

Zion Lutheran Church, Glen Rock, PA
Fourth Sunday of Easter
LBW Setting Two
Sunday, April 30, 2023

*We stand as we are able.

Introduction to the day

Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world’s violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.

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: "I Know that My Redeemer Lives!" LBW 352 vs. 1-4**

***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.



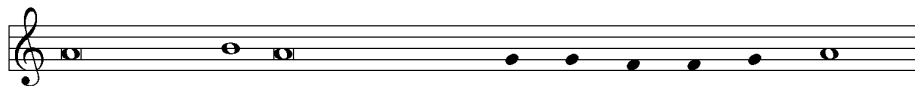
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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.

God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

ANTHEM: “The Lord Is My Shepherd”

FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:42-47

⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23

¹The LORD^l is my shepherd;

I shall not ^l be in want.

²**He makes me lie down ^l in green pastures
and leads me be- ^l side still waters.**

³He re- ^l vives my soul

and guides me along right pathways ^l for his name’s sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall ^l fear
no evil;**

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they ^l comfort me.

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who ^l trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is ^l running over.

⁶**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days ^l of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the ^l LORD forever.**

SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²²“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. The word of the Lord.

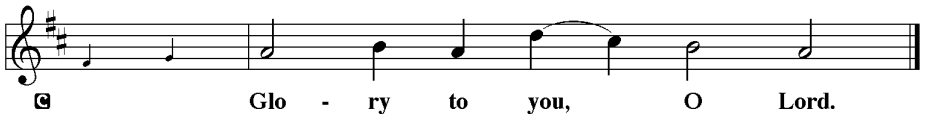
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*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (LBW p. 83)



GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

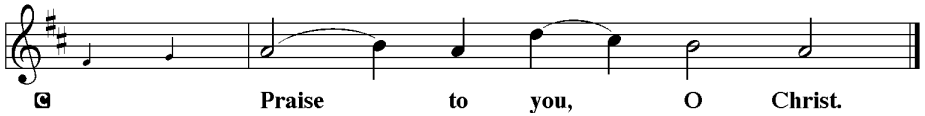
The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.



[Jesus said:] ¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.
⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them.
⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.
¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON (LBW p. 83)

***HYMN OF THE DAY: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” LBW 456**

***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.

You are the shepherd who gathers us in your mighty and loving arms. Help your church to listen for your voice, especially when the voices of sin, idolatry, and oppression threaten to overpower us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The green pastures, still waters, and dark valleys of this earth all belong to you, O Lord. Sustain your creation with a love that is both mighty and just. Where there is destruction, bring healing. Where there is desolation, bring abundance. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You proclaim shepherding love, comfort, and protection for all people and all of creation. Direct leaders in our own time to learn from your example and instruction. Give them servant hearts, that they generously seek the good of all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You journey with us wherever our paths may lead. We pray for those feeling overwhelmed by anxiety or depression or suffering in any way (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You are the sheepgate that gives safety to your beloved flocks. Provide protection for refugees, victims of domestic violence, those who are imprisoned, and all people who are vulnerable to violence and mistreatment. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You call your sheep by name and lead them through the valley of death. We give you thanks for those who have died and now dwell in your house forever. Be with those who mourn, and give them hope in the 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: "O Living Bread from Heaven" LBW (green) 197

***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: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" LBW (green) 221**

***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 Evelyn Roser.

Today's altar flower arrangement is presented in honor of Marlene Batchelor's birthday, by Donna Price.

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 5/7/2023

Acts 7:55-60, Ps 31:1-5, 15-16, 1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14

PRAYER REQUESTS

Doug Krout, Lois Goodling, Merrilea Ritchey, Alysha Fassnacht, Diane Moul, Kevin Krout, Pam Prowell, LeMos Stallard, Pat & Mary Wigglesworth

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.

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, May 14th after worship.

I want to thank everyone who gave me cards and the many goodies for Easter. Thanks for visiting me. It meant a lot to me. I love you all – Shirley Henry

May's Third Thursday Food and Fellowship will take place on May 18th from 4:30-6:30pm. Sign-up sheets for volunteers and food donations are on the window sill in the Sanctuary near the bulletins. **Take an extra bulletin insert to invite your family and friends.** Please contact Brenda at 717-793-7236 or getscrappin@aol.com with any thoughts or 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. 30: George Brown
May 7: Linda Beegle
May 14: Pam Hoffman
May 21: Joy Keller-Brown
May 28: Butch Hengst

Lectors:

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. 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

4/23/2023 Regular Contributions \$ 2,957.00

Other Contributions/Gifts +\$ 0.00

-\$ 0.00 *Dedicated Dollars*

\$ 2,957.00 to cover Expenses

Weekly Expenses: \$ 0.00

Cumulative Contributions and Expenses for 2023

Regular Contributions \$ 28,558.09

Other Contributions/Gifts +\$ 19,966.32

Dedicated Dollars - \$ 19,683.09

Contributions to cover Expenses \$28,841.32

Expenses to date: \$ 39,087.32



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