

**Zion Lutheran Church
Glen Rock, PA
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
WOV Setting Five – Bread of Life
Sunday, October 11, 2026**

*We stand as we are able.

Introduction to the day

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

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.

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, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs”**

LBW (green) 254

***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.

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.

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.

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.

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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 God, source of every blessing, your generous goodness comes to us anew every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

ANTHEM: "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

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

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 25:1-9

¹ O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

² For you have made the city a heap,

the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.

- ³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
- ⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.
- ⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
- ⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;
⁸ he will swallow up death forever.
- Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
- ⁹ It will be said on that day,
“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23

- ¹ The LORD ¹ is my shepherd;
I shall not ¹ be in want.
- ² **He makes me lie down ¹ in green pastures
and leads me be- ¹ side still waters.**
- ³ He re- ¹ lives my soul
and guides me along right pathways ¹ for his name's sake.
- ⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall ¹ fear
no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they ¹ comfort me.**

⁵ You spread a table before me in the presence of those who ¹ trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is ¹ running over.

⁶ Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days ¹ of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the ¹ LORD forever.

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 4:1-9

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (WOV p.31)



***GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** “Now We Join in Celebration” LBW (green) 203

***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)**

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

Holy God, we remember your promise of unity on your holy mountain. Empower the World Council of Churches and all those working across religious difference, that the world may know your undivided love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise of green pastures and quiet waters. Preserve all places of natural beauty and restore our relationship with the land. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise to not abandon us amid storm and disaster. Renew all communities facing disasters and give your courage to those leading relief efforts. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise to wipe away every tear. Heal and console all who are sick or suffering (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise of a banquet open to all people. Challenge this congregation to open wide our doors and welcome everyone to the table. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise to swallow up death forever. We give thanks for those who have gone before us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through 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



***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,

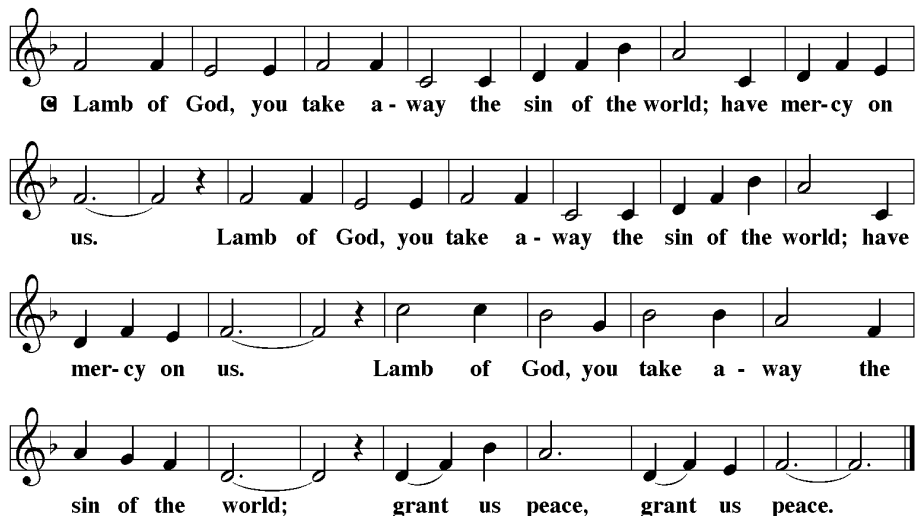
but deliver us from evil.

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.

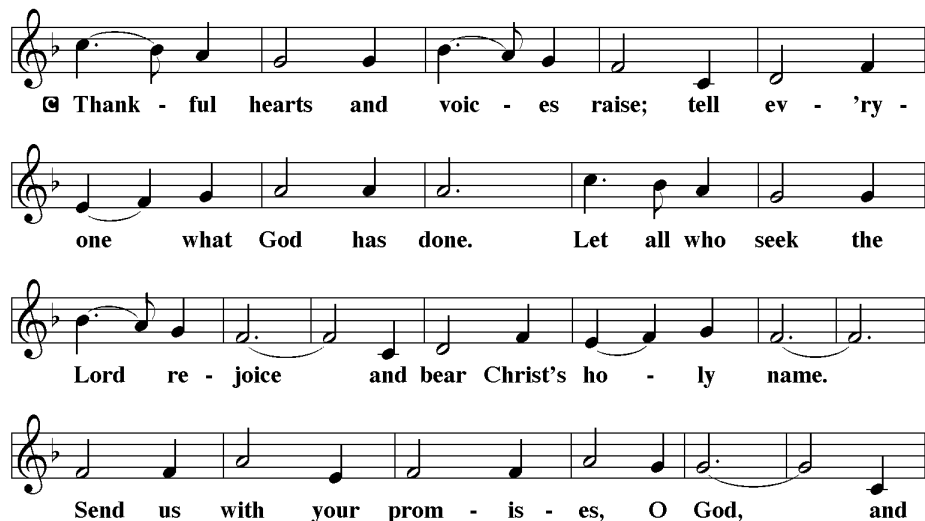
COMMUNION (WOV p.39)

