

**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**Glen Rock, PA**  
**Holy Trinity Sunday**  
**LBW Holy Communion Setting One**  
**Sunday, May 31, 2026**

\*We stand as we are able.

**Introduction to the day**

Though the word *trinity* is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

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**\*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  $\text{†}$ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

**\*ENTRANCE HYMN: “Holy, Holy, Holy”**

LBW (green) 165

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

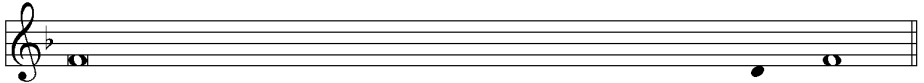
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

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



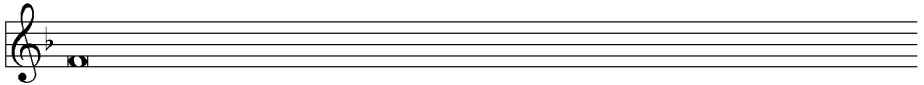
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **B** Lord, have mer - cy.




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



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



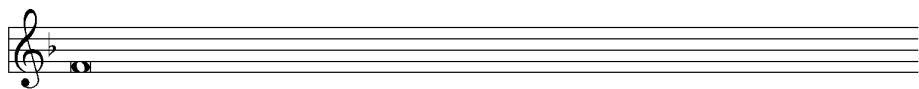
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



**B** 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.

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



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

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



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



**B** 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:



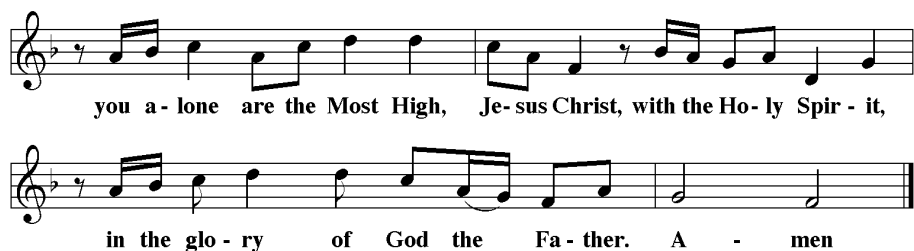
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



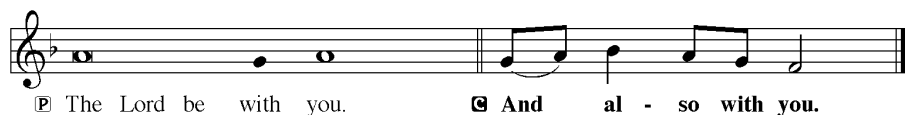
You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



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



Let us pray.

Almighty God our Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, renewing and fulfilling creation by your eternal Spirit, and revealing your glory through our Lord, Jesus Christ: Cleanse us from doubt and fear, and enable us to worship you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, living and reigning, now and forever.

**Amen**

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

**FIRST LESSON: Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

<sup>1</sup> When God began to create the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup> the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup> And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup> So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup> And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup> Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. <sup>12</sup> The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God

saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup> And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup> God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup> God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” <sup>21</sup> So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created humans in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” <sup>29</sup> God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup> On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4a</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 8 (spoken responsively)**

<sup>1</sup> O LORD our Lord,

how exalted is your name in all the world!

<sup>2</sup> **Out of the mouths of infants and children  
your majesty is praised above the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup> You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

<sup>4</sup> **When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**

<sup>5</sup> what is man that you should be mindful of him,  
the son of man that you should seek him out?

<sup>6</sup> **You have made him but little lower than the angels;  
you adorn him with glory and honor;**

<sup>7</sup> you give him mastery over the works of your hands;  
you put all things under his feet:

<sup>8</sup> **all sheep and oxen,**

**even the wild beasts of the field,**

<sup>9</sup> the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

<sup>10</sup> O LORD our Lord,

**how exalted is your name in all the world!**

**SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

[Paul writes:] <sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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: Matthew 28:16-20**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY:** “All Who Believe and Are Baptized” LBW (green) 194

**\*The Baptisms of Mikayla and Jayce Foltz**

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

I ask you as parents, do you trusting in God's grace and love, desire to have your children, Mikayla Carla Foltz and Jayce Jason Foltz, baptized into Christ?

*Response:* I do.

As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with the responsibility: to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that your children may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Response:* I do.

