

**Zion Lutheran Church  
Glen Rock, PA  
WOV Setting Five – Bread of Life  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, August 3, 2025**

\*We stand as we are able.

**Introduction to the day**

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

**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: "You Servants of God"**

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**\*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 us.**

**\*KYRIE (WOV p.28)**



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **G** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

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



**G** 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 - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



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



**G** 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.

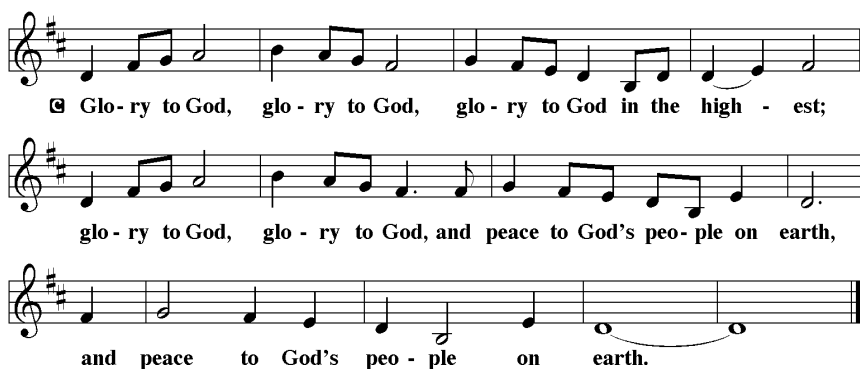
**I** Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

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.



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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world. Give us this bread, that he may live in us and we in him, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### FIRST LESSON: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

<sup>2</sup> Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,  
 vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup> I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. <sup>14</sup> I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>2:18</sup> I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, <sup>19</sup> and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup> So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup> because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup> What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup> For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 49:1-12** (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup> Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the world,  
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

<sup>2</sup> **My mouth shall speak of wisdom,  
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.**

<sup>3</sup> I will incline my ear to a proverb  
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

<sup>4</sup> **Why should I be afraid in evil days,  
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,**

<sup>5</sup> the wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods,  
and boast of their great riches?

<sup>6</sup> **We can never ransom ourselves,  
or deliver to God the price of our life;**

<sup>7</sup> for the ransom of our life is so great,  
that we should never have enough to pay it,

<sup>8</sup> **in order to live forever and ever,  
and never see the grave.**

<sup>9</sup> For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish  
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

<sup>10</sup> **Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from  
generation to generation,  
though they call the lands after their own names.**

<sup>11</sup> Even though honored, they cannot live forever;  
they are like the beasts that perish.

**SECOND LESSON: Colossians 3:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup> These are the ways

you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup> But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

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: Luke 12:13-21**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup> Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’

<sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **HOMILY**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY:** “Take My Life, that I May Be”      LBW (green) 406

**\*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)

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

Renew in your church a perspective of life beyond worldly pursuits. Build an enthusiasm to embrace life in Christ, so that Christ, the life of the world, is revealed to everyone. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Revitalize and protect the treasures of wild places. Teach all people to value the earth, winds, waters, trees, and animals, the gifts that make life possible on this planet. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Speak wisdom to any in positions of power, that they cease practices of divisiveness, insult, and oppression. Clothe all people in your image, and establish equity and peace. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Reveal your loving presence in the lives of people suffering hunger and need, illness and grief, pain and fear (*especially*). Give strength to those who give care, and equip them with compassion as they make your love known. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Store up in this congregation a full measure of gratitude and generosity. Guide the work of treasurers and all who attend to financial matters. Support those whose work in our community is difficult and demanding; make us mindful of the toil that goes unnoticed. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Receive our thanks for the lives of your saints who now rest from their labors. Give us wisdom through their witness and encourage us in love as we continue our lives in the world. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

