

**Zion Lutheran Church
Glen Rock, PA
Fifth Sunday of Easter
LBW Holy Communion Setting One
Sunday, May 18, 2025**

*We stand as we are able.

Introduction to the day

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

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: “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”**

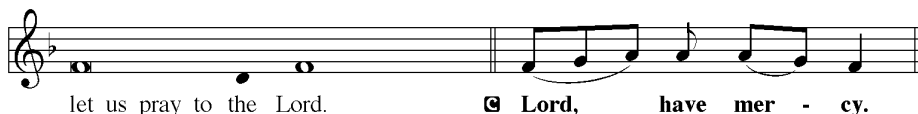
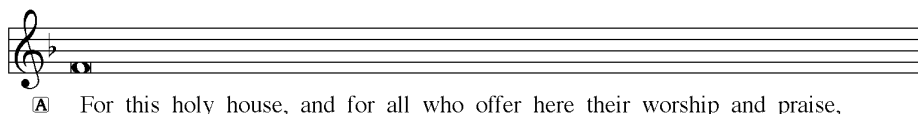
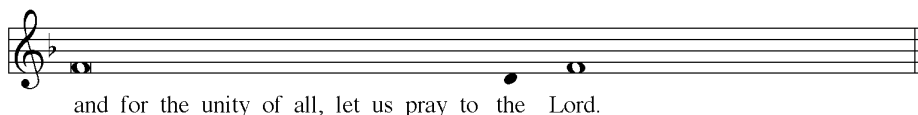
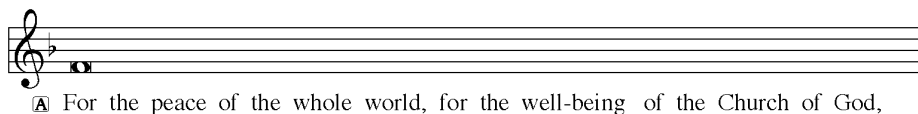
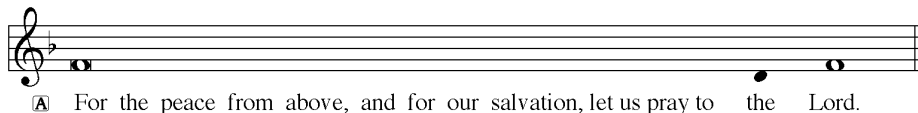
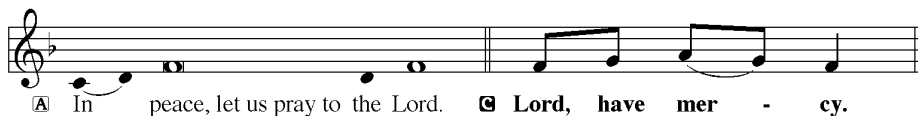
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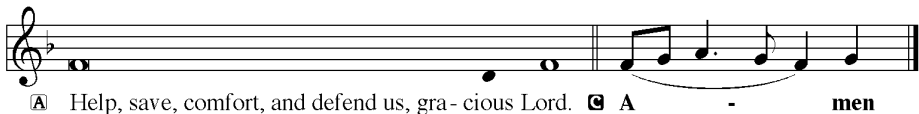
***APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 57)**

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.

***KYRIE (LBW p. 57)**





Ⓐ 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,



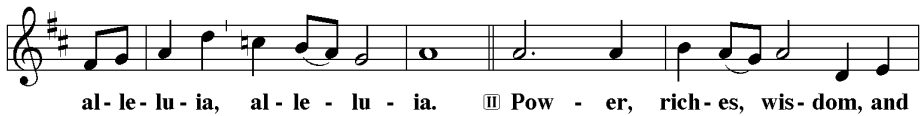
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Ⓐ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



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. Ⓑ 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. Ⓐ 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 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

FIRST LESSON: Acts 11:1-18

¹ Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 148

- ¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD ¹ from the heavens;
praise him ¹ in the heights.
² **Praise him, all you an- ¹ gels of his;**
praise him, ¹ all his host.
³ Praise him, ¹ sun and moon;
praise him, all you ¹ shining stars.

- ⁴ **Praise him, heav-¹ en of heavens,
and you waters a-¹ bove the heavens.**
- ⁵ Let them praise the name¹ of the LORD;
for he commanded, and they¹ were created.
- ⁶ **He made them stand fast forev-¹ er and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not¹ pass away.**
- ⁷ Praise the LORD¹ from the earth,
you sea monsters¹ and all deeps;
- ⁸ **fire and hail,¹ snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, do-¹ ing his will;**
- ⁹ mountains¹ and all hills,
fruit trees¹ and all cedars;
- ¹⁰ **wild beasts¹ and all cattle,
creeping things and¹ winged birds;**
- ¹¹ kings of the earth¹ and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
- ¹² **young¹ men and maidens,
old and¹ young together.**
- ¹³ Let them praise the name¹ of the LORD,
for his name only is exalted, his splendor is over¹ earth and heaven.
- ¹⁴ **He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his¹ loyal
servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.¹ Hallelujah!**

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 21:1-6

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

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 13:31-35**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON (LBW p. 63)

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** “Where Charity and Love Prevail” LBW (green) 126

***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.

Fill the church with the spirit of your redeeming love. Make us steadfast in our
proclamation of your grace for all people without exceptions, especially those
often overlooked in our communities. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Awaken joy in the beauty and abundance of your creation. Show us the wonder
of your presence from the smallest flower to the tallest tree. Recommit us to
preservation of wild places. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Instruct all world leaders to protect the most vulnerable among us. Guide those in power toward equitable and just economic policies, so that all might have sufficient resources to live safely and with dignity. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pour out your love on all in need of care: those mourning losses, enduring trauma, experiencing broken relationships, yearning for companionship, or facing illness (*especially*). Wipe away every tear. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abide with all who are victims of racism, especially people who are doubly marginalized because of gender, sexuality, or ability. Destroy all forms of systemic oppression, and renew our commitment to healing the wounds of our collective body in this community and beyond. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for all the saints whose lives bear witness to your redeeming love. Guide us by their example, until we join them in your eternal home. 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.

