

**Zion Lutheran Church, Glen Rock, PA**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**LBW Setting Two**  
**Sunday, April 23, 2023**

\*We stand as we are able.

**Introduction to the day**

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

**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**

**\*ENTRANCE HYMN: “Praise the Savior, Now and Ever” LBW (green) 155**

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

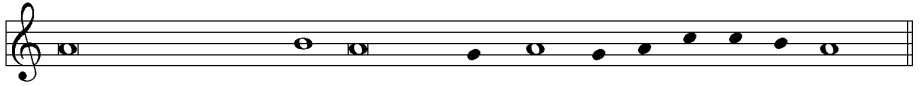
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**KYRIE (LBW p. 78)**



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



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



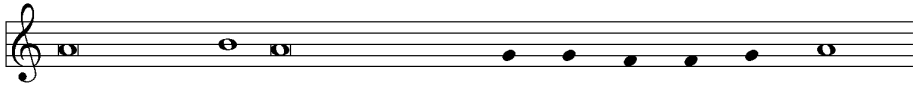
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** 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. 81)**



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



**B** Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

**ANTHEM: "Hymn of Promise"**

**FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

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

<sup>36</sup>"Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

<sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17**

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my <sup>1</sup>supplication,  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I <sup>1</sup>called upon him.

<sup>2</sup>**The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took <sup>1</sup>hold of me;**

**I came to <sup>1</sup>grief and sorrow.**

<sup>3</sup>Then I called upon the name <sup>1</sup>of the LORD:

"O LORD, I pray you, <sup>1</sup>save my life."

<sup>10</sup>**How shall I re- <sup>1</sup>pay the LORD**

**for all the good things he has <sup>1</sup>done for me?**

<sup>11</sup>I will lift up the cup <sup>1</sup>of salvation

and call upon the name <sup>1</sup>of the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>**I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all his people.**

<sup>13</sup>Precious in the sight | of the LORD  
is the death | of his servants.

<sup>14</sup>**O LORD, I | am your servant;**

**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me  
| from my bonds.**

<sup>15</sup>I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name | of the LORD.

<sup>16</sup>**I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all his people,**

<sup>17</sup>in the courts of | the LORD's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah!

## SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 1:17-23

<sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

<sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

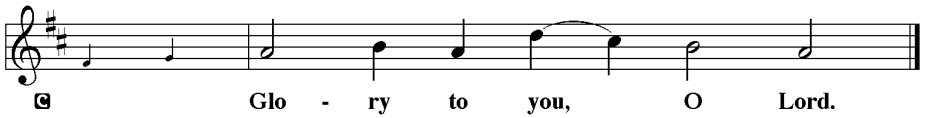
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## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (LBW p. 83)



## GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

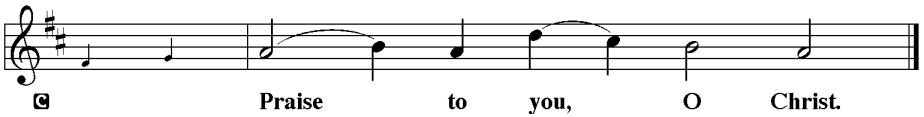
The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.



<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.



**SERMON (LBW p. 83)**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” LBW 132**

**\*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.*

Ever-present God, you make yourself known in the breaking of the bread and in the bonds of community. Reveal yourself to us in the faces of all we meet. Strengthened by your body and blood, let us boldly live out your good news. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

As we know you in the breaking of the bread, we know you in the grains of the field and the flowing waters. Care for the earth you lovingly create. Strengthen those who safeguard threatened land and water. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You are the authority to whom we dedicate our lives. Help us keep the needs of those most vulnerable at the forefront of our community. Move us to care for any who are disregarded or oppressed. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Mothering God, you feed and comfort those who hunger. Open the hearts of those who hoard resources and lead them to share your abundance. We pray for anyone hungering for your comforting presence this day (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You pour out your love on those who are oppressed. Support and comfort anyone who is marginalized by gender or sexuality and those whose stories are not believed. Form this community to listen faithfully and speak honestly in our ministry together. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We remember with thanksgiving all your beloved saints. As you have raised them to eternal life, abide with us in your promise of resurrection. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*PEACE (LBW p. 86)**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**\*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING**

**\*OFFERING (LBW p. 86)**



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
 fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
 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: "You Are the Way"**

**LBW (green) 464**

**\*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: "Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"**

**LBW (green) 147**

**\*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 Tom & Pam Spangler.

Today's altar flower arrangement is presented in honor of our wedding anniversary, by Tom & Pam Spangler.

### **SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 4/30/2023**

Acts 2:42-47, Ps 23, 1 Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Doug Krout, Lois Goodling, Merrilea Ritchey, Alysha Fassnacht, Diane Moul, Kevin 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.

**Thanks to everyone who helped out with and attended Zion's first Third Thursday gathering.** The weather, food, and fellowship were great. May's Third Thursday will take place on May 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30pm. If you have ideas for food and/or activities, please contact Brenda at 717-793-7236 or getscrappin@aol.com.

**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.

**There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> after worship.**

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

**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. 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. 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. 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

## 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

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

### 2023 FINANCIAL Information for YOU

#### Weekly Contributions and Expenses

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

4/16/2023 Regular Contributions \$ 632.00

Other Contributions/Gifts +\$ 0.00

-\$ 30.00 *Dedicated Dollars*

\$ 602.00 to cover Expenses

Weekly Expenses: \$ 0.00

#### Cumulative Contributions and Expenses for 2023

Regular Contributions \$ 25,601.09

Other Contributions/Gifts +\$ 19,966.32

*Dedicated Dollars* - \$ 19,683.09

Contributions to cover Expenses \$25,884.32

Expenses to date: \$ 36,388.59



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