

**Zion Lutheran Church
Glen Rock, PA
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
WOV Setting Five – Bread of Life
Sunday, August 16, 2026**

*We stand as we are able.

Introduction to the day

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: "Pachelbel Canon" – Claire Morris

***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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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 ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***ENTRANCE HYMN: “Come, We That Love the Lord”** WOV (blue) 742

***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)**



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 - migh - y God and Fa - ther, we



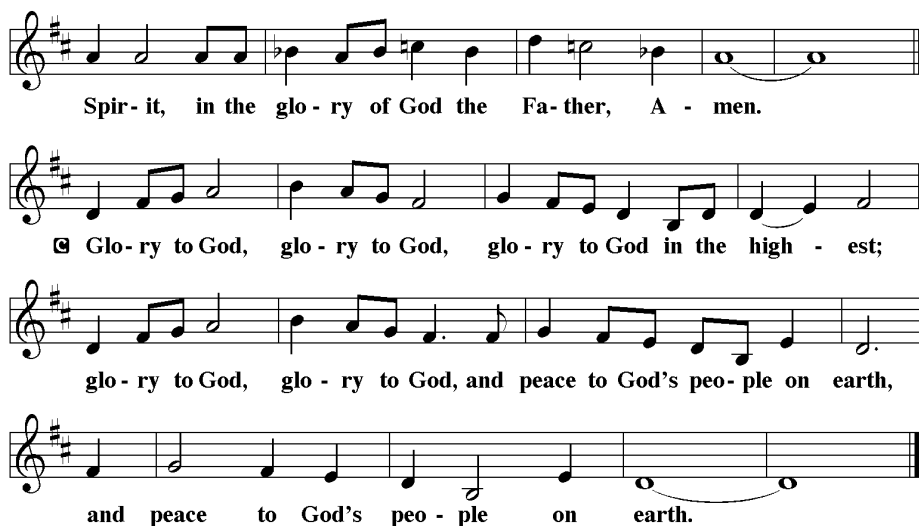
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

☩ 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.

II 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.

☩ 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.

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II For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us the perfect faith which overcomes all doubts, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹ Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 67 (spoken responsively)

¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.

² **Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon
earth.**

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ **The earth has brought forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**

⁷ May God give us his blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself
am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin.

^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once
disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience,
³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to
you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in
disobedience so that he may be merciful to 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: Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³ He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶ Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.”

²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** “Healer of Our Every Ill”

WOV (blue) 738

***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)

With bold trust in God’s unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

A brief silence.

For believers around the world who stream to your holy mountain, that all be united in faith and harmony in the body of Christ. Let your church on earth be a witness to the beloved community of your heavenly kingdom. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For your wondrous creation, that it thrives and flourishes as you intend. Raise up wise stewards to defend the natural world against carelessness and destruction. Safeguard endangered species and their habitats. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the nations of the world and all in authority, that they heed the cry of the outcast and ensure care for the most vulnerable. Give wisdom to leaders of countries, congregations, and communities, that they lead and serve justly. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For all who are lonely, grieving, or struggling with chronic pain, that they find comfort, community, and hope. Send relief to all who struggle with illness of any kind (*especially*). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For this congregation, for visitors and those new to this faith community, that all may recognize the presence of Christ in each new face. Draw this community together in love and strengthen it in unwavering faith. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the saints before us whose work is done, that their faithful example continues to direct your church. May their witness remind us that your gifts and calling are irrevocable, whether in life or death. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

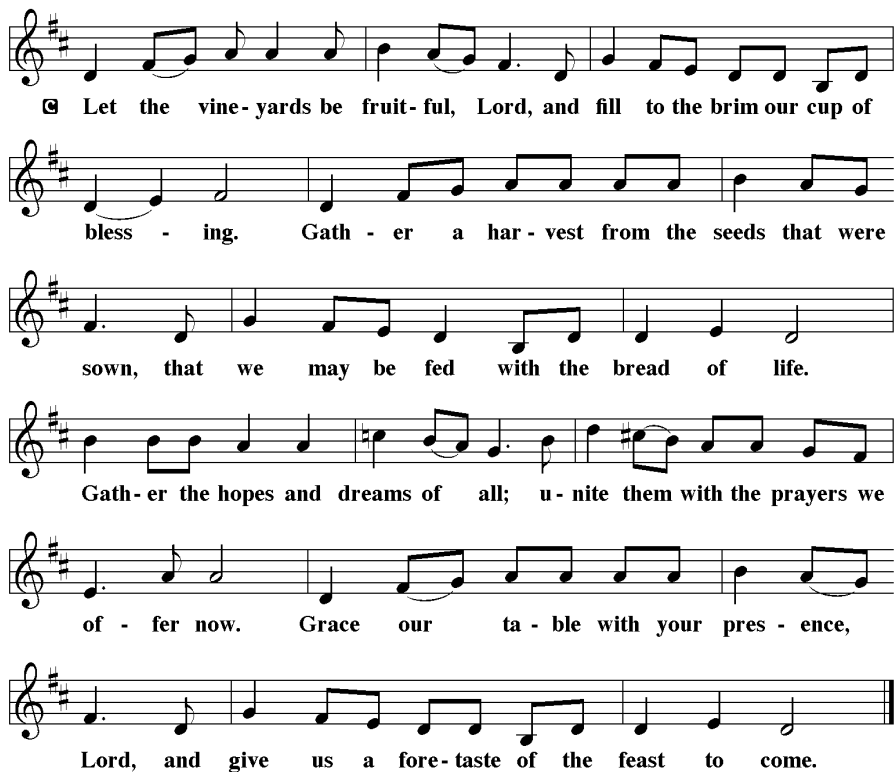
***PEACE** (WOV p. 34)

