Zion Lutheran Church
Glen Rock, PA
Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
LBW Holy Communion Setting Two
Sunday, November 8, 2026

*We stand as we are able.

Introduction to the day

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (LBW p. 77)**

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**

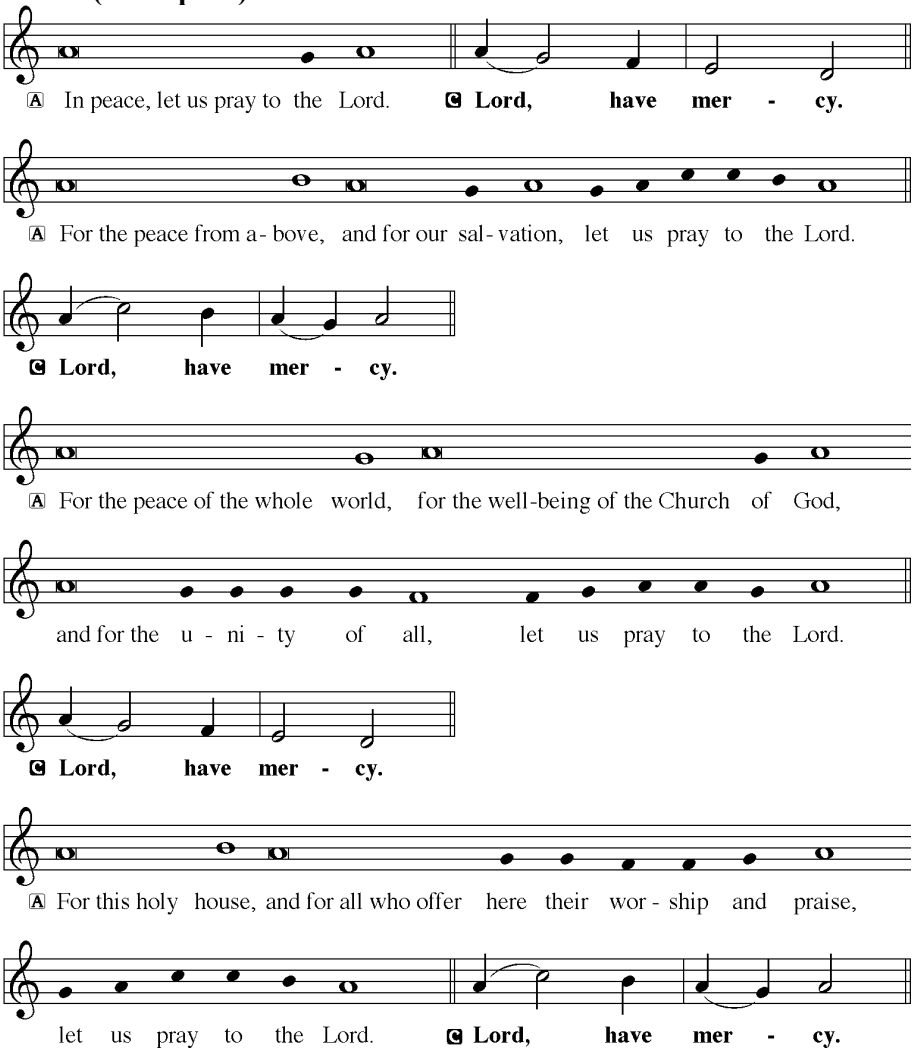
***ENTRANCE HYMN: "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" LBW (green) 25**

***APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 78)**

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 (LBW p. 78)





*HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW p. 81)



***PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 82)**



Let us pray.

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people to seek more eagerly the help you offer, that, at the last, they may enjoy the fruit of salvation; through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

ANTHEM: "His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

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

FIRST LESSON: Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 70

[1] Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O LORD, make | haste to help me.
[2] **Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogeth- | er dismayed;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
[3] Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over | me turn back,
because they | are ashamed.
[4] **Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the LORD!"
[5] But as for me, I am | poor and needy;
come to me speedi- | ly, O God.
[6] **You are my helper and | my deliverer;**
O LORD, | do not tarry.

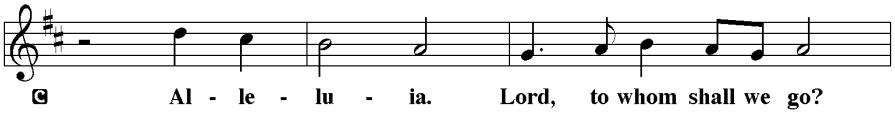
SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

[13] We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14] For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. [15] For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. [16] For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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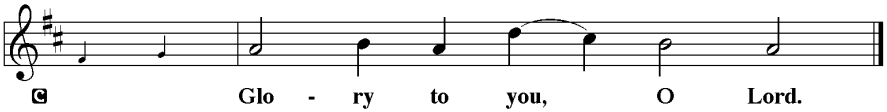
***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (LBW p. 83)**





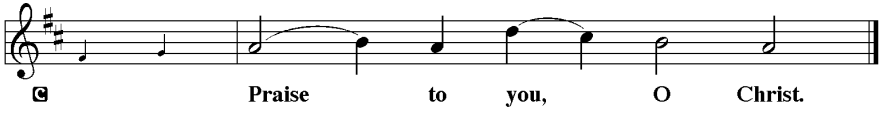
***GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.



