

**Zion Lutheran Church  
Glen Rock, PA  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
LBW Holy Communion Setting One  
Sunday, May 11, 2025**

\*We stand as we are able.

**Introduction to the day**

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**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**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on us the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

**\*ENTRANCE HYMN:** “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

LBW (green) 143

**\*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.**

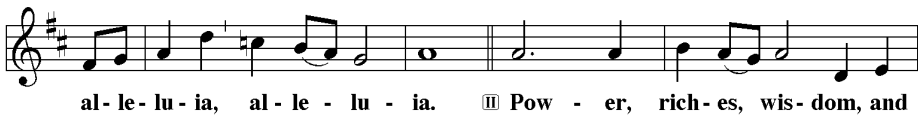
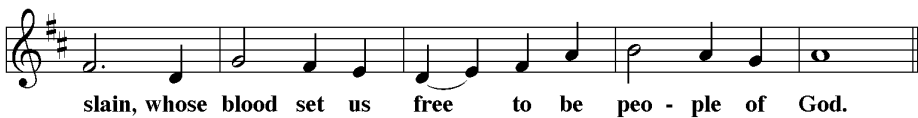
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

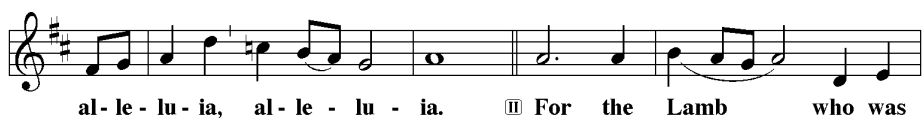
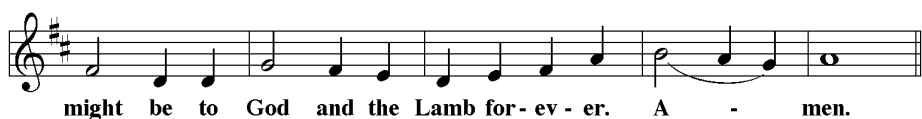
**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Amen**

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





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

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: “A Mother’s Prayer” - Butch Hengst, soloist**

### **FIRST LESSON: Acts 9:36-43**

<sup>36</sup> Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs.

<sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” <sup>39</sup> So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup> Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD <sup>1</sup> is my shepherd;

I shall not <sup>1</sup> be in want.

<sup>2</sup> **He makes me lie down <sup>1</sup> in green pastures  
and leads me be- <sup>1</sup> side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> He re- <sup>1</sup> lives my soul

and guides me along right pathways <sup>1</sup> for his name’s sake.

<sup>4</sup> **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall <sup>1</sup> fear  
no evil;**

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they <sup>1</sup> comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> You spread a table before me in the presence of those who <sup>1</sup> trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is <sup>1</sup> running over.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days <sup>1</sup> of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the <sup>1</sup> LORD forever.**

## **SECOND LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17**

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count,  
from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before  
the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their  
hands. <sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the  
Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup> And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four  
living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped  
God, <sup>12</sup> singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in  
white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup> I said to him, “Sir, you are the one  
that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the  
great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of  
the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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



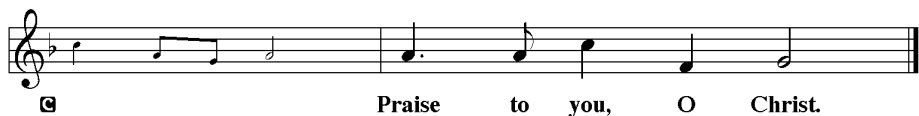
**GOSPEL: John 10:22-30**

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



<sup>22</sup> At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



**SERMON (LBW p. 63)**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: “We Who Once Were Dead”**

LBW (green) 207

**\*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)**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church,  
the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

You guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing place  
for all who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of baptism,  
and send us forth as signs of your love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You tend to the earth, sustaining life in all places. Revive fragile ecosystems and  
restore species in danger of extinction. Teach us new ways of living in balance  
and harmony with our non-human neighbors. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to  
judges, lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Dismantle systems of mass  
incarceration, empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage all who  
strive for healing in our communities. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your shepherding care (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

This Mother's Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You are the source of everlasting life. In deep gratitude for all your saints, we rejoice in the joy and hope of the resurrection made known to us in Jesus, your beloved child. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

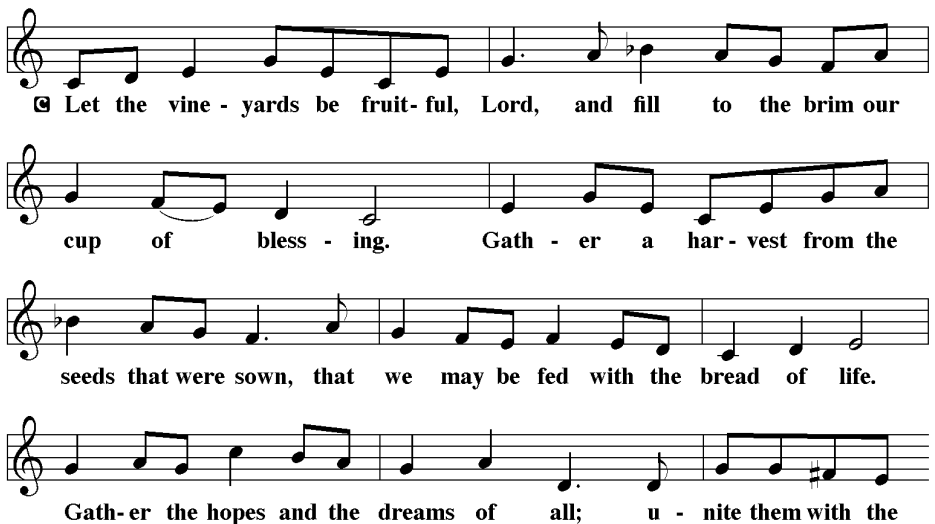
**\*PEACE (LBW p. 66)**

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





**\*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.

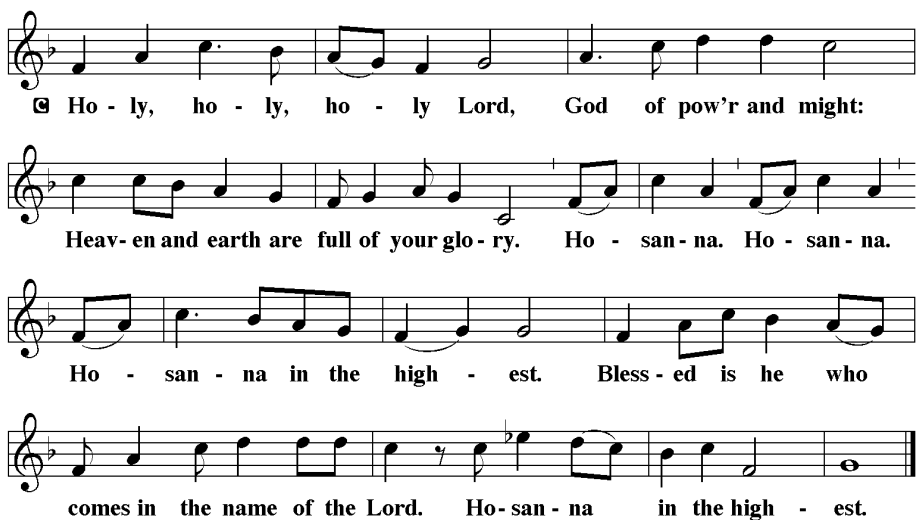
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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)**