I ask the congregation as the People of God, do you promise to support Mikayla and Jayce and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

*Response:* **We do.**

I ask you as parents and congregation to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:* **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Water is poured on the child's head three times, as the presiding minister says:*

Mikayla Carla Foltz, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Jayce Jason Foltz, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

*Laying hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:*

Sustain Mikayla and Jayce with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross with oil on the forehead of the baptized.*

Mikayla Carla, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

*A lighted candle is given to the newly baptized.*

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Jayce Jason, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

*A lighted candle is given to the newly baptized.*

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

*Those who have gathered at the font may return to their places after the presentation of the baptismal certificate and candle.*

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

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, we are in awe of your creative work. Continue that work in your church, making us a new creation that proclaims your presence and love. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Creator God, nature reveals your power and glory. Protect water sources, vegetation, and wildlife as reminders of who you are. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Redeemer God, you call us to pray for those in authority. Guide our leaders to pursue the work of fostering peace and community. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Sustaining God, you are mindful of your people in every circumstance. Heal those who are sick. Provide for all who hunger. Protect those in harm's way. Comfort any experiencing hardship (*especially*). God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we pray for the children of our church and community. Provide for their needs. Support their caregivers. Nurture their faith. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we give thanks for those who have died and claimed their baptismal promises. Strengthen us to live as they did in communion with you. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our 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 al - so with you.

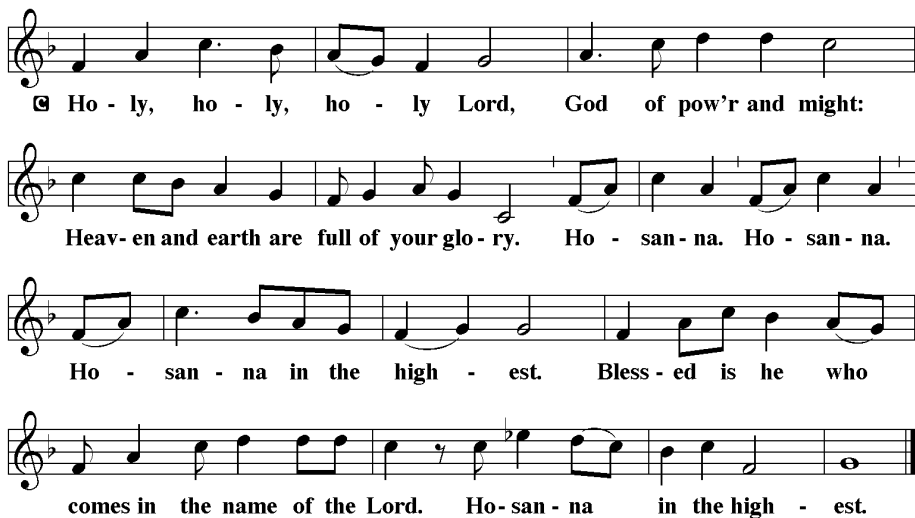
**☩** Lift up your hearts. **☩** We lift them to the Lord.

**☩** 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. You have revealed your glory as the glory also of your Son and of the Holy Spirit: three persons, equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your everlasting glory. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, 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)**

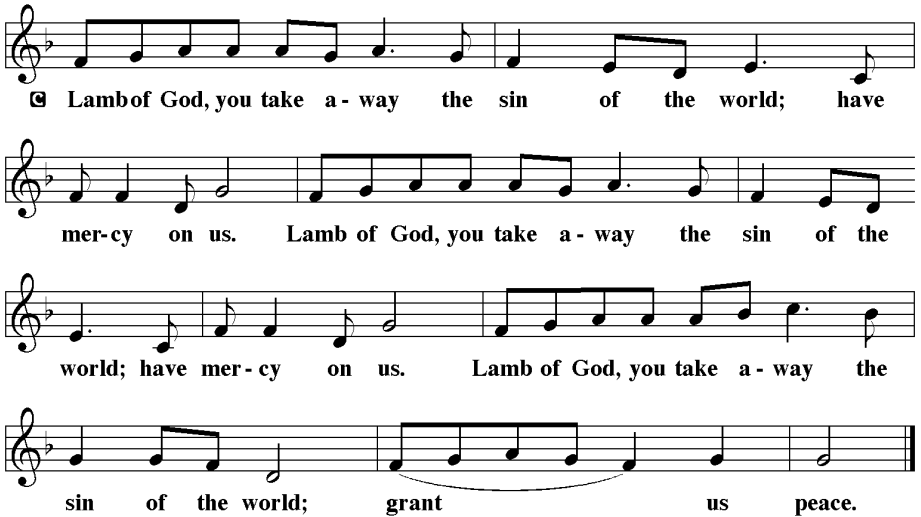
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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)**