[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON (LBW p. 83)

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" LBW (green) 31

***APOSTLES' CREED (LBW p. 85)**

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**

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict. Uphold veterans and those who care for them. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

Amen.

***PEACE (LBW p. 86)**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

***PRESENTATION OF OFFERING**

***OFFERING (LBW p. 86)**



***OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 87)**

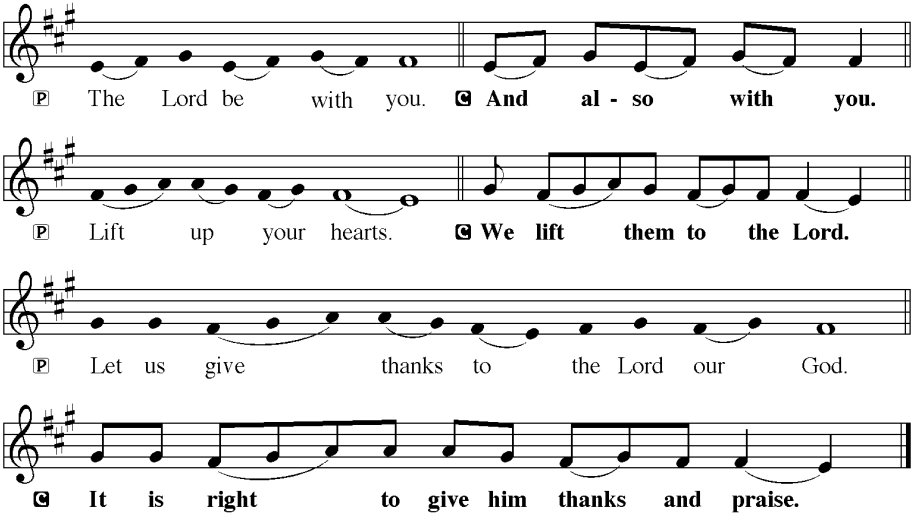
Let us pray.

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.

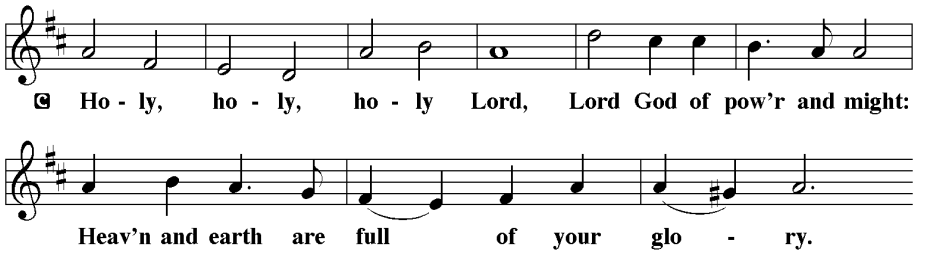
Amen

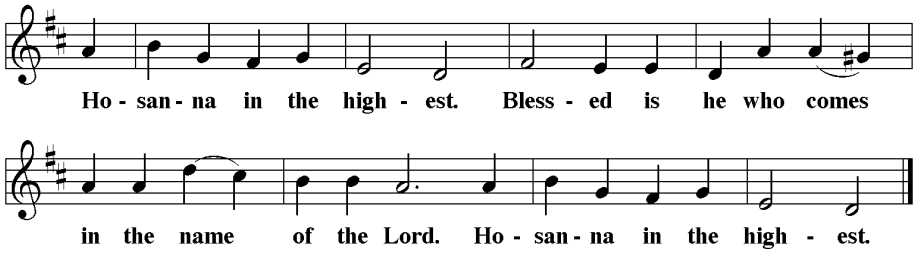
***DIALOGUE (LBW p. 88)**



***PREFACE (LBW p. 89)**

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 (LBW p. 89)**

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations.
You rescued Israel, your chosen people.
Through the prophets you renewed your promise;
and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son,
who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.
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.
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

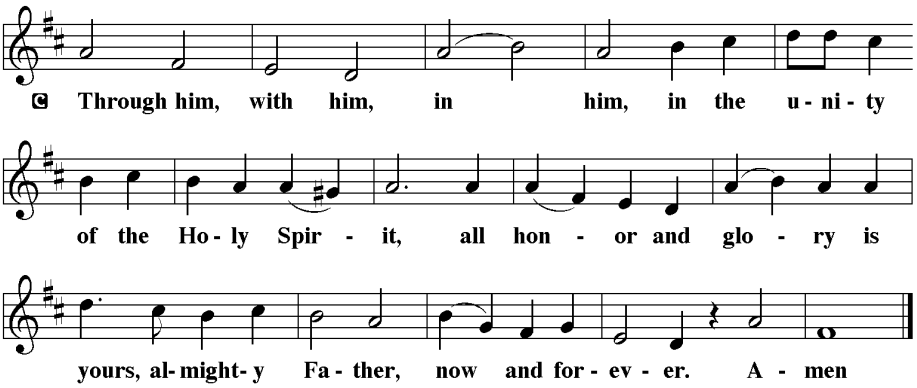
Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection,
that we who receive the Lord's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.



