

**Zion Lutheran Church
Glen Rock, PA
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
WOV Setting Five – Bread of Life
Service of the Word
Sunday, July 12, 2026**

*We stand as we are able.

Introduction to the day

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (WOV p.10)**

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

***ENTRANCE HYMN:** “Let the Whole Creation Cry”

LBW (green) 242

***APOSTOLIC GREETING** (WOV p.28)

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** (WOV p.28)

Kyrie eleison:

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison:

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison:

Lord, have mercy.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** (WOV p.29)



☩ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



① Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - migh - y God and Fa - ther, we



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



☩ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

I 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.

II Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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

II 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.

III Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



***PRAYER OF THE DAY (WOV p.30)**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

ANTHEM: "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" – Elizabeth Fisher

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

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,

and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 65: [1-8] 9-13 (spoken responsively)

- ¹ You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- ² **To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come,
because of their transgressions.**
- ³ Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you will blot them out.
- ⁴ **Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell
there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the
holiness of your temple.**
- ⁵ Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our
salvation, O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far
away.
- ⁶ **You make fast the mountains by your power;
they are girded about with might.**
- ⁷ You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.
- ⁸ **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous
signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.]**
- ⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is full of water.
- ¹⁰ **You prepare the grain,
for so you provide for the earth.**
- ¹¹ You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- ¹² **You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.**
- ¹³ May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- ¹⁴ **May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak
themselves with grain; let them shout for¹ joy and sing.**

SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:1-11

¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (WOV p.31)



***GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!"

¹⁸ "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** "We Plow the Fields and Scatter" LBW (green) 362

***APOSTLES' CREED** (WOV p.32)

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 (WOV p.34)**

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God our gardener, you scatter grace like seed across the world. Continue to cultivate the garden of your church with your abundant Spirit. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our joy, your bountiful creation reflects your commitment to life despite our actions disregarding its wonder. We look toward Isaiah's vision, when all creation rejoices, and the trees will clap for joy at your salvation. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our life, you give us the same Spirit by which you raised Christ from the dead. Set our minds on that Spirit whenever fear or condemnation overwhelm throughout the world. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our host and table, we pray for children who hunger and rely on school meals, for all who toil under the hot sun without refreshment, for the chronically ill who have exhausted their resources, and for local concerns (*especially*). God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our source, tend this assembly with your grace throughout this summer season. May those who travel for work or recreation do so safely, and may visitors find refreshment among us. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We give you thanks that the roots of your goodness run deep throughout history.

We remember those saints who have gone before us in faith. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

***PEACE (WOV p. 34)**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

***PRESENTATION OF OFFERING**

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE (WOV p.35)**



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 dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (WOV p.35)**

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**

***LORD’S PRAYER (WOV p.39)**

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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.

***BLESSING (WOV p.41)**

The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us.

The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace.

Amen

***SENDING HYMN: “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” LBW (green) 259**

DISMISSAL (WOV p.41)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Today's altar flower arrangement is presented in memory of Cora Newcomer, by the Roser and Garver families.

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 07/19/2026

Isa 44:6-8, Ps 86:11-17, Rom 8:12-25, Matt 13:24-30, 36-43

PRAYER REQUESTS

Emery Lynn Grove, Alex (Davis) Grove, Tom Bailey, Mary Rose Lawhead,
Barbara Townley, Barry Keller, Susan Scheungrab, Shirley Seitz,
Donna Chandler, Keith Copenhaver, James Thompson, 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.

Today we welcome Jeff Hoffman to lead us in worship.

There will be no communion today.

Day Trip Opportunity - Totem Pole Bus Trip - August 11 | South Pacific

Returning to the Totem Pole Playhouse stage for the first time in more than 30 years, immerse yourself in the sweeping romance of South Pacific, Rodgers & Hammerstein's timeless Broadway masterpiece set on a lush island in the South Pacific during World War II. At the heart of the story is the unlikely and deeply moving love between Nellie Forbush, an optimistic Navy nurse from Arkansas, and Emile de Becque, a sophisticated French plantation owner. As their romance unfolds against the backdrop of war, cultural differences, and life-changing choices, the musical explores themes of love, prejudice, courage, and hope for a better future. Featuring some of the most beloved songs ever written for the stage—including "Some Enchanted Evening," "Bali Ha'i," "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa My Hair," and "Younger Than Springtime" — *South Pacific* blends unforgettable music with powerful storytelling and sweeping theatrical beauty. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Drama and multiple Tony Awards, this beloved classic remains one of the most powerful and moving musicals ever created. Experience the romance, drama, and breathtaking music of one of Broadway's greatest musicals. Cost is \$93 per person and includes: bus transportation, lunch at the Dobbin House, show ticket, tax, and tips. Call or

email Amanda at St Paul Lutheran Church, Hametown to reserve your ticket, 717-235-1841 or stpaulhametown@gmail.com. Payment can be sent to St Paul Lutheran Church, 11894 Susquehanna Trl S., Glen Rock, PA 17327. Please make checks payable to St Paul Lutheran Church, noting “South Pacific” on the memo line.

The Nursery is available for children age 1 year old to 5 years old. Kelley Fisher can be contacted regarding Children’s Church at kellyfish23@gmail.com or 410-598-0586.

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 July will benefit Penn Mar Services.** Penn Mar supports people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in living courageous lives, whether that’s securing a job, being an active member of their community, building independence, or developing new relationships. This is done by supporting people on their own unique personal journeys. Penn Mar provides an array of customizable services and supports to the Maryland and Pennsylvania regions.

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.

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 6/30/2026

Regular Contributions: \$ 53,607.02

Other Contributions/Gifts: \$ 807.64

Expenses: \$ 56,409.57

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Supply Pastors:

July 12: Jeff Hoffman
July 19: Jeff Hoffman
July 26: Rev. Patricia Snyder
August 2: Rev Martin Zimmann
August 9: Rev. Patricia Snyder
August 16: Rev. Martin Zimmann
August 23: Rev. Peter Rustico
August 30: Rev. Gail Wolling

Assisting Ministers:

July 12: Jeff Brown
July 19: Donna Price
July 26: Butch Hengst
August 2: Diane Bortner
August 9: Donna Price
August 16: George Brown
August 23: Jeff Brown
August 30: Jeff Hoffman

Lectors:

July 12: Kayla Rogers
July 19: Chad Fisher
July 26: Rachel Foltz
August 2: Susie Hengst
August 9: Diane Bortner
August 16: Pam Hoffman
August 23: Jake Gilroy
August 30: Donna Price

Council Offering Duty:

July – Donna Price and Rick Freda
August – Jeff Hoffman and Gail Prego

Altar Care:

July – Diane Bortner
August – Pam Spangler



THIRD THURSDAY

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

IN THE COURTYARD

(weather permitting)

EVERYONE WELCOME!

FREE

- Hamburgers and Hot Dogs
- Sides and Desserts

July 16 / 4:30-6:00 PM

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WHAT: These compelling stories tell how kings, patriarchs, missionaries, and the Church of Rome were impacted by otherwise obscure women whose singular acts of bravery changed the course of ancient history. You won't recognize the women by name, but you will never forget their stories.

WHO: Everyone who wants to add to their knowledge of the Bible is invited.

WHEN: Every Sunday in August at 10:30 am

WHERE: Zion Glen Rock - Large Classroom

For more information: contact Pam Hoffman, pam@gilmangroup.com

PERSONNEL here at ZION

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