

**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**Glen Rock, PA**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**LBW Holy Communion Setting One**  
**Sunday, May 3, 2026**

\*We stand as we are able.

**Introduction to the day**

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**\*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (LBW p. 56)**

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:** “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

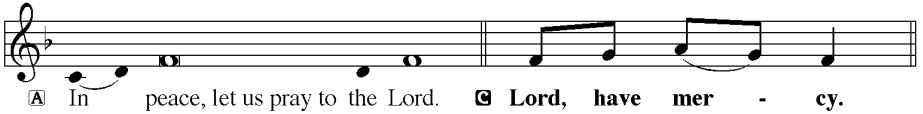
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\***APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 57)**

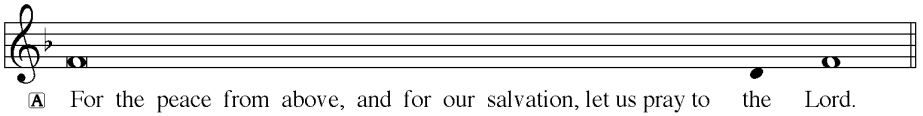
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

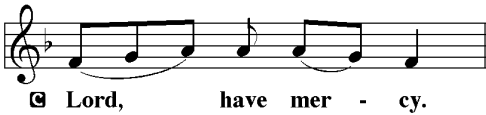
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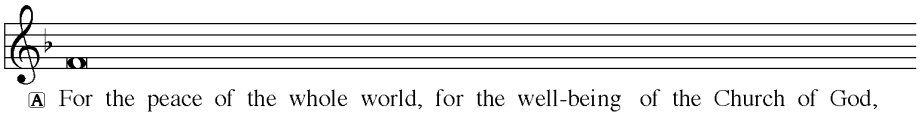
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



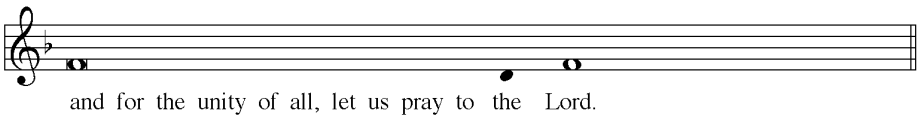
**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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



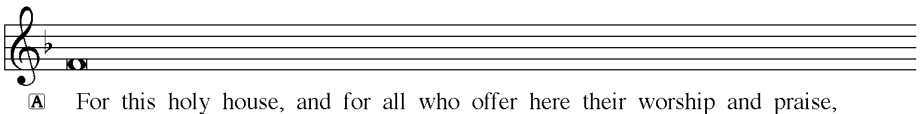
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



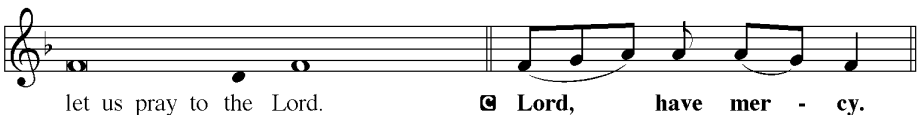
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra- cious Lord. A - men

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW p. 60)**

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

al- le- lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was

slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

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

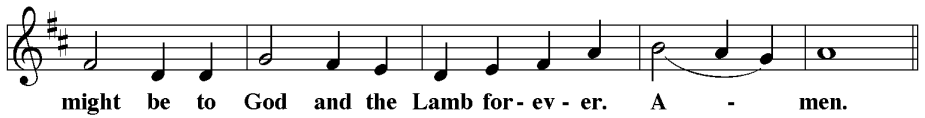
al- le- lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. II Pow - er, rich- es, wis- dom, and

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

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

al- le- lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Sing with all the peo- ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre- a - tion: Bless- ing, hon- or, 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. Al-le-lu - ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ For the Lamb who was



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



☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia.

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 62)



☐ The Lord be with you. ☐ And al - so with you.