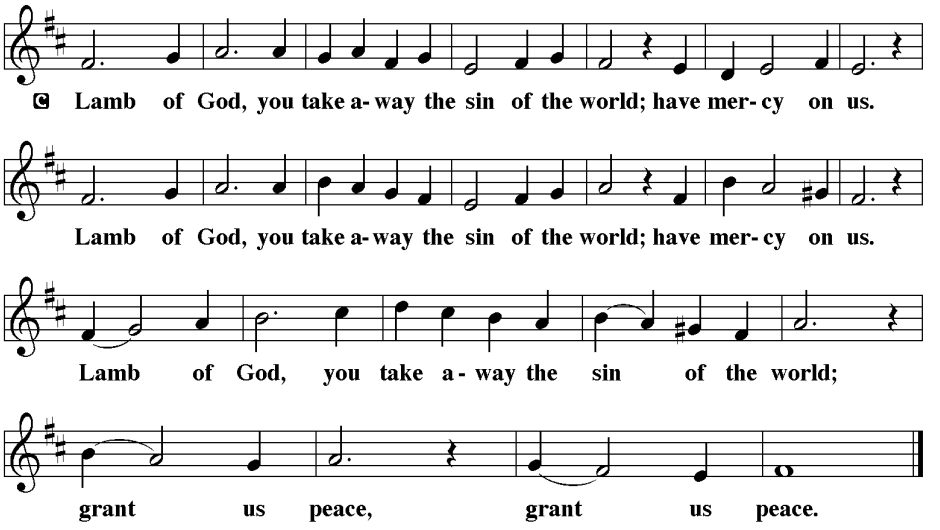
***LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 91)**

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.

***COMMUNION HYMN (LBW p. 92)**

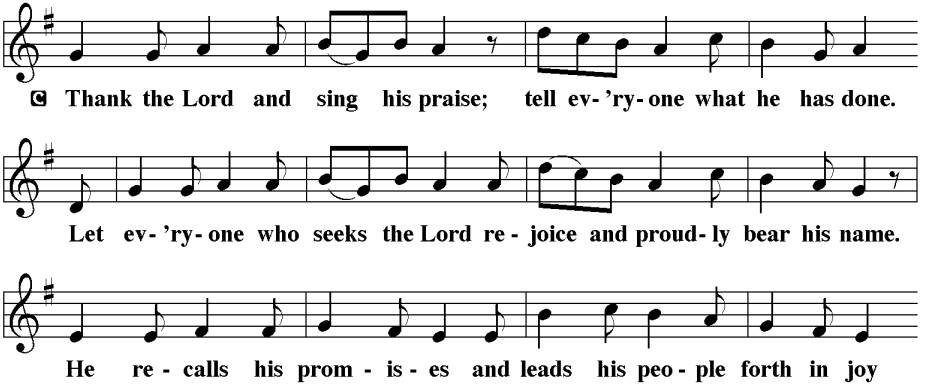


COMMUNION (LBW p. 92)

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

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND CANTICLE (LBW p. 92)**

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





POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (LBW p. 94)

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

***BLESSING (LBW p. 95)**

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 ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

***SENDING HYMN:** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" LBW (green) 293

***DISMISSAL (LBW p. 95)**

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 11/15/2026

Zeph 1:7, 12-18, Ps 90:1-8 [9-11] 12, 1 Thess 5:1-11, Matt 25:14-30

PRAYER REQUESTS

Terry Cox, Michael Warns, Don & Sue Schnell, 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. Peter Rustico to lead us in worship.

Zion will be hosting the community Thanksgiving service on Tuesday, 11/24 at 7pm.

If you have shared names for Zion's prayer list, please keep Brenda up to date on when the names should be removed.

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.

The Nursery is available for children 5 years and under. Kelley Fisher can be contacted regarding Children's Church at kelleyfish23@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 November will benefit**

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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COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Supply Pastors:

November 8: Rev. Peter Rustico
November 15: Rev. John Teitman
November 22: Rev. Angela Zimmann
November 29: Rev. Paul Haack

Assisting Ministers:

November 8: Donna Price
November 15: George Brown
November 22: Jeff Brown
November 29: Jeff Hoffman

Lectors:

November 8: Diane Bortner
November 15: George Brown
November 22: Pam