

**Zion Lutheran Church
Glen Rock, PA
Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost
WOV Setting Five – Bread of Life
Sunday, October 18, 2026**

*We stand as we are able.

Introduction to the day

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of 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.

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.**

***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)**



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



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



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

***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.



Ⓛ 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.

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

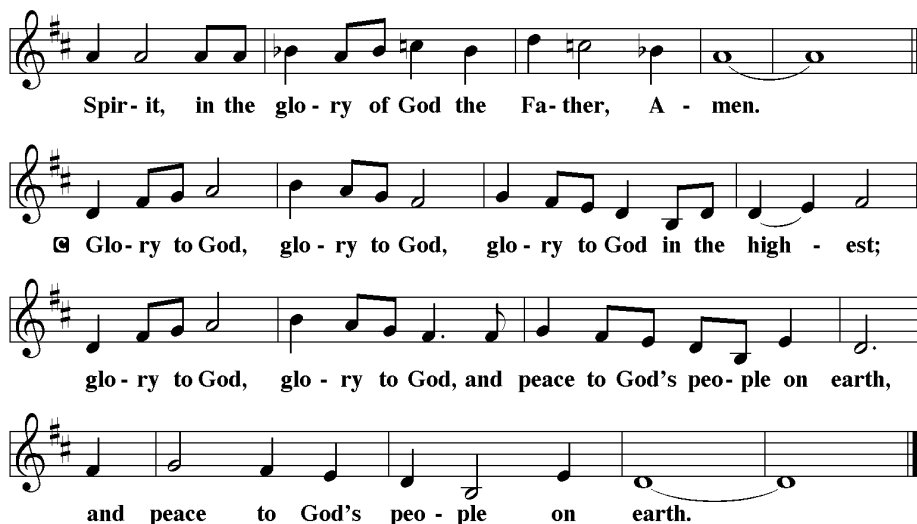
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

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 and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations. Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

ANTHEM: “The Prayer”

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

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 45:1-7

¹ Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
 whose right hand I have grasped
 to subdue nations before him
 and to strip kings of their robes,
 to open doors before him—
 and the gates shall not be closed:

² I will go before you
 and level the mountains;

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
 and cut through the bars of iron;
³ I will give you the treasures of darkness
 and riches hidden in secret places,
 so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
 the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob
 and Israel my chosen,
 I call you by your name;
 I give you a title, though you do not know me.
⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other;
 besides me there is no god.
 I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
 and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
 I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷ I form light and create darkness,
 I make weal and create woe;
 I the LORD do all these things.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

¹ Sing to the LORD ¹ a new song;
 sing to the LORD, all ¹ the whole earth.
² **Sing to the LORD and ¹ bless his name;**
proclaim the good news of his salvation from ¹ day to day.
³ Declare his glory a- ¹ mong the nations
 and his wonders a- ¹ mong all peoples.
⁴ **For great is the LORD and greatly ¹ to be praised;**
he is more to be feared ¹ than all gods.
⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they ¹ are but idols;
 but it is the LORD who ¹ made the heavens.
⁶ **Oh, the majesty and magnificence ¹ of his presence!**
Oh, the power and the splendor of his ¹ sanctuary!

⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the peoples;
ascribe to the LORD hon- | or and power.

⁸ **Ascribe to the LORD the honor | due his name;
bring offerings and come in- | to his courts.**

⁹ Worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness;
let the whole earth trem- | ble before him.

[¹⁰ **Tell it out among the nations: “The | LORD is king!**

**He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge
the peo- | ples with equity.”**

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all
| that is in it;

let the field be joyful and all that | is therein.

¹² **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD |
when he comes,
when he comes to | judge the earth.**

¹³ He will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peoples | with his truth.]

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a

living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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 22:15-22**

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” ²¹ They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY - Jeff Hoffman

***HYMN OF THE DAY: “Lift Every Voice and Sing”**

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***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.

