face.”  
Your face, LORD,<sup>1</sup> will I seek.

<sup>12</sup> **Hide not your<sup>1</sup> face from me,  
nor turn away your servant<sup>1</sup> in displeasure.**

<sup>13</sup> You have been my helper; cast me<sup>1</sup> not away;  
do not forsake me, O God of<sup>1</sup> my salvation.

<sup>14</sup> **Though my father and my moth-<sup>1</sup>er forsake me,  
the LORD<sup>1</sup> will sustain me.**

<sup>15</sup> Show me your<sup>1</sup> way, O LORD;  
lead me on a level path, because<sup>1</sup> of my enemies.

<sup>16</sup> **Deliver me not into the hand of my<sup>1</sup> adversaries,  
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those<sup>1</sup> who  
speak malice.**

<sup>17</sup> What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness<sup>1</sup> of the LORD  
in the land<sup>1</sup> of the living!

<sup>18</sup> **Oh, tarry and await the LORD’s pleasure; be strong, and he shall com-  
<sup>1</sup>fort your heart;  
wait patiently<sup>1</sup> for the LORD.**

## **SECOND LESSON: Philippians 3:17-4:1**

<sup>17</sup> Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup> For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup> Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup> He will transform the

body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>4:1</sup> Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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 13:31-35**

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



☐ Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup> At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” <sup>32</sup> He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.’ <sup>33</sup> Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ <sup>34</sup> Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup> See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON (LBW p. 83)**

**\*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.*

Holy God, you long to gather your church under your wings. Bless the churches of Jerusalem, and all persecuted churches, that your people may take heart and stand firm as they witness and minister in your name. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Holy God, you give shelter to living things as numerous as the stars. Strengthen the voice of prophets who call humanity to faithful care for the planet, that they would not be silenced but heeded as your messengers. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Holy God, you raised up leaders like Abram, Sarai, and Paul to show your people what it means to rely on your promises. Guide today's leaders to work for justice and safeguard the world for future generations. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Holy God, you are the stronghold of our life. Care tenderly for those who are ill in body or mind, and for people living in fear or need (*especially*). May all know they are not alone. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Holy God, you offer us citizenship in heaven. Unite communities of faith who are divided over earthly things, that following the way of your Son, they may set aside grudges and serve their neighbors with generosity and love. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Holy God, you are our light and our salvation. We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Help us to trust in you as they did and to live according to 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 also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

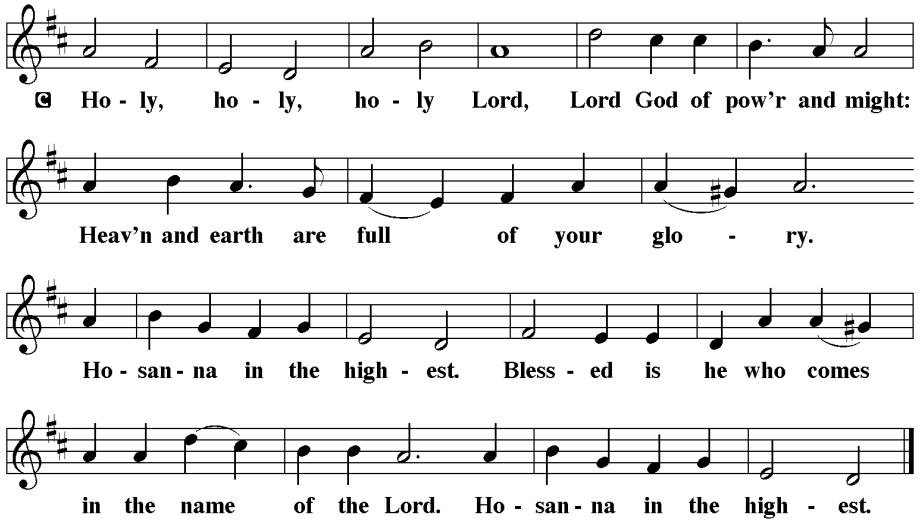
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**\*PREFACE (LBW p. 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  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\*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: "Break Now the Bread of Life" LBW (green) 235**

**\*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: "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, by Clay and Linda Beegle.

## **SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 3/23/2025**

Isa 55:1-9, Ps 63:1-8, 1 Cor 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Chad Smith, 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 Bishop Rev. James Dunlop to lead us in worship.**

**Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:**

- **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 20<sup>th</sup>** 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**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:office@zionglenrock.org).

### **PERSONNEL here at ZION**

Darryl Engler, Organist

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Kelley Fisher, Treasurer

Allison Fisher, Custodian

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### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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

## SUNDAY SERVANTS

### Assisting Ministers:

Mar 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 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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