**☐ 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: "Father Most Holy"

LBW (green) 169

### 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.

### SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 06/07/2026

Hosea 5:15-6:6, Ps 50:7-15, Rom 4:13-25, Matt 9:9-13, 18-26

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Mary Rose Lawhead, Ed Kellner, Barbara Townley, Barry Keller,  
Susan Scheungrab, 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.**

**Today we also welcome Gwen Trout to lead us musically from the organ bench.**

**Today we celebrate the baptisms of Mikayla and Jayce Foltz, children of Jason & Amber Foltz and grandchildren of Dan & Rachel Foltz.**

**A joint church picnic with Christ Loganville and Friedensaal churches will be held on Sunday, June 7th at Friedensaal's Hall of Hope (9138 White Church Rd, Seven Valleys). The service will begin at 11am with a BBQ chicken dinner 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.

**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**

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

### Supply Pastors:

May 31: Rev. Peter Rustico  
June 7: Picnic – Rev. Doug DeStephano  
June 14: Rev. Peter Rustico  
June 21: Rev. Martin Zimmann  
June 28: Rev. Angela Zimmann

### Assisting Ministers:

May 31: Butch Hengst  
June 7: Picnic  
June 14: Diane Bortner  
June 21: Donna Price  
June 28: George Brown

### Lectors:

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 Hoffinan

**Zion Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
April 15, 2026**

**PRESENT:** Jeff Brown, Pam Hoffman, Gail Prego, Chad Fisher, Rick Freda, Donna Price, Brenda Davis

**ABSENT:** Tom Bailey, Jen Webb, Kelley Fisher, Pastor Doug DeStephano

**GUESTS:** none

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Council President, Chad Fisher.

Prayer by Chad Fisher.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** (Pastor Doug sent an email to Zion's council)

- Noone from Zion, Christ Loganville, or Friedensaal is going to synod assembly this year.
- Friedensaal recently had a council retreat.
- Pastor Doug recently met with the Bishop.
- Christ Loganville raised \$400 for Lutheran Disaster Response at the recent Trivia Time fundraiser.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:**

- The minutes from the 3/18/26 council meeting were reviewed. Under In Reach Out Reach Committee Reports, the community concert will begin at 3pm not 7pm. Donna Price made a motion to approve the minutes, as corrected. Pam Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**REVIEW OF TREASURER'S REPORTS:**

- The regular reports were handed out with information from March 2026. It was pointed out that one of the Wilhelm investment account earned over \$12,000 in the last year. The second Wilhelm investment account should have earned a similar amount of interest in the last year. Kelley has not received the second investment account statement yet. Jeff Brown made a motion to approve the reports pending audit. Donna Price seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Constitution update – tabled.
2. Christmas Time in Loganville – Friedensaal is planning to participate in Christmas Time in Loganville in 2026. Their biggest need for volunteers is the week leading up to the event to prep food.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. HVAC replacement quote – One unit was replaced two years ago. Graham Chambers quote is \$10,725.00. This is \$2,000.00 more than the last unit. There is \$8,937.16 in the HVAC dedicated account. The council discussed two options to pay the remaining balance, the Seitz available account or the building undedicated account. Jeff Brown made a motion to approve the replacement of another HVAC unit for \$10,725.00 using the HVAC dedicated account and the Seitz available account to cover the cost. Donna Price seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. Exterior painting quote – Chad has not received the quote yet. His guestimate is \$10-12,000.00.
3. May Congregational meeting – The next congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, 5/10, immediately after worship. Agenda items include approval of new and continuing council members, HVAC expense, and possibly the exterior painting quote.
4. Conversation with Pastor Martin Zimmann – Martin and Angela Zimmann are hosting a Palestinian preacher and family in May. Pastor Martin discussed the visiting pastor giving the sermon on Sunday, 5/24. Angela will be doing the liturgical portions of the service. Only the guest pastor should be compensated on this Sunday. Pastor Martin requested the compensation be in cash. Zion will extend an invitation to Friedensaal and Christ Loganville churches to join us in worship on that Sunday.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Christian Ed:** Jen Webb is joining Christian Ed committee. Pam

Hoffman handed out a summary of the feedback from the participants of the Lenten Round Table. The committee plans to expand scope of the format used for the round table and include more participants. Jeff Brown shared there is online training available through the insurance company that would be helpful for leaders of Children's Church.