Living and true God, you inspire us to share the message of the gospel. Give your spirit of love to seminarians and those beginning their lives in ordained ministry. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for the majesty of our oceans. Protect the abundant life within them and sustain all those who work to preserve them. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We seek your wisdom in all things. Direct all who hold positions of authority around the world, that they act with compassion, seeking the good of all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all people who work in dangerous or degrading environments. Grant them safety and courage, and heal all those who are injured, sick, or suffering (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We ask your blessing on those who do the quiet, unseen work of the church. Encourage them in their work of faith and labor of love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We thank you for our ancestors who have been called home to you. 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,



***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.

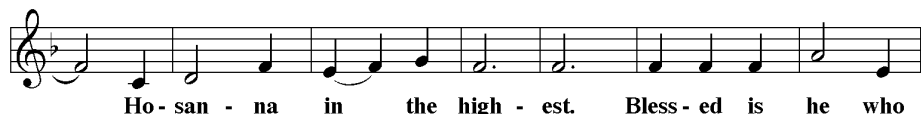
We lift them to the Lord.

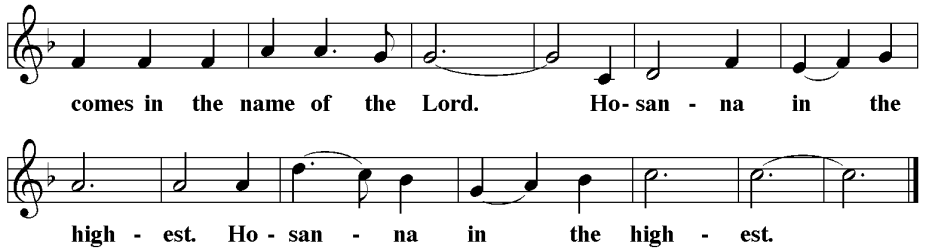
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:





***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)**

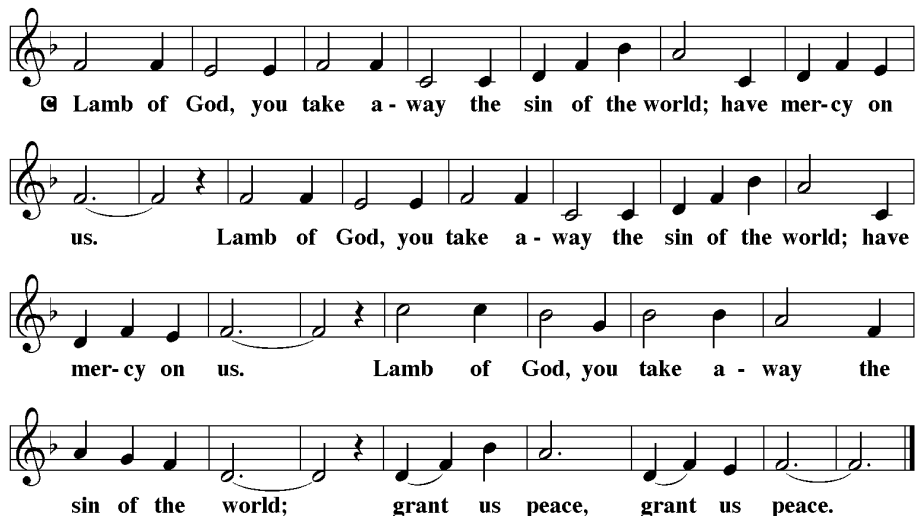
Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**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)**



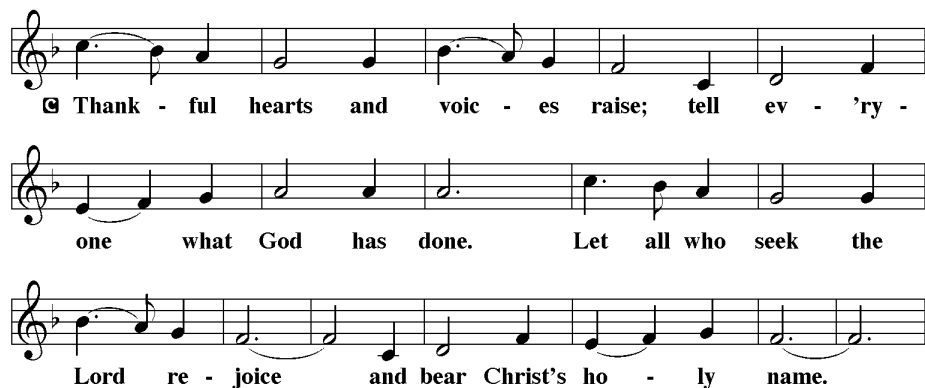
☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION (WOV p.39)