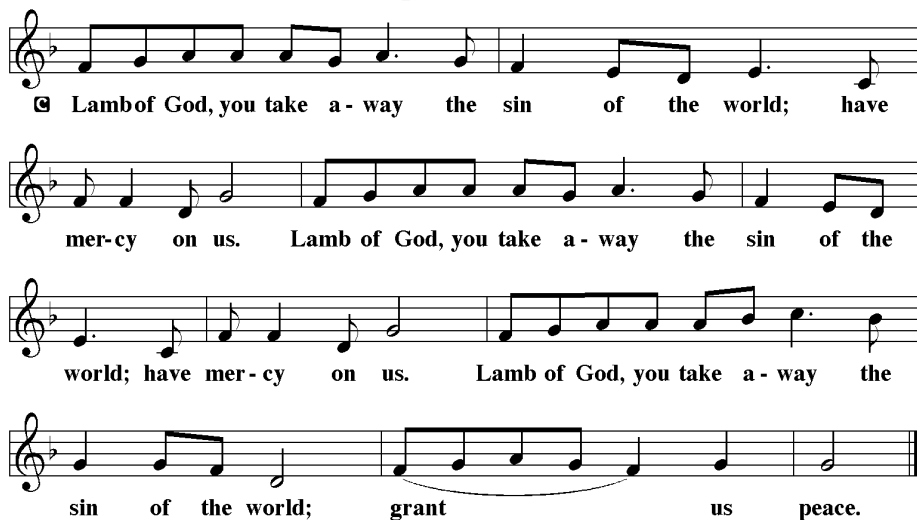
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

**COMMUNION HYMN: "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"**

LBW (green) 208

### **\*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: "I Know that My Redeemer Lives!" LBW (green) 352 (1-4)**

#### **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 Clay & Linda Beegle.

## **SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 5/18/2025**

Acts 11:1-18, Ps 148, Rev 21:1-6, John 13:31-35

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Suzanne Becker, Bev Reindollar, Nancy Farmer, Chad Smith, Rebecca Myers, Brian Phelps, Geraldine Ambrosius, Glenn and Linda Engler, Marian Williams, Tim Myers, Bonni Whitman, Jon Stiffler, Shirley Seitz, Sandy Fair, Diane Moul, LeMos Stallard

**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. Paul Haack to lead us in worship.**

**There will be a congregational meeting today, immediately following worship.** The purpose of this meeting is to affirm members who have volunteered to serve on the church council.

**A joint church picnic with Christ Loganville and Friedensaal will be held on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at Friedensaal's Hall of Hope. The service will begin at 11am with the traditional chicken dinner meal starting at 12 noon.** Bring your own lawn chairs. Service will be held outside, if the weather is nice. There will be bingo but no other planned 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 18, 2025.

**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](mailto:office@zionglenrock.org).

**PERSONNEL here at ZION**

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- Brenda Davis, Administrative Assistant
- Kelley Fisher, Treasurer
- Allison Fisher, Custodian
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**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Tom Bailey, Jeff Brown, Edgar Davis, Chad Fisher, Rick Freda, Pam Hoffman, Donna Price, and Jen Webb

## **SUNDAY SERVANTS**

### **Assisting Ministers:**

May 11: George Brown  
May 18: Donna Price  
May 25: Jeff Hoffman  
June 1: Picnic at Friedensaal Lutheran Church  
June 8: Jeff Hoffman  
June 15: Diane Bortner  
June 22: Joy Keller-Brown  
June 29: Butch Hengst

### **Lectors:**

May 11: Pam Hoffman  
May 18: George Brown  
May 25: Joy Keller-Brown  
June 1: Picnic at Friedensaal Lutheran Church  
June 8: Donna Price  
June 15: Jake Gilroy  
June 22: Linda Beegle  
June 29: Jen Webb

### **Council Offering Duty:**

May – Chad Fisher and Tom Bailey  
June – Jen Webb and Pam Hoffman

### **Altar Care:**

May – Pam Spangler  
June – Donna Price



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