

**Zion Lutheran Church
Glen Rock, PA
Second Sunday of Easter
LBW Setting Two
Sunday, April 24, 2022**

*We stand as we are able.

Introduction to the day

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

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: “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”**

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***APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 78)**

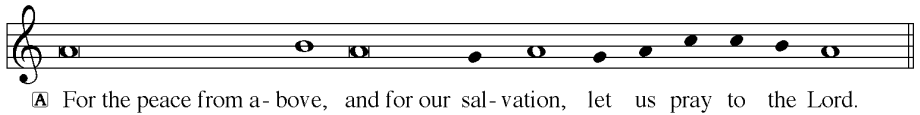
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

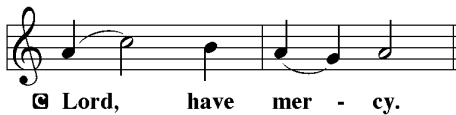
KYRIE (LBW p. 78)



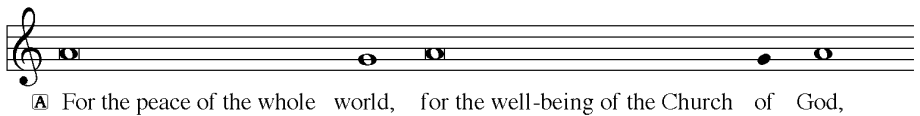
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



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




G Lord, have mer - cy.



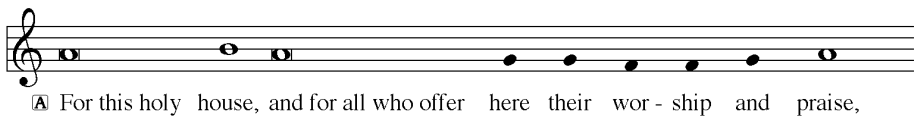
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty 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 wor - ship and praise,



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



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

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



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



Ⓑ 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.

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 5:27-32

²⁷When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 118:14-29

¹⁴The LORD is my strength¹ and my song,
and he has become¹ my salvation.

¹⁵**There is a sound of exulta-¹tion and victory
in the tents¹ of the righteous:**

¹⁶"The right hand of the¹ LORD has triumphed!
The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the¹ LORD has triumphed!"

¹⁷**I shall not¹ die, but live,
and declare the works¹ of the LORD.**

¹⁸The LORD has pun-¹ished me sorely,
but he did not hand me o-¹ver to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the¹ gates of righteousness;
I will enter them; I will offer thanks¹ to the LORD.**

²⁰"This is the gate¹ of the LORD;
he who is righ-¹teous may enter."

**²¹I will give thanks to you, for you ¹ answered me
and have become ¹ my salvation.**

²²The same stone which the build- ¹ ers rejected
has become the chief ¹ cornerstone.

**²³This is ¹ the LORD's doing,
and it is marvelous ¹ in our eyes.**

²⁴On this day the ¹ LORD has acted;
we will rejoice and be ¹ glad in it.

**²⁵Hosanna, ¹ LORD, hosanna!
LORD, send us ¹ now success.**

²⁶Blessed is he who comes in the name ¹ of the LORD;
we bless you from the house ¹ of the LORD.

**²⁷God is the LORD; he has ¹ shined upon us;
form a procession with branches up to the horns ¹ of the altar.**

²⁸“You are my God, and ¹ I will thank you;
you are my God, and I ¹ will exalt you.”

**²⁹Give thanks to the LORD, for ¹ he is good;
his mercy en- ¹ dures forever.**

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 1:4-8

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come,
and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the
faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to
be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion
forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and
who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

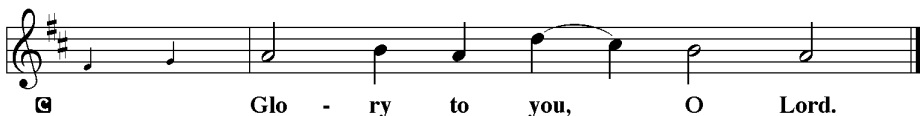
Thanks be to God.

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



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

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



¹⁹When 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.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

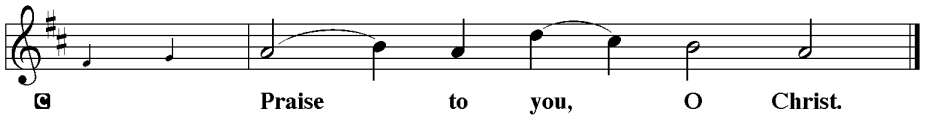
²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not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

²⁶A 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.” ²⁷Then 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.”

²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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.



CHILDREN'S TIME & SERMON (LBW p. 83)

*HYMN OF THE DAY: "Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"

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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

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Holy One who acts righteously, equip your church as witnesses of your goodness to go and tell others of your abundant love, that they may believe that Jesus is our salvation and life. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Renew your people's commitment to use resources responsibly and to live well with your creation. Invite us to recognize and nurture signs of resurrection life in the natural world. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Direct those who are given human authority to lead with humility and compassion. By your Holy Spirit channel their attention toward serving those who are most in need. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Uphold your children who cry out to you. Wherever people are overcome by the fear of death, breathe into them your life and peace. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Inspire those who lead your people in worship and praise. With joyful motion and sound, send us forth with praise that we cannot keep to ourselves. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Give us the words of your saints who, like Thomas, boldly confessed your Son as Lord and God. With Jesus our leader, empower us to live according to his ways. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

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

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**

OFFERING (LBW p. 87)



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. 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

***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.

***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: “Thine Is the Glory”**

LBW (green) 145

***DISMISSAL (LBW p. 95)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 5/1/2022

Acts 9:1-6[7-20], Ps 30, Rev 5:11-14, John 21:1-19

PRAYER REQUESTS

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., Mike & Janet Schriver, LeMos & Susette Stallard, Ron Stein, Mary Wglesworth

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.

Today is Loose Change Sunday. April is Organ Donation Month. April's 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 the wait.

The deadline to order geraniums for Pentecost is Sunday, May 8.

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, May 15 immediately following worship.

Volunteers needed! Zion will be hosting a concert by Nicholas Galinaitis on Sunday, May 15 from 2-3pm, followed by a reception. Volunteers are needed to setup/cleanup and bring goodies for the post-concert reception. If you can help, there will be a sign-up sheet at social timed on Sunday; you may also call or text Rick Freda at 302-864-5700.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Assisting Ministers:

April 24: Linda Beegle
May 1: Shirley Seitz (Kyrie)
May 8: Butch Hengst
May 15: Diane Bortner (Kyrie)
May 22: George Brown
May 29: Donna Price

Lectors:

April 24: Donna Price
May 1: Bill Ream
May 8: Susie Hengst
May 15: Linda Beegle
May 22: Shirley Seitz
May 29: Kelley Fisher

Council Offering Duty:

April – Gevene Harden, Rick Freda
May – Donna Price, Susie Hengst

Social Time Hosts:

April 24: Sheree Sidler
May 1: Rick Freda & Michael Warns
May 8: Kay & Jim Hoffman
May 15: Jeff & Pam Hoffman
May 22: Bev Reindollar
May 29: Fisher Family

Altar Care:

April – Donna Price
May – Sandy Fair

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