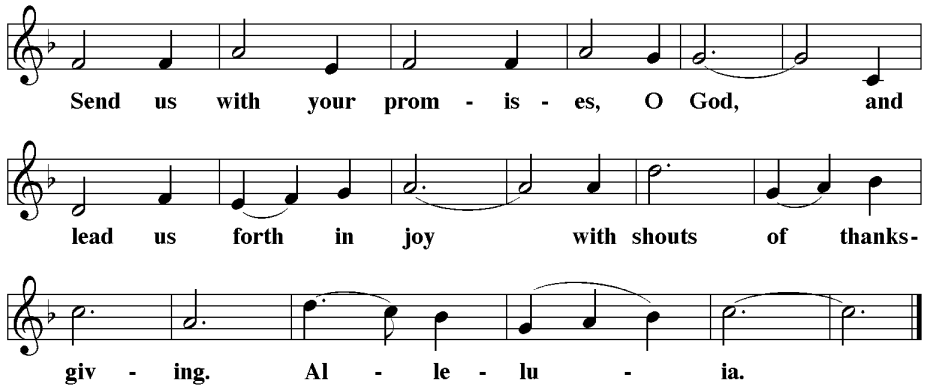
The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**
 The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

***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.



***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: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"**

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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 Evie Roser.

Today's altar flowers are presented in memory of David Seitz, by Shirley Seitz and family.

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 10/25/2026

Jer 31:31-34, Ps 46, Rom 3:19-28, John 8:31-36

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. John Teitman to lead us in worship.

If you would like offering envelopes, please contact Brenda in the office. (717-235-3276, office@zionglenrock.org) Using offering envelopes helps ensure your donations are being directed to the areas of ministry you want to support. There is no requirement to be a member of the congregation to get offering envelopes.

It is time to gather the names of those who have died since last year's All Saints Sunday on 11/2/25. This year we will be celebrating All Saints Sunday with the congregations of Friedensaal and Christ Loganville on November 1st. Only names of members from each congregation will be read during the service. Names can be written down and placed in the offering plate or emailed to the office at office@zionglenrock.org. Names should be turned in by Sunday, 10/25.

Upcoming events and ways to participate and contribute:

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 GR 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 over \$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

- Darryl Engler, Organist
- Brenda Davis, Administrative Assistant
- Kelley Fisher, Treasurer
- Chad Fisher, Sexton
- Donna Price, Council President.....momcat05@gmail.com or 410-746-3535
- Rick Freda, Council Vice President.....rickfreda@yahoo.com or 302-864-5700

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Supply Pastors:

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 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 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

Sign-up to Attend and/or Donate by Sunday, October 25

Join us for our

FALL FESTIVAL

Friedensaal Lutheran Church
9138 White Church Rd, Seven Valleys, PA

Sunday, November 1, 2026
Church Service at 10 AM 🍂 Festival at 11:30 AM

Admission is FREE
🍂 Donations Welcomed 🍂

Faith Family Friends Fun! ❤️

Wear Your Halloween Costume! 🎃

DELICIOUS FOOD
Chili • Hotdogs
Baked Potato Bar
Chips & Drinks

CHILI COOKOFF & PUMPKIN PIE CONTEST
First Place Winners
Receive a Gift Basket!

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FUN GAMES FOR ALL AGES!
• Candy Corn Ring Toss
• Corn Hole
• Corn Bin Treasure Hunt
• and Many More
Games Weather Permitting!

CREATIVE CRAFTS
Pumpkin Decorating

OTHER ACTIVITIES
• Prayer Walk
• and More!



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