

**Zion Lutheran Church, Glen Rock, PA**  
**Reformation Sunday**  
**WOV: Bread of Life**  
**Sunday, October 25, 2020**

\*We stand as we are able.

**Introduction to the day**

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*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.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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**

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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

**FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: 46**

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

**<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

**<sup>4</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

<sup>5</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**<sup>6</sup>God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;  
God shall help her at the break of day.**

<sup>7</sup>The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

**<sup>8</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

<sup>9</sup>Come now and look upon the works of the LORD,  
what awesome things he has done on earth.

**<sup>10</sup>It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with  
fire.**

<sup>11</sup>“Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

**<sup>12</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

## **SECOND LESSON: Romans 3:19-28**

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **\*GOSPEL: John 8:31-36**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON & CHILDREN’S TIME**

### **OFFERTORY INTERLUDE**

#### **\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

#### **\*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. 32)**

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

Renew and inspire the church in the freedom of the gospel, O God. Where the church is in error, reform it. Where the church speaks your truth, strengthen it. Where the church is divided, unify it. Ignite in us the working of the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

As the earth changes, as mountains shake and the waters roar, may we care for this planet as a holy habitation for all living things. Sustain all peoples and lands recovering from natural disasters of any kind. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Guide areas of the world divided or traumatized by conflict, especially in our own land. Free all from slavery and human trafficking, and protect all in harm's way. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Release those living in bondage to debts, chronic pain, or addiction. Grant healing touch to those who are ill (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

In this family of faith we give thanks for courageous voices that have remained firm in their commitment to the one who frees us from sin and death. Centered in your grace, unify us in the hope of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Even in death, you free us and give us a place in your house. We give thanks for our ancestors who have shown us truth and freedom, especially Martin Luther and those who work for the renewal of the church. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER (WOV p. 39)**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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 you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{†}$  give you peace.

**Amen**

**POSTLUDE**

**DISMISSAL (WOV p. 41)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Today's altar flower arrangement is presented in loving memory of my sister, Loretta Dell, on her birthday. Always in my heart, Barb (Day) Muggio.

**SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 11/1/20**

Rev 7:9-17, Ps 34:1-10, 22, 1 John 3:1-3

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Pam Bennie, Mary Bailey, Frank Bowles, Christopher, Loni Clark, Brian Dell,  
Linda Eichelberger, Betty Gaither, Van Gardner, Nancy Heltzel, Shannon  
Hildebrand, Don Miller, Jim Ream, Dave Seitz, Susette Stallard, Dave Swartz,  
Bonni Whitman, Earl Williams

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today is Loose Change Sunday.** October's collection will benefit the Glen Rock Ambulance Club.

**All Saints Sunday is November 1st.** Please submit names of family and/or friends who have died since All Saints Sunday last year. Names may be written down on a piece of paper and included with the offering, or you may email or call the office during the week to share names of people you would like included on the list. Please don't assume a name is already on the list. It is better to have multiple people submit the same name than to have someone left off the list.

**Over 200 items were delivered to the South York Food Pantry from our Harvest Home gathering.** Thank you to everyone who donated items and money.

**Every expression of sympathy shown to us at the loss of our father, Kenneth Enders, was deeply appreciated.** Thank you so much for your love and support! – Marilyn & Terry Cox

### **Upcoming Lectors:**

Nov. 1 - Owen and Kelley Fisher

Nov. 8 - Dave or Shirley Seitz

Nov. 15 - Donna Price

### **Council Offering Duty:**

October – Carrie Miller and George Brown

November – Bill Ream and Joy Keller-Brown

### **Upcoming Communion Sponsors:**

Nov. 1 - reserved

Nov. 15 – Dave & Shirley Seitz

Dec. 6 – Dave & Shirley Seitz

Dec. 20 – Sandy Fair

Dec. 24 – Donna Price

Jan. 3 – Clay & Linda Beegle

Jan. 17 – Clay & Linda Beegle

Feb. 7 – Sandy Fair

**Remote worship options are available.** Recorded services and other virtual fellowship opportunities are available on Zion's Remote Worship web page at <https://zionglenrock.org/worship/remote-worship>.

**If you desire pastoral care or conversation, please contact Pastor Katie Brantner at 717-420-0779.**

**Have ideas for Zion's worship service? Concerned about something that needs to be fixed? Got questions about Zion's day to day operations? We are here for you! Please reach out to Bill, Donna or Joy anytime with your ideas, concerns and questions. They will listen and work toward continuous improvement. Small changes make big impacts and your ideas are valuable.**

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