

Zion Lutheran Church
Glen Rock, PA
Sixth Sunday of Easter
LBW Holy Communion Setting One
Sunday, May 10, 2026

*We stand as we are able.

Introduction to the day

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

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: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"** LBW (green) 315

***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. 57)**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen

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

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.



☩ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa- ther; re-ceive our prayer.
 For you a- lone are the Ho- ly One, you a- lone are the Lord,
 you a- lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho- ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa- ther. A - men

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good things come: Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think those things which are right, and by your goodness help us to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

ANTHEM: “A Mother’s Prayer” – Butch Hengst

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

FIRST LESSON: Acts 17:22-31

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—

though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 66:7-18

⁷ Bless our ^l God, you peoples;
make the voice of his praise ^l to be heard,

⁸ **who holds our ^l souls in life,
and will not allow our ^l feet to slip.**

⁹ For you, O ^l God, have proved us;
you have tried us just as sil-^l ver is tried.

¹⁰ **You brought us in- ^l to the snare;
you laid heavy burdens up- ^l on our backs.**

¹¹ You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through ^l fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place ^l of refreshment.

¹² **I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay ^l you my
vows,
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I ^l was
in trouble.**

¹³ I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the ^l smoke of rams;
I will give you ox-^l en and goats.

¹⁴ **Come and listen, all you ^l who fear God,
and I will tell you what he has ^l done for me.**

¹⁵ I called out to him ^l with my mouth,
and his praise was ^l on my tongue.

¹⁶ **If I had found evil ^l in my heart,
the Lord would ^l not have heard me;**

¹⁷ but in truth ^l God has heard me;
he has attended to the voice ^l of my prayer.

¹⁸ **Blessed be God, who has not reject-^l ed my prayer,
nor withheld his ^l love from me.**

SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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 14:15-21

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

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because

it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** “Oh, Blest the House”

LBW (green) 512

***APOSTLES’ CREED (LBW p. 64)**

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 (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 new life, you call us through the waters of baptism to be in relationship with you and one another. Guide the church and its leaders to proclaim Christ's righteousness throughout the world. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You create the world and all that is in it. Shelter budding plants and young animals, provide unpolluted habitats and clean water, and raise up stewards for the environment. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You set civil servants in the places where we live. Instill truth and equity among judges and lawyers, gentleness and courage among first responders, and peace among leaders of towns and nations. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You provide comfort in times of trouble. Heal those who are sick, shelter any who are unhoused, feed those undernourished, and accompany and console all who are lonely, bereaved, anxious, or ill (*especially*). Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You are love and you desire that we love one another. As a mother hen cares for her chicks, bless all who provide motherly care in our lives, and inspire us to care for one another. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of new life, your steadfast love endures forever. Inspire us by the example of the faithful departed, who clung to your promises of life, forgiveness of sins, and salvation. 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)**

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. 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:



*THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 70)

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. 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
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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**



☩ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek 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. 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: "On Our Way Rejoicing"

LBW (green) 260

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 Linda & Clay Beegle.

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 05/17/2026

Acts 1:6-14, Ps 68:1-10,32-35, 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11, John 17:1-11

PRAYER REQUESTS

Ed Kellner, Barbara Townley, Barry Keller, 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. Angela Zimmann to lead us in worship.

There will be a congregational meeting today 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.

New Faces in Christian Education: We here at the CE committee are delighted to welcome Jen Webb to our table. Jen brings to our team a wealth of creativity, fresh thinking, educational experience, and long-time exposure to the community that we serve. Likewise, we are excited to welcome Kelley Fisher to our group. Her lengthy and varied background working with children of all ages uniquely qualifies her, and we look forward to supporting Kelley and her work with Children's Church.

Now Sharing *Our Daily Bread*: The Christian Education Committee invites you to pick up a copy of the current devotional booklet from the Our Daily Bread Ministry. You can find it at the table at the rear of the Fellowship Hall. It will offer you 90 days of unique devotions, and a new version will be available each 90 days thereafter. The CE Committee would love to hear your feedback on

these devotionals. Please reach out to Pam or Jeff Hoffman, Jen Webb, or Kelley Fisher with questions and comments.

A joint church picnic with Christ Loganville and Friedensaal will be held on Sunday, June 7th at Friedensaal's Hall of Hope. The service will begin at 11am with a BBQ chicken dinner meal starting at 12 noon. Bring your own lawn chairs. The service will be held outside, if the weather is nice. There will be bingo and kids' games. All paper goods will be provided. No service will take place at Zion on this Sunday. Please sign up on the sheet near the bulletins at the back of the sanctuary by Sunday, May 24, 2026.

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

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Kelley Fisher, Treasurer

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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 10: Donna Price
May 17: George Brown
May 24: Jeff Hoffman
May 31: Butch Hengst
June 7: Picnic
June 14: Diane Bortner
June 21: Donna Price
June 28: George Brown

Lectors:

May 10: Pam Hoffman
May 17: Jake Gilroy
May 24: George Brown
May 31: Linda Beegle
June 7: Picnic
June 14: Nate Rogers
June 21: Jen Webb
June 28: Kelley Fisher

Council Offering Duty:

May – Chad Fisher and Tom Bailey
June – Jen Webb and Jeff Brown

Altar Care:

May – Linda Beegle
June – Pam Hoffman

2026 FINANCIAL Information for YOU

2026 Total Budget Approved by the Congregation: \$122,952.40

2026 Weekly contribution goal to cover budget expenses: \$2,364.47

2026 Contributions and Expenses, as of 4/30/2026

Regular Contributions: \$ 37,530.02

Other Contributions/Gifts: \$ 638.98

Expenses: \$ 40,481.80

Checking Account Balance, as of 4/30/2026: \$107,738.06

Investment Accounts:

11-month Certificate of Deposit 8548 Balance, as of 1/28/2026: \$56,238.87
– matures September 2026

Millard Seitz Account 2948 Balance, as of 4/21/2026: \$23,858.78

(Restrictions – may only use \$1,000.00 per year plus monthly interest
accrued for property related improvements only)

Daryl Wilhelm Account 3082 Balance, as of 3/15/2026: \$51,891.63

Daryl Wilhelm Account 1802 Beginning Balance, as of 4/7/2025: \$125,000.00

Fees: \$500.04

Gains, as of 4/7/2026: \$12,450.00

Current Balance: \$136,949.96

Daryl Wilhelm Account 4009 Beginning Balance, as of 4/10/2025: \$125,000.00

Fees: \$500.04

Gains, as of 4/10/2026: \$12,450.00

Current Balance: \$136,949.96



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