

**Zion Lutheran Church
Glen Rock, PA
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
WOV Setting Five – Bread of Life
Service of the Word
Sunday, July 19, 2026**

*We stand as we are able.

Introduction to the day

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE:

“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

– Flute and Viola duet by Ann and Emma Gruner

***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.**

***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 - ty 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.

O Lord, pour out upon us the spirit to think and do what is right, that we, who cannot even exist without you, may have the strength to live according to your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

ANTHEM: "Eat This Bread" – Ann and Emma Gruner

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

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

I am the first, and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it;
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸ Do not fear or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?

You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?

There is no other rock; I know not one.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 86:11-17 (spoken responsively)

¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;
knit my heart to you that I may fear your name.

¹² **I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name forevermore.**

¹³ For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the nethermost pit.

¹⁴ **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent men
seeks my life;
they have not set you before their eyes.**

¹⁵ But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

¹⁶ **Turn to me and have mercy upon me;
give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your
handmaid.**

¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be
ashamed;
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:12-25

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit,

groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (WOV p.31)**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.”

³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** “Come, You Thankful People, Come” LBW (green) 407

***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 source, protect your church from those who sow weeds among the wheat. Where we trade grace for judgment, restore us, and where we get lost among the complexities of life, guide us. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our creator, sustain creation in places not easily seen; the depths of oceans, microscopic plants and animals, galaxies beyond our own. May we share earth's dedication to hope for what we do not yet see. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our soil, we yearn to live on your lands and waters with justice and in righteousness. Renew the hearts of all in authority, that our leaders guide wisely toward the flourishing of all. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our rock, be a source of constancy for those whose lives have been uprooted by war, eviction, global climate change, unemployment, harassment, false witness to their character, or illness or injury. (*especially*) God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our teacher, guide and provide for all summer camp staff and campers, daycare professionals, librarians, summer school educators and coaches, teachers preparing for the coming academic year, and youth becoming first-time babysitters. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our hope, the message of your salvation is planted among us in all times and places. We give you thanks for the witness of all the saints who shine like the sun in your presence. 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.

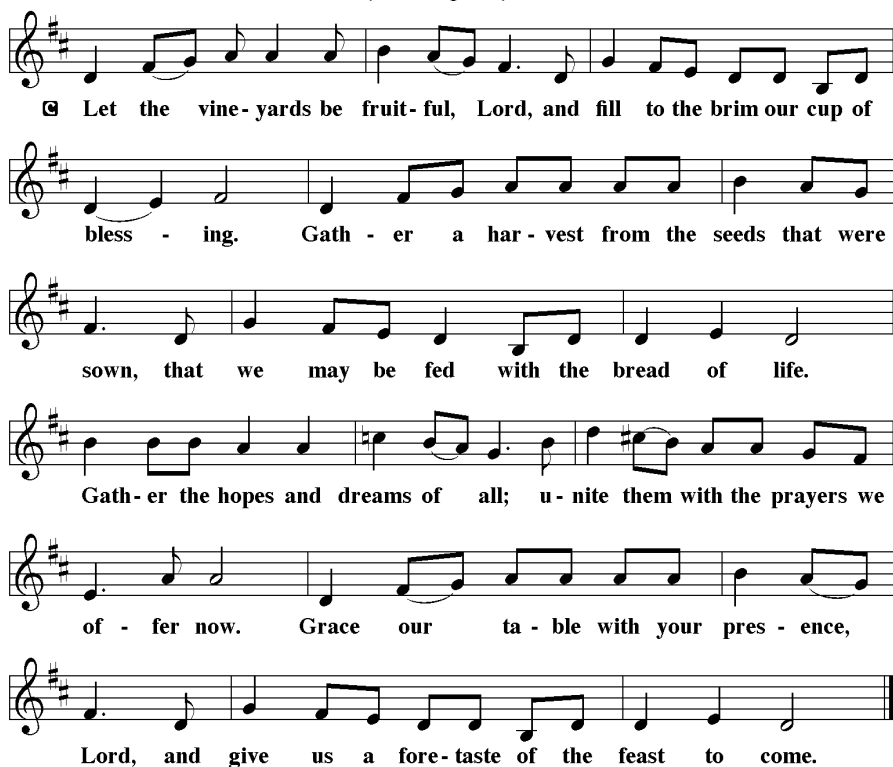
***PEACE (WOV p. 34)**

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: "On Our Way Rejoicing"**

LBW (green) 260

DISMISSAL (WOV p.41)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 07/26/2026

1 Kings 3:5-12, Ps 119:129-136, Rom 8:26-39, Matt 13:31-33, 44-52

PRAYER REQUESTS

Clay and Linda Beegle, 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.

Today we give thanks for the musical gifts of Ann and Emma Gruner.

Church office hours will remain fluid while Brenda continues to help watch her grandson multiple days of the week.

A Fall Festival is being planned for Sunday, November 1st. This event will be the day after the Trick or Treat Trail, which Zion participates in too. If you are interested in helping with either event, contact Brenda Davis at 717-793-7236 or getscrappin@aol.com.

The In Reach Out Reach committee is looking to identify Thrivent members in the congregation. Thrivent members can help Zion apply for free Thrivent Choice Dollars, which is used as seed money for ministry opportunities and events. If you are a Thrivent member, please contact Brenda in the office at 717-235-3276 or office@zionglenrock.org. Thank you.

The Nursery is available for children 5 years and under. 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.

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.

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Supply Pastors:

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 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 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



To assist students of all ages, we are gathering school supplies and hygiene items for children in the local school districts.



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FOR MORE INFORMATION



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Binder Paper - Loose Leaf
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#2 Packs of Pencils
Crayons
Markers
Glue Sticks
Folders
Highlighters
Pencil Cases
Erasers
Rulers
Scissors
Sharpeners
Back Packs
Lunch Boxes
Water Bottles



Hygiene Items

Toothpaste
Toothbrush
Shampoo
Conditioner
Hair Gel
Deoderant
Lotion
Hair Brush
Hair Comb
Hair Ties
Tampons
Pads
Bars of soap
Razors
Facecloths
Shaving Gel
Body Wash
Shower Cap
Socks
Underwear
Laundry Detergent



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

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