

Zion Lutheran Church
Glen Rock, PA
Third Sunday in Lent
LBW Holy Communion Setting One
Sunday, March 20, 2022

*We stand as we are able.

Introduction to the day

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

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: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"**

LBW (green) 107 vs. 1, 3

***APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 57)**

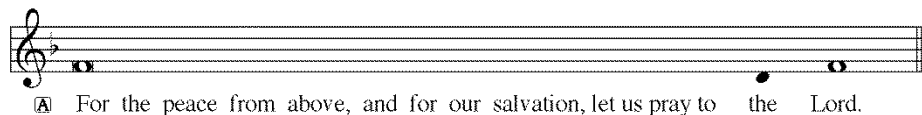
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE (LBW p. 57)



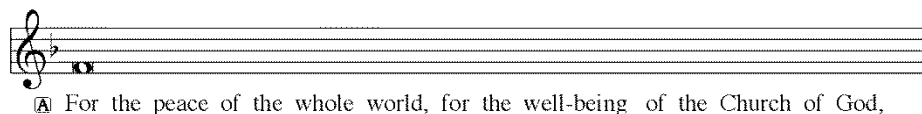
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



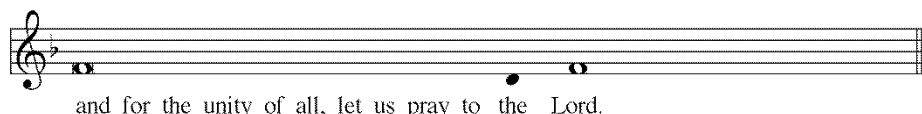
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



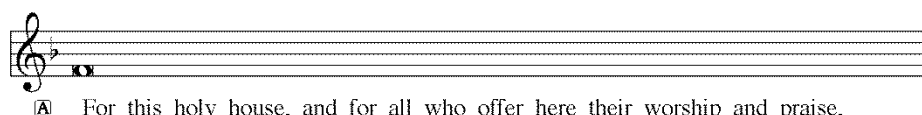
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



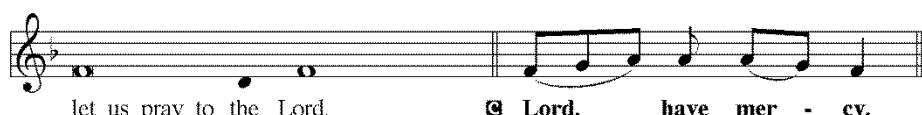
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



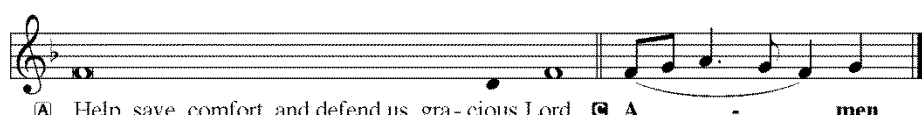
G Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



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

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



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



♩ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - 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. 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: Isaiah 55:1-9

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found,

call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake their way,

and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways

and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 63:1-8

- ¹O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land
where there is no water.
- ²**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.**
- ³For your lovingkindness is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.
- ⁴**So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.**
- ⁵My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- ⁶**when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.**
- ⁷For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- ⁸**My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.**

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

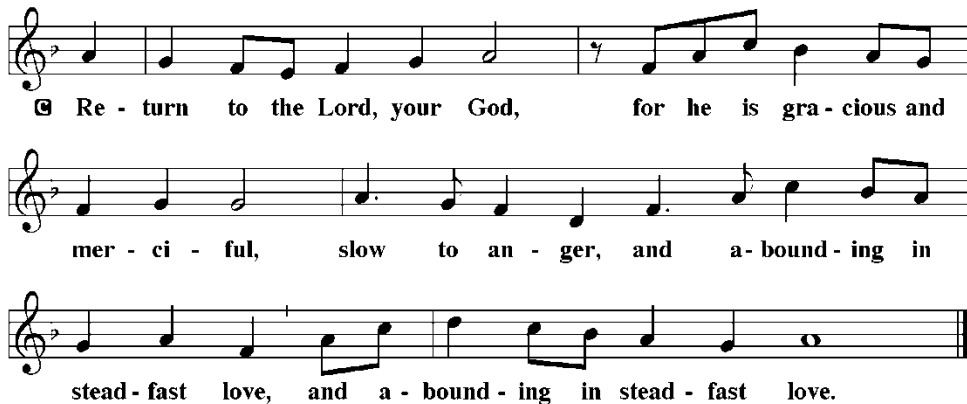
¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.²[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?”³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S TIME AND SERMON (LBW p. 63)

