

**Zion Lutheran Church  
Glen Rock, PA  
Second Sunday of Easter  
LBW Setting Two  
Sunday, April 16, 2023**

\*We stand as we are able.

**Introduction to the day**

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

**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**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

\*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. 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.    Ⓞ Lord,    have mer - cy.

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



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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the festival of our Lord's resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do; 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: Acts 2:14a, 22-32**

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd],

<sup>22</sup>“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup>this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup>But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

<sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

moreover my flesh will live in hope.

<sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

or let your Holy One experience corruption.

<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup>“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup>Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

<sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 16

<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

<sup>2</sup>**All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup>**Their libations of blood I will not offer,  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who hold my lot.

<sup>6</sup>**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

<sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.

<sup>8</sup>**I have set the LORD always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall.**

<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup>**For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are  
pleasures forevermore.

## SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 1:3-9

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

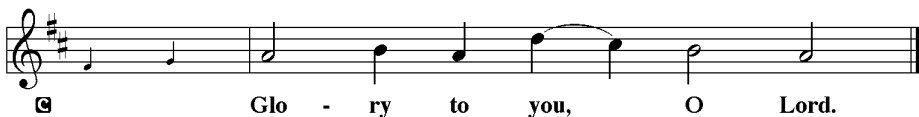
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (LBW p. 83)**



**GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.



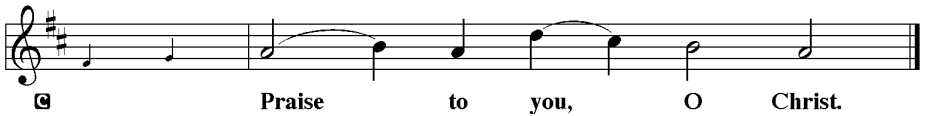
<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON (LBW p. 83)

\*HYMN OF THE DAY: "This Joyful Eastertide"

WOV (blue) 674

\*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

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

God of rebirth, the good news of your resurrection brings refreshment to a weary world. Following the women at the tomb, empower us to boldly share your radical love through our words and our work. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

As you breathed your Spirit into the disciples, breathe your spirit of healing upon all creation. Nourish the earth with sufficient rains. Strengthen us to counter the effects of pollution and destruction. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**





nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 87)**

Let us pray.

Merciful Father,

**we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

**\*DIALOGUE (LBW p. 87)**

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, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, 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: "Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup"      WOV 706**

**\*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**



☒ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (LBW p. 94)**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**\*BLESSING (LBW p. 95)**

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: "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Devine"      WOV 780**

**\*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 Sheree Sidler.

The potted plant in the sanctuary is presented in memory of Jodi Williams, by Mom & Dad, Marian and Nolan Williams.

### **SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 4/23/2023**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Ps 116:1-4, 12-19, 1 Peter 1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35

### **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.

**Offering envelopes are on the windowsill at the back of the Sanctuary.**

**Volunteers and donations are still needed for Third Thursday food and fellowship on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30pm in the courtyard.** Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the Sanctuary near the bulletins. Use your bulletin insert to invite friends and family to join us. Contact Brenda Davis with any questions. Brenda can be reached at 717-793-7236 or getscrappin@aol.com.

**Friends of Zion, Thank you for the Easter visit. I'm always glad to see and talk to friends from Zion.** Thank you to all of you for the goodie bag. I didn't wait till Easter, I already started to enjoy it. Thank you also to Vicar David and all of you who sent cards and notes. May God bless you and help you to keep the doors of Zion open. Norma Innerst.

**Glen Rock Historic Preservation Society's April meeting will focus on the influence of the P.W. Shepperd family in Glen Rock history, including Shepperd Sales and Service and AMP, Inc.** This meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Peoples Bank building located at 1 Manchester St, Glen Rock. Enter through the door at the ATM and into the former teller area.

**Sharon Krout provided Zion with wreath order forms for the 2023 Wreaths across America.** The hope in getting the order forms out early is to meet the goal easier this year. Order forms and volunteer forms are available on the windowsill near the bulletins. Sharon can be reached at 717-235-5157 or skrout50@hotmail.com for questions.

**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. **April is Organ Donation month. Our loose change collection will benefit Donate Life America.** Thousands die every year waiting for a donated organ that never comes. When 1 person signs up to be an organ or tissue donor he or she can save the life of 8 people and enhance the life of 75 others. Sign up now to end their wait.

**If you desire pastoral care or conversation, please contact Vicar David Hoth at 720-855-8878.**

## **SUNDAY SERVANTS**

### **Assisting Ministers:**

Apr. 16: Butch Hengst  
Apr. 23: Diane Bortner  
Apr. 30: George Brown  
May 7: Linda Beegle  
May 14: Pam Hoffman  
May 21: Joy Keller-Brown  
May 28: Butch Hengst

### **Lectors:**

Apr. 16: Kelley Fisher  
Apr. 23: Sandy Fair  
Apr. 30: Nola Webb  
May 7: Chad Fisher  
May 14: Susie Hengst  
May 21: Diane Bortner  
May 28: George Brown

### **Council Offering Duty:**

April – Edgar Davis and Donna Price  
May – Linda Beegle and Rick Freda

### **Social Time Hosts:**

Apr. 16: Bev Reindollar  
Apr. 23: Kay and Jim Hoffman  
Apr. 30: Jeff and Pam Hoffman  
May 7: Kay and Jim Hoffman  
May 14: Becki McCullough  
May 21: Rick Freda and Michael Warns  
May 28: Jen and Eric Webb

**Altar Care:**

April – Pam Spangler and Donna Price

May – Sandy Fair

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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

**PERSONNEL here at ZION**

Vicar David Hoth, Interim Vicar.....720-855-8878  
 Darryl Engler, Organist  
 Brenda Davis, Administrative Assistant  
 Raven Baker, Custodian  
 Chad Fisher, Sexton.....717-891-5327  
 Donna Price, Council President.....717-235-5465  
 Chad Fisher, Council Vice President.....717-891-5327

**2023 FINANCIAL Information for YOU**

**Weekly Contributions and Expenses**

**2022 Weekly contribution goal to cover budget expenses: \$2,290.00**

4/9/2023 Regular Contributions \$ 2,317.00  
 Other Contributions/Gifts +\$ 370.16  
-\$ 80.00 *Dedicated Dollars*  
 \$ 2,607.16 Contributions to cover Expenses

Weekly Expenses: \$ 0.00

**Cumulative Contributions and Expenses for 2023**

Regular Contributions \$ 24,969.09  
 Other Contributions/Gifts +\$ 19,966.32  
*Dedicated Dollars* - \$ 19,653.09  
 Contributions to cover Expenses \$25,282.32  
 Expenses to date: \$ 36,388.59



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