

**Zion Lutheran Church  
Glen Rock, PA  
Third Sunday in Lent  
LBW Holy Communion Setting Two  
Sunday, March 23, 2025**

\*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. 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: “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”**

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**\*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 mer - cy.



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



Ⓑ Lord,    have mer - cy.



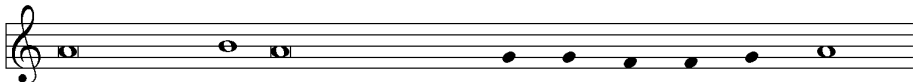
Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



Ⓑ Lord,    have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

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

**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

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

**A** Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo- ple on earth.

**C** 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.

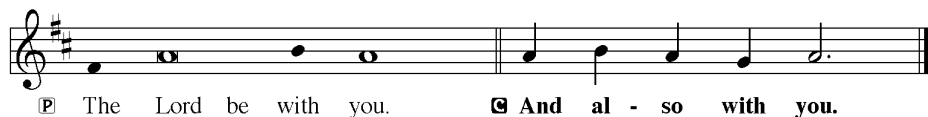
You are seat- ed at the right hand of the Fa- ther; re- ceive our prayer.

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.

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

**Amen**

**ANTHEM:** "It Is Well with My Soul"

**FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Ho, 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.

<sup>2</sup> Why 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.

<sup>3</sup> Incline 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.

<sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup> See, 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.

<sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup> let 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.

<sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

<sup>9</sup> For 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**

<sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God; eager-<sup>1</sup>ly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land  
where there<sup>1</sup> is no water.

<sup>2</sup> **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your<sup>1</sup> holy place,  
that I might behold your power<sup>1</sup> and your glory.**

<sup>3</sup> For your lovingkindness is better than<sup>1</sup> life itself;  
my lips shall<sup>1</sup> give you praise.

<sup>4</sup> **So will I bless you as long<sup>1</sup> as I live  
and lift up my hands<sup>1</sup> in your name.**

<sup>5</sup> My soul is content, as with mar-<sup>1</sup>row and fatness,  
and my mouth praises you with<sup>1</sup> joyful lips,

<sup>6</sup> **when I remember you up-<sup>1</sup> on my bed,  
and meditate on you in<sup>1</sup> the night watches.**

<sup>7</sup> For you have<sup>1</sup> been my helper,  
and under the shadow of your wings I<sup>1</sup> will rejoice.

<sup>8</sup> **My soul<sup>1</sup> clings to you;  
your right hand<sup>1</sup> holds me fast.**

## SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

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

<sup>6</sup> Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup> Do 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." <sup>8</sup> We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup> We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup> And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup> These 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. <sup>12</sup> So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup> No 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. 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 13:1-9

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

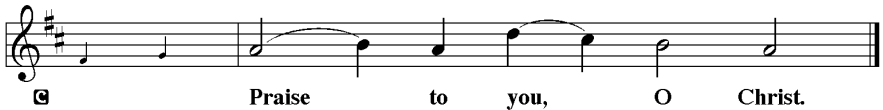


☐ Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.<sup>2</sup> [Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?”<sup>3</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup> Or 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? <sup>5</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

<sup>6</sup> Then 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. <sup>7</sup> So 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?’ <sup>8</sup> He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.



### SERMON (LBW p. 83)

\***HYMN OF THE DAY:** “I Lay My Sins on Jesus”

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### \***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.*

We pray for the church, called to be a witness to all peoples. Grant humility and wisdom to bishops, pastors, deacons, elders, councils, and congregations, that they may call upon you in making decisions. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for the earth, called to provide abundantly. Teach your people the goodness of your generosity, that in sharing what we have been given, all life may flourish on the planet that is our shared home. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for the nations, called to protect their inhabitants and collaborate in the work of justice and peace. Forge bonds of compassion and mutual care across human borders and boundaries, that all the world may have enough to live. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for those in need, called to receive your compassion (*especially*). Comfort those whose lives have been disrupted through natural disasters and human conflict. Aid communities in coming together to mourn, heal, and rebuild. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly, called to welcome its neighbors to the table of your grace. Bless food pantries, community gardens and kitchens, clean water projects, and all ministries that address human hunger and thirst. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**



We give thanks for the faithful lives of those who proclaimed your gospel in times of challenge and strife, and for all those whose lives of love and service have ended. May their witness inspire our own. 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

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.**

**\*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: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"**

LBW (green) 104

**\*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 Evie Roser.

**SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 3/30/2025**

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

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Mary Louise Warns, 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 Rev. John Teitman to lead us in worship.**

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

- **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**

**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.** Announcements can be emailed to Brenda at [office@zionglenrock.org](mailto:office@zionglenrock.org).

## SUNDAY SERVANTS

### Assisting Ministers:

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 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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