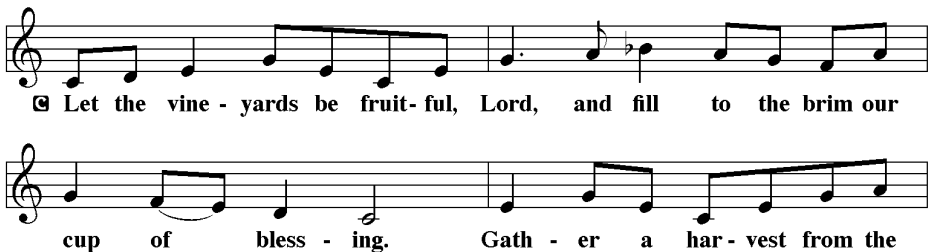
***PEACE (LBW p. 66)**

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

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. **A** And al - so with you.

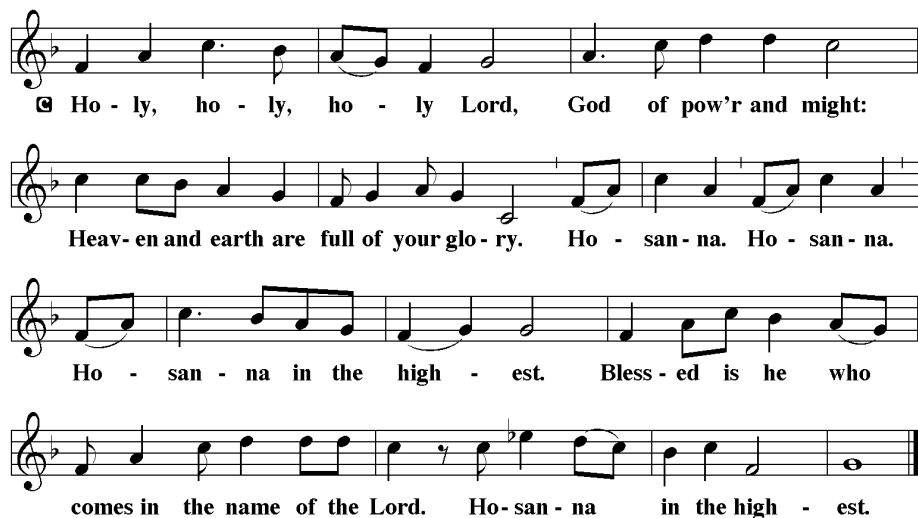
P Lift up your hearts. **A** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A 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. 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,

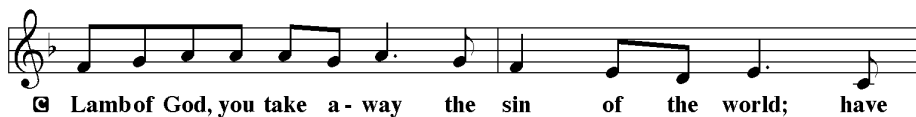
but deliver us from evil.

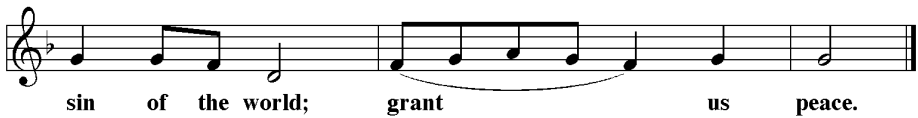
For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

***COMMUNION HYMN (LBW p. 72)**





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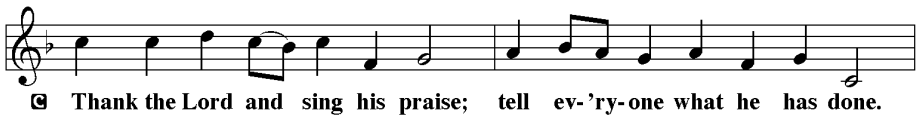
The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

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

COMMUNION HYMN: "I Come, O Savior, to Your Table" LBW (green) 213

*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”**

LBW (green) 145

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 Butch & Susie Hengst.

Today’s altar flower arrangement is presented in memory of Morell Newcomer, by the Roser & Garver families.

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 5/25/2025

Acts 16:9-15, Ps 67, Rev 21:10, 22 – 22:5, John 14:23-29

PRAYER REQUESTS

Beth Hennessey, Suzanne Becker, Bev Reindollar, Nancy Farmer, Chad Smith, 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. Peter Rustico to lead us in worship.

A joint church picnic with Christ Loganville and Friedensaal will be held on Sunday, June 1st 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.

PERSONNEL here at ZION

- Darryl Engler, Organist
- Brenda Davis, Administrative Assistant
- Kelley Fisher, Treasurer
- Allison Fisher, Custodian
- Chad Fisher, Sexton
- Chad Fisher, Council President.....ckoash6@gmail.com or 717-891-5327
- Rick Freda, Council Vice President.....rickfreda@yahoo.com or 302-864-5700

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Assisting Ministers:

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 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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