

**Zion Lutheran Church, Glen Rock, PA**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**LBW Setting Two**

**Sunday, May 7, 2023**

\*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. 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)**

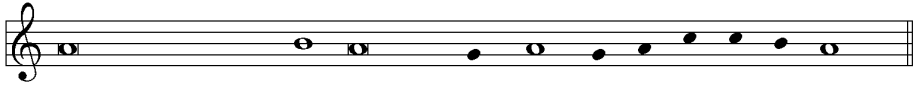
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**KYRIE (LBW p. 78)**



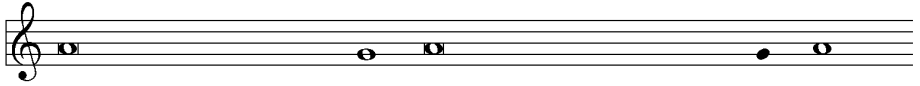
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.      **C** Lord,      have mer - cy.



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



**C** Lord,      have mer - cy.



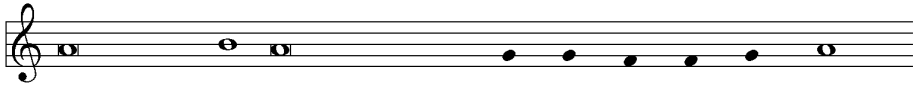
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



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

The Lord be with you. **And also 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: "The Peace of God"**

**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>To you then who believe, he is precious; 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 race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts 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.

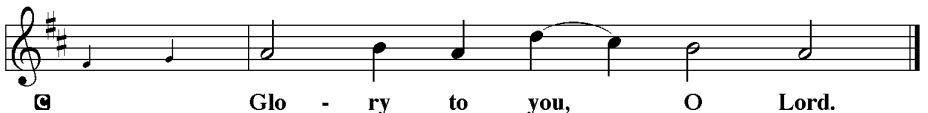
**Thanks be to God.**

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



### GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

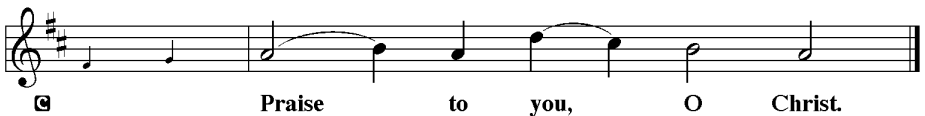
The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.



[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 truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



**SERMON (LBW p. 83)**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: “Father, We Thank You”**

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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**

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 life, strengthen your church to proclaim your gospel even in times of trouble. As we remember Stephen, we give thanks for diaconal ministry. Bless all deacons and strengthen them for their bridge-building ministry between church and world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, you show your steadfast love through mighty waters, towering mountains, verdant fields, and arid deserts. Protect the earth's diverse habitats from the forces of pollution, erosion, extinction, and global warming. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Mighty God, your Spirit guides us into all truth. Give wisdom to world and local leaders and organizations as they begin, build, or renew relationships. Strengthen leaders and aid organizations in areas needing to be rebuilt following conflict, unrest, or natural disaster. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Loving God, you make your home among us. Abide with refugees, those experiencing homelessness, those fleeing war and poverty, and all who question if there is a home in your heart. We pray for all who are sick (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Assuring God, you accompany your people amid uncertainty and change. Uphold people in this community who have recently moved, changed jobs or schools, retired, or are going through transitions of any kind. Lead us in your ways. Hear us, O God.





**\*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: “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether” WOV (blue) 703**

**\*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: “Blessed Assurance”**

**WOV (blue) 699**

**\*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 Butch & Susie Hengst.

Today’s altar flower arrangement is presented in memory of Daryl Wilhelm, by Sandy Fair.

**SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 5/14/2023**

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

**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 14<sup>th</sup> after worship.** The agenda for the meeting includes approving any new council members, and a discussion regarding replacing the floor in the upstairs fellowship area.

**Just a brief reminder that there will not be a showing of “The Chosen” during the weeks of May 7<sup>th</sup> or May 14<sup>th</sup>.** The Season 1 Finale episode will be shown on Sunday, May 21 at 10:30am in the same classroom as before. The showing will be repeated on Tuesday, May 23 at 11:30am in the same classroom. If you have been attending but have missed any of the Season 1 Discussion sheets, you can receive duplicates by contacting Pam Hoffman by e-mail (pam@hoffmanwebsolutions.com) or phone (717-676-0433) and leaving a voicemail noting which sheets you need no later than Monday, 5/15.

**May's Third Thursday Food and Fellowship will take place on May 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30pm.** Sign-up sheets for volunteers and food donations are on the windowsill 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.

**There will be a Christian Education meeting, Friday, May 19, at 10:30 AM, in the Education Wing.**

**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. **May's Loose Change collection will benefit Southern Community Service.**

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

### **SUNDAY SERVANTS**

#### **Assisting Ministers:**

May 7: Linda Beegle  
May 14: Pam Hoffman  
May 21: Joy Keller-Brown  
May 28: Butch Hengst

#### **Lectors:**

May 7: Chad Fisher  
May 14: Susie Hengst  
May 21: Diane Bortner  
May 28: George Brown

#### **Council Offering Duty:**

May – Linda Beegle and Rick Freda

#### **Social Time Hosts:**

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:**

May – Sandy Fair

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 Raven Baker, Custodian  
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