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

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

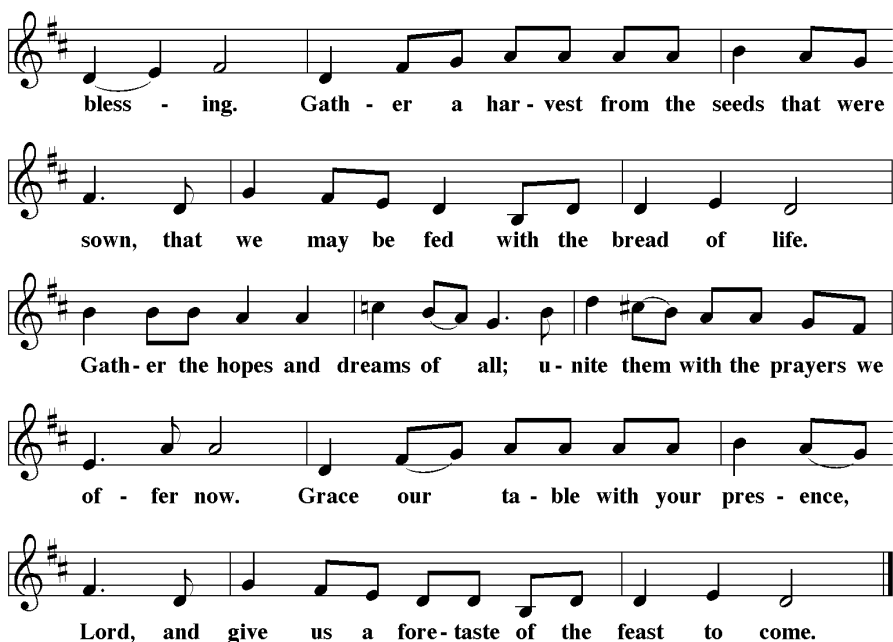
**\*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING**

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



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of





**\*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)**

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.  
**Amen**

**\*SENDING HYMN: “Son of God, Eternal Savior”**

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**DISMISSAL (WOV p.41)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 8/10/2025**

Gen 15:1-6, Ps 33:12-22, Heb 11:1-3, 8-16, Luke 12:32-40

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Trey Tomaschko, Lou Tomaschko, Tessa Henise, Ruth Shearer,  
Beth Hennessey, Suzanne Becker, Bev Reindollar, Nancy Farmer,  
Chad Smith, Brian Phelps, Geraldine Ambrosius, Glenn and Linda Engler,  
Tim Myers, Bonni Whitman, Jon Stiffler, Shirley Seitz, Sandy Fair,  
Diane Moul, LeMos Stallard

**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.**

**Welcome back to Darryl Engler from his well-deserved time away from the organ bench.**

**As part of celebrating 165 years since plans were made to establish a Lutheran church in Glen Rock, throughout the month of August we would like people to share their memories of Zion.** Whether you grew up at Zion or just recently joined Zion’s church family, we want to hear from you. Stories can

be handwritten or emailed to the office (office@zionglenrock.org). You can also share your stories with Brenda (717-793-7236) who will write your memories down. You can even take a few minutes to share your memories during the announcements before the service starts. The early leaders of Glen Rock found it important to have a Lutheran church in town, and all these years later, Zion still stands and has importance in the lives of our members and this community.

Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a special social time after worship to celebrate Zion's 165<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Please invite your family and friends to join us on this Sunday.

**On Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, the Glen Rock Historic Preservation Society will hold its monthly meeting at Zion, as part of celebrating Zion's 165<sup>th</sup> anniversary.** There will be an open house from 6:30-7:30pm. This will be an opportunity for people to explore the church and learn more about its history through memorabilia and pictures. At 7:30pm, there will be a slide presentation in the Sunday School area with more pictures and stories. Please share this opportunity with your family and friends.

**Greetings! The summer is flying by and shortly we will be placing wreaths for our veterans in all seven local cemeteries that we cover.** The cost to sponsor a wreath is \$17. Anyone can sponsor a wreath any time during the year. The deadline is November 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all who have already purchased wreaths. Have a good rest of your summer. - Sharon Krout, WAA coordinator for Austin L Grove, American Legion Auxiliary

**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 August 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.

## **SUNDAY SERVANTS**

### **Assisting Ministers:**

August 3: Butch Hengst  
August 10: George Brown  
August 17: Diane Bortner  
August 24: Donna Price  
August 31: George Brown

### **Lectors:**

August 3: Susie Hengst  
August 10: George Brown  
August 17: Pam Hoffman  
August 24: Jake Gilroy  
August 31: Donna Price

### **Council Offering Duty:**

August – Donna Price and Gail Prego

### **Altar Care:**

August – Pam Hoffman

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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



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