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

***GREAT THANKSGIVING (WOV p.36)**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

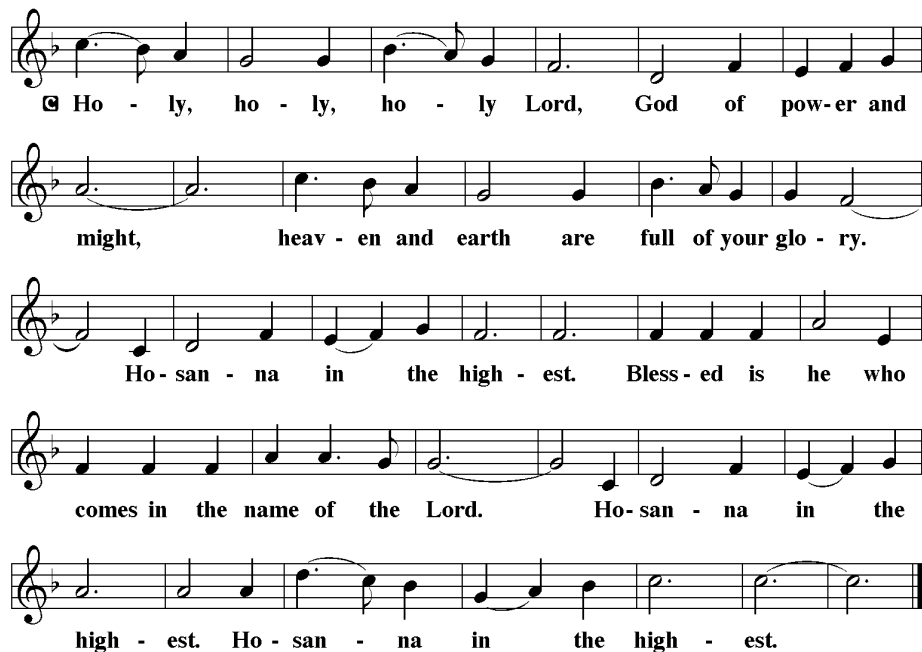
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE (WOV p.36)

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, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*THANKSGIVING (WOV p.37)

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **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.**

***COMMUNION HYMN (WOV p.39)**



☞ 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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION (WOV p.39)

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

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

*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND CANTICLE (WOV p.40)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**



☞ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (WOV p.41)

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

Amen.

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

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen

***SENDING HYMN: “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve” WOV (blue) 723**

DISMISSAL (WOV p.41)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Today’s communion elements are presented to the glory of God, by Shirley Seitz.

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 08/23/2026

Isa 51:1-6, Ps 138, Rom 12:1-8, Matt 16:13-20

PRAYER REQUESTS

Edna Garver, Dolly Fletcher, 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.

Communion is offered every Sunday. Wine and apple juice are both available. All are welcome.

Today we welcome Rev. Martin Zimmann to lead us in worship.

Today we give thanks for the musical gifts of Claire Morris.

As classes are about to begin for local schools, we encourage you to include students, teachers, administrators, support staff, and parents in your prayers.

Looking for donations of artificial flowers and greenery: There are two separate needs for artificial flowers and greens – 1. to make altar flower arrangements and 2. to use for the Trick or Treat Trail display. Large leaf greens and ferns would be especially useful for the Trick or Treat Trail display. Donations can be put on the stage in the social hall. See Brenda Davis with questions.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

Trivia Time Fundraiser with Friedensaal and Christ, Loganville-
Sunday, October 4th at Zion from 3-5pm

God's Work Our Hands project making no-sew blankets for the homeless –
Saturday, October 24th at Zion starting at 9am (This is a joint project with Friedensaal and Christ, Loganville.)

Trick or Treat Trail along the Rail Trail near the Glen Rock Library -
Saturday, October 31st from 6-8pm. Volunteers from Zion will be handing out candy at this event.

Fall Festival with Friedensaal and Christ, Loganville - Sunday, November 1st, All Saints Sunday, at Friedensaal Lutheran Church, 9138 White Church Rd, Seven Valleys, PA 17360, worship begins at 10am, festival starts immediately after worship including food, fun, and fellowship.
(There will be no worship service at Zion on this day.)

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 August will benefit the Southern York County School District Welfare Fund. This fund helps pay off overdrawn lunch accounts within the school district.

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

Supply Pastors:

August 16: Rev. Martin Zimmann
August 23: Rev. Peter Rustico
August 30: Rev. Gail Wolling
September 6: Rev. Clifton Suehr
September 13: Rev. Martin Zimmann
September 20: Rev. Peter Rustico
September 27: Rev. John Teitman

Assisting Ministers:

August 16: George Brown
August 23: Jeff Brown
August 30: Jeff Hoffman
September 6: Butch Hengst
September 13: Diane Bortner
September 20: Donna Price
September 27: George Brown

Lectors:

August 16: Pam Hoffman
August 23: Jake Gilroy
August 30: Donna Price
September 6: Linda Beegle
September 13: Nate Rogers
September 20: Jen Webb
September 27: Kelley Fisher

Council Offering Duty:

August – Jeff Hoffman and Gail Prego
September – Tom Bailey and Jen Webb

Altar Care:

August – Pam Spangler
September – Donna Price

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