Let us pray.

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

**ANTHEM:** "O Christ, Our Hope"

*Children's church dismissal: All children are invited to the Nursery at this time.*

## FIRST LESSON: Acts 7:55-60

<sup>55</sup> Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” <sup>57</sup> But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup> Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup> Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

<sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be <sup>1</sup> put to shame; deliver me <sup>1</sup> in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup> **Incline your <sup>1</sup> ear to me;**  
**make haste to de- <sup>1</sup> liver me.**

<sup>3</sup> Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag <sup>1</sup> and my stronghold;  
for the sake of your name, lead <sup>1</sup> me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup> **Take me out of the net that they have secretly <sup>1</sup> set for me,**  
**for you are my tow- <sup>1</sup> er of strength.**

<sup>5</sup> Into your hands I com- <sup>1</sup> mend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O <sup>1</sup> God of truth.

<sup>15</sup> **My times are <sup>1</sup> in your hand;**  
**rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who <sup>1</sup>**  
**persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup> Make your face to shine up- <sup>1</sup> on your servant,  
and in your loving- <sup>1</sup> kindness save me.

## SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 2:2-10

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup> Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and <sup>5</sup> like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup> This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,  
“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner,”

<sup>8</sup> and

“A stone that makes them stumble  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God’s people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (LBW p. 62)**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL: John 14:1-14**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup> “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the



**the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

**\*THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (LBW p. 65)**

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

God of glory, you have built your church on Christ the cornerstone. Inspire lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim forgiveness and your steadfast love to all whom they encounter. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of majesty, you bring forth plants and animals, skies and seas, mountains and valleys. Protect all you have made from the ravages of pollution and climate disaster. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of mercy, you intend governments and social service agencies to be instruments of peace and justice. Guide political leaders and organizations to be agents of compassion, and raise up advocates for those who seek refuge and assistance. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of well-being, you soothe those in distress, console all who grieve, provide for any in need, and comfort those who are sick (*especially*). Instill caregivers with a sense of purpose to be your healing hands in this world. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of community, you call us together as your people for mutual support and to witness to your love in the world. Make your presence known among those unable to attend worship today. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of eternal life, you have prepared dwelling places for your people, so that we are never separated from you. We give you thanks for the faithful departed who witnessed to your mighty acts in word and deed. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

**\*PEACE (LBW p. 66)**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**\*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING**

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE: (LBW p. 66)**



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 the dreams of all; u - nite them with the



prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 67)**

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. 68)**



**P** The Lord be with you. **☩** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts. **☩** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**☩** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**\*PREFACE (LBW p. 68)**

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, God of pow'r and might:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



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. 69)**

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:

Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.

You have filled all creation with light and life;

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations.

You rescued Israel, your chosen people.

Through the prophets you renewed your promise;

and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son,

who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom

and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup

we remember the life our Lord offered for us.

And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power

to share with us the great and promised feast.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,

the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection,

that we who receive the Lord's body and blood

may live to the praise of your glory

and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place,

and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest

until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

☐ Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty of the  
Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is yours, al -  
might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men

**\*LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 71)**

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.**

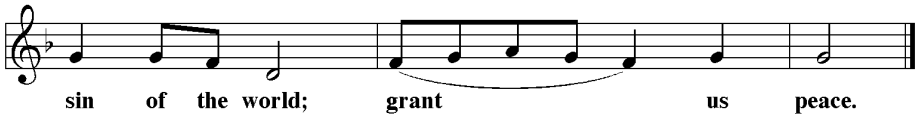
**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;**