***HYMN OF THE DAY: "Let Us Break Bread Together"**

LBW (green) 212 vs. 1, 2

***NICENE CREED (LBW p. 64)**

With the whole church, we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

***THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (LBW p. 65)**

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church around the world in all its forms: for pastors, deacons, bishops, chaplains, and mission developers; for church councils, committee chairs, and all lay ministry leaders; for congregations that contemplate difficult decisions about the future of their ministry. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the health of this planet and the well-being of its creatures: for lands impacted by droughts and at risk of wildfires; for fig trees and vineyards that produce fruit for our nourishment and delight; for animal habitats threatened by climate change. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For those called into positions of civic responsibility: for judges, attorneys, and court administrators tasked with uncovering truth and delivering justice; for activists and community leaders who cast a vision of a more compassionate and equitable society. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For those who call upon you for mercy: for all who live in poverty and experience hunger; for any who feel tested beyond their strength; for those who are hospitalized or near death, and for all in need of healing (*especially*). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the advocacy efforts of this congregation: for those whose faith leads them to speak difficult truths and engage in difficult conversations with policymakers; for those who promote mercy over vengeance or retaliation. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For those whose earthly journeys have ended, we give thanks. With all the saints, we praise you for the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

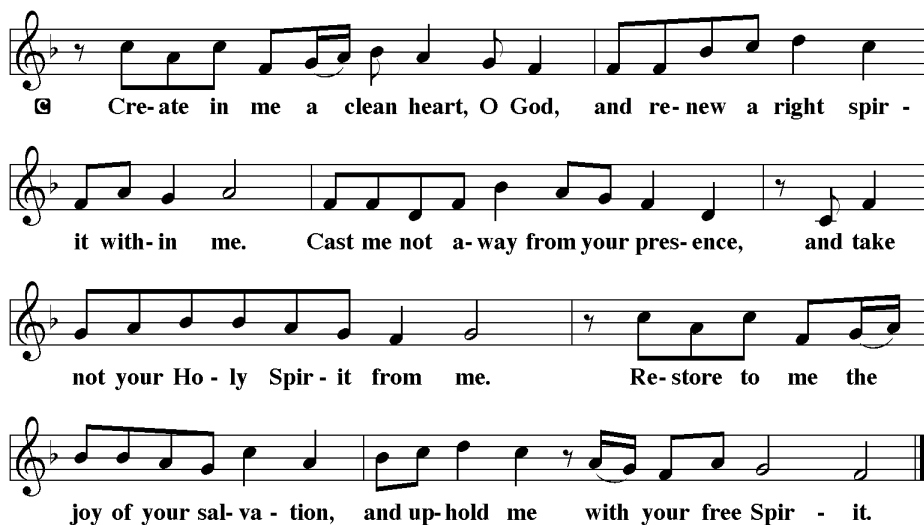
***PEACE (LBW p. 66)**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Staying in your pew, please exchange the peace with those around you as appropriate. Wave to folks in other pews.

***PRESENTATION OF OFFERING**

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE: (LBW p. 75)**



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 68)**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***DIALOGUE (LBW p. 68)**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*PREFACE (LBW p. 68)

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



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



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 70)

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you

for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

***LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 71)**

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION (LBW p. 72)

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

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

*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND CANTICLE (LBW p. 72)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**



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



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



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



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



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



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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (LBW p.74)

Let us pray.

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

Amen

*BLESSING (LBW p. 74)

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen

TIME OF REFLECTION

DISMISSAL (LBW p. 74)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Today’s communion elements are presented to the Glory of God, by Butch & Susie Hengst.