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

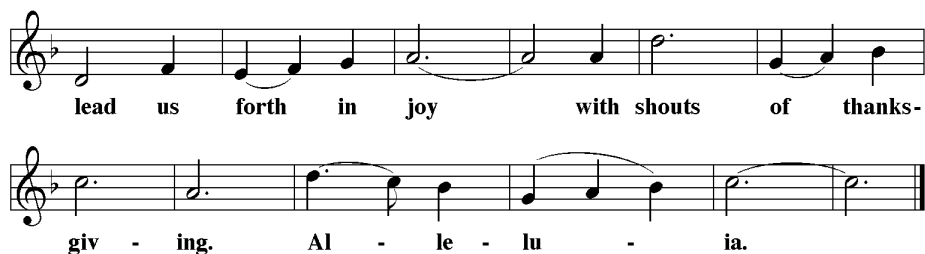
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

***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



***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: "Lead On, O King Eternal!"**

LBW (green) 495

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.

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 10/18/2026

Isa 45:1-7, Ps 96:1-9[10-13], 1 Thess 1:1-10, Matt 22:15-22

PRAYER REQUESTS

Don & Sue Schnell, Dottie Devlin, Edna Garver, Dolly Fletcher,
Mary Rose Lawhead, Barbara Townley, Barry Keller, Susan Scheungrab,
Shirley Seitz, Donna Chandler, 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. Paul Haack to lead us in worship.

Upcoming events and ways to participate and contribute:

Sunday, October 18th – Harvest Home/Blanket Sunday – between now and 10/18, bring non-perishable food items to church, or contribute money to be given to a local food pantry.

Saturday, October 24th – God’s Work Our Hands no sew blankets service project – This is the day we, along with our friends from Friedensaal and Christ Loganville, will make the blankets and hats. We will begin at 9am at Zion. No experience is necessary. Bring sharp scissors or rotary cutters if you have them. Lunch will be provided. Pam Hoffman is looking for a few people to donate desserts for the meal.

Wednesday, October 28th – National First Responders Day – honor and recognize first responders near you, donate drinks and snacks to your local first responders to help them stay hydrated and nourished during responses. Drinks and snack items can also be brought to church between now and 10/28. These items will be donated to Glen Rock first responders.

Saturday, October 31st – Zion’s In Reach Out Reach committee will be providing meals to Glen Rock EMS and fire company, as part of our recognition of first responders. If you are interested in helping to cover expenses to make the meals and/or provide a dessert for the meal, contact Brenda or Edgar Davis.

Additionally, Zion will be participating in the Trick or Treat Trail on Halloween from 6-8pm. Donations of candy, snacks, or small trinkets can be placed on the stage in the social hall between now and 10/31. Volunteers to hand out candy, snacks and trinkets are also needed. See Brenda or Edgar Davis if you are willing to help.

Sunday, November 1st – Fall Festival at Friedensaal – After worship, there will be a time of food and fellowship. Each of the three churches have been asked to provide 2 chili contest entries and some pumpkin pie entries. The chili winner will be determined by the most amount of money donated to the entry. The pumpkin pie winner will be determined by the 3 council presidents of Zion, Christ, and Friedensaal. More details will be available next week.

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 October will benefit Glen Rock Hose & Ladder Co.** The fire company signed a contract to build a new engine to replace the 20-year-old engine currently being used. The price of the new engine will be \$1,000,000. Any support you can give is appreciated.

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.

PERSONNEL at ZION

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Brenda Davis, Administrative Assistant

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Supply Pastors:

October 11: Rev. Paul Haack
October 18: Rev. John Teitman
October 25: Rev. Gail Wolling
November 1: Joint service at Friedensaal
November 8: Rev. Peter Rustico
November 15: Rev. John Teitman
November 22: Rev. Angela Zimmann
November 29: Rev. Paul Haack

Assisting Ministers:

October 11: Jeff Hoffman
October 18: Butch Hengst
October 25: Diane Bortner
November 1: Joint service at Friedensaal
November 8: Donna Price
November 15: George Brown
November 22: Jeff Brown
November 29: Jeff Hoffman

Lectors:

October 11: Chad Fisher
October 18: Rachel Foltz
October 25: Susie Hengst
November 1: Joint service at Friedensaal
November 8: Diane Bortner
November 15: George Brown
November 22: Pam Hoffman
November 29: Jake Gilroy

Council Offering Duty:

October – Jeff Brown and Donna Price
November – Gail Prego and Rick Freda

Altar Care:

October – Linda Beegle
November – Pam Hoffman



THIRD THURSDAY FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, October 15, 2026

4:30 - 6:00 pm

**Free Sloppy Joes,
sides, and desserts.**



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All are welcome!



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