**Worship & Music:** Jeff Brown has volunteered to be an assisting minister. Zion will be offering geraniums for Pentecost Sunday.

**Property:** Chimney repairs are under way. Raintree will begin roof work in May.

**In Reach/Out Reach:**

April's Third Thursday will be April 16<sup>th</sup>. Ham and green beans is the main entrée.

A community choir concert will be held at Zion on Saturday, 4/25 at 3pm. This is a fundraiser for the Glen Rock and Shrewsbury libraries.

May's Third Thursday will be May 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:30-6pm. The main

entrees will be pasta dishes.

A joint church picnic will be held on Sunday, 6/7, at Friedensaal church.

A joint service and meal for July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend will take place on Sunday, 7/5 at Salem Jacobus church. The service will begin at 10am followed by a meal. More details will be made available later.

Zion will be collecting school supplies in July.

Preparations are underway for a God's Work Our Hands project in October. This will be a joint project with Christ Loganville and Friedensaal churches. We will be making no sew blankets again.

The committee is in the process of developing a time and talent worksheet for members of the congregation to fill out. The purpose of the worksheet is to get new members involved and to focus the church's in reach and out reach on the strengths of the congregation.

**Mutual Ministry:** No report.

**Audit/Finance:** The 2025 audit will be starting soon.

**Cemetery:** The title search of the cemetery property is done. An error was found showing Zion's cemetery property was incorrectly recorded as being sold to Trinity UCC. Gail Prego has messaged the attorney's office to ask what the next step is to have the cemetery property properly retitled back to Zion. The council discussed whether it is better to keep the cemetery property associated with the church or take steps to make it its own entity. The consensus was that the council would like to have a legal consultation to discuss the pros and cons of each option. How are other churches with cemeteries operating? We can reach out to some of the local cemetery associations that have established their own separate entities. The cemetery committee made a second request for a portion of the final distribution of the Sheffer Trust to be given to the cemetery committee to help offset some of the anticipated expenses for 2026. It would be good to share with the congregation at the congregational meeting the projects the cemetery committee is planning to do. The request for Sheffer Trust money was tabled.

With no other business, Jeff Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gail Prego seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Davis

**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**Congregational Meeting Minutes**  
**May 10, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Chad Fisher, at 10:01am.

Prayer by Pastor Angela Zimmann.

1. Chad Fisher updated the congregation on the chimney work and upcoming roof work – The chimney work is underway. The education wing roof will be replaced once the chimney work is done.

2. Exterior paint around the building – Zion received an exterior paint bid for ~\$40,000. The property committee will get more bids and try to break down the work needed into a multi-year project.

3. HVAC unit replacement – Zion has 6 air conditioning units. One was replaced two years ago. The plan was to replace one every other year. The quote to replace the second unit this year is \$10,725.00. There is \$8,937.16 in the HVAC dedicated account. The remaining expense will be taken out of the undedicated building account. Edgar Davis made a motion to approve the expense to replace the second HVAC unit. Donna Price seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Council Members for the upcoming year - Chad Fisher and Pam Hoffman will be stepping down from council. Jeff Hoffman and Beau Horning have volunteered to join council. Jen Webb made a motion to approve the following members to serve on council –Rick Freda, Tom Bailey, Jeff Brown, Donna Price, Jen Webb, Gail Prego, Jeff Hoffman, and Beau Horning. Shirley Seitz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Cemetery committee update – Michael Warns updated the congregation on the cemetery. Last year 63 stones were cleaned. In May, 51 stones were sprayed with cleaner. Mason Dixon Vault Company will be repairing 30 broken and/or leaning stones in the cemetery. These stones have been marked with orange flags.

With no other business to discuss, Butch Hengst made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Edgar Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Davis

**At the May 20, 2026 regular Council meeting, the council realized there was a conflict between the April 15, 2026 regular Council meeting minutes and the May 10, 2026 Congregational meeting minutes in regard to where additional funds will be taken from to cover the expense to replace one of the HVAC units. Since the congregation voted to have the money taken from the undedicated building funds, the council agreed that is where the money will be taken from.**



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