**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. 72)**

☐ 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



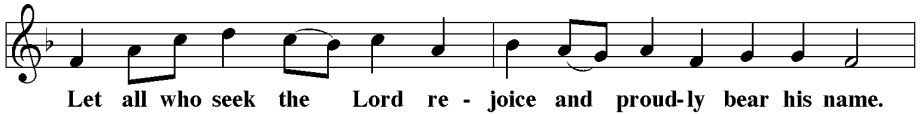
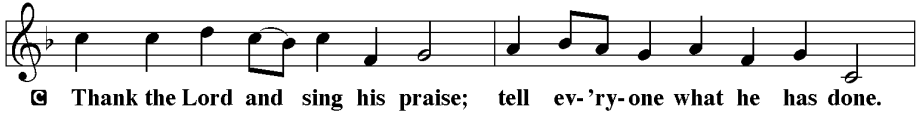
**COMMUNION (LBW p. 72)**

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

**\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND CANTICLE (LBW p. 72)**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**



**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (LBW p. 74)**

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. 76)**

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"**

**DISMISSAL (LBW p. 74)**

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 05/10/2026**

Acts 17:22-31, Ps 66:8-20, 1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Ed Kellner, Barbara Townley, Barry Keller,  
Marlene Batchelor, Susan Scheungrab, Mark Freda, Shirley Seitz,  
Donna Chandler, Keith Copenhaver, James Thompson, Randy Ruth,  
Joann King, Trey Tomaschko, Lou Tomaschko, Beth Hennessey,  
Suzanne Becker, Chad Smith, Tim Myers, Bonni Whitman, Sandy Fair

**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. Peter Rustico to lead us in worship.**

**There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> immediately after worship.** Agenda items include voting on new council members, property related projects including purchasing a new HVAC unit and an exterior painting quote. There will also be a cemetery update on repairs to broken and leaning stones in the cemetery. For more information on any of these items, see a current council member.

**Zion's council currently has a few openings.** If any member of the congregation is willing to serve on council, please talk to a current member of the council, including Chad Fisher, Rick Freda, Tom Bailey, Donna Price, Jeff Brown, Pam Hoffman, Jen Webb, and Gail Prego. Elections will take place at our semi-annual congregational meeting on May 10th.

**It's time to update Zion's Friends and Family Directory and Birthday List.**

If you and your family would like to be added to the directory or have updates since the last directory was printed, please fill out the insert included in your bulletin. You do not need to be a formal member of Zion to be included in the directory. Please feel free to share this form with anyone who has a connection with Zion and you think may want to be included. Completed forms are due to the office by Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The new directory and birthday list will be made available in May.

**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 May will benefit The Well.** The Well continues to be a safe sanctuary place where the kids of Glen Rock can come to participate in activities, receive wholesome snacks, and just “hang out”. The Well also helps provide meals and food boxes to local residents. The Well is located at 32 Water St., Glen Rock. In addition to collecting monetary donations, feel free to bring in non-perishable food items, which will also be given to The Well.

**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.

**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.** This schedule allows time for the bulletin to be sent to the presiding pastor for the upcoming week and allows the website committee time to post the bulletin on Zion's website. Announcements can be emailed to Brenda at office@zionglenrock.org.

**PERSONNEL here at ZION**

- Darryl Engler, Organist
- Brenda Davis, Administrative Assistant
- Kelley Fisher, Treasurer
- Chad Fisher, Sexton
- Chad Fisher, Council President.....ckoash6@gmail.com or 717-891-5327
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**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

- Tom Bailey, Jeff Brown, Chad Fisher, Rick Freda, Pam Hoffman, Gail Prego, Donna Price, and Jen Webb

## SUNDAY SERVANTS

### Assisting Ministers:

May 3: Diane Bortner  
May 10: Donna Price  
May 17: George Brown  
May 24: Jeff Hoffman  
May 31: Butch Hengst

### Lectors:

May 3: Donna Price  
May 10: Pam Hoffman  
May 17: Jake Gilroy  
May 24: George Brown  
May 31: Linda Beegle

### Council Offering Duty:

April – Rick Freda and Gail Prego  
May – Chad Fisher and Tom Bailey

### Altar Care:

May – Linda Beegle



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