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

Today’s high altar flowers are presented in honor of Kelley Fisher’s birthday this past Sunday, by Chad, Owen, Allison, Sam, and Henry.

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 03/27/2022

Josh 5:9-12, Ps 32, 2 Cor 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

PRAYER REQUESTS

Kelly Allen, Uylana (Bezkorovayha) Haywood, Bezkorovay Family (live in Ukraine), Donna Keller, Tony & Linda Kowalewski, Randy McCullough, Don Miller, Tom & Pam Prowell, Gloria & Jim Ream, Jim Ream Jr., LeMos & Susette Stallard, 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 concern about being filmed, please contact the office at 717-235-3276.

Orders for Easter Sunday flowers are due today. Payment can be made later, but the order must be placed tomorrow morning. See insert for more details.

It’s time to show Zion’s VIPs some love for Easter. We will be collecting Hershey kisses, Reese’s peanut butter eggs, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, homemade cookies, and cards for our 6 local VIPs, including Norma Innerst, Joyce Bosley, Dorothy Lentz, Shirley Henry, Lemos Stallard and Suzette Stallard. Items will be collected until Sunday, 4/3. Cards can be sent directly to Tanya Krout at
Smart Communication/PADOC
Tanya Krout/006199

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St. Petersburg, FL 33733

Copies of the new Friends & Family Directory are available, on the windowsill near the bulletins at the back of the sanctuary.

Copies of the Lenten Reading Plan are available, on the windowsill near the bulletins at the back of the sanctuary.

Upcoming Glen Rock Ministerium Lenten Services at 7:00 pm

Mar 23 - Immanuel UMC

Mar 30 - Trinity UCC

Apr 6 - New Hope Fissels

Apr 15 – Good Friday - Zion Lutheran

Easter Sunrise - 6:15 am Immanuel Cemetery, 350 Church St, Glen Rock

***There will be no breakfast offered after the Sunrise Service.

The Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, 3/7. At this meeting, the council voted to make wearing masks optional in Zion's building. The Council also voted to restart social time following worship. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with a member of Council.

If you desire pastoral care or conversation, please contact Pastor Katie Brantner at 717-420-0779.

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Assisting Ministers: **Please note changes in dates.**

March 27: Diane Bortner

April 10: Shirley Seitz

April 24: Linda Beegle

Upcoming Lectors:

March 20: George Brown

March 27: Nola Webb

Council Offering Duty:

March - Tom Bailey, Joy Keller-Brown

April – Gevene Harden, Rick Freda

Social Time Hosts:

March 20: Bev Reindollar

March 27: Tom & Pam Spangler

Altar Care:

March – Diane Bortner

April – Donna Price

PERSONNEL here at ZION

Pastor Paul Haack, Stated Sunday Supply Pastor
 Vicar Leanne Elliott, Intern.....610-733-6354
 (leave a message if no answer, limited phone service in Glen Rock)
 Pastor Katie Brantner, Pastoral Care Coordinator.....717-420-0779
 Darryl Engler, Organist
 Brenda Davis, Administrative Assistant
 Natalie Walker, Custodian
 Chad Fisher, Sexton.....717-891-5327
 Donna Price, Council President.....717-235-5465

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Donna Price, Joy Keller-Brown, Tom Bailey, Susan Hengst, George Brown, Carrie Miller, Edgar Davis and Gevene Harden, Rick Freda

2022 FINANCIAL Information for YOU

Weekly Contributions and Expenses

2022 Weekly contribution goal to cover budget expenses: \$2,476.56

03/06/2022 Regular Contributions \$ 3,547.00
 Other Contributions/Gifts +\$ 3,702.50
 - \$ 135.00 *Dedicated Dollars*
 \$ 7,114.50 Contributions to cover Expenses

Weekly Expenses: \$ 5,068.08

Cumulative Contributions and Expenses for 2022

Regular Contributions \$ 27,520.85
 Other Contributions/Gifts + \$ 8,058.73
Dedicated Dollars - \$ 5,551.85
 Contributions to cover Expenses \$ 30,027.73
 Expenses to date: \$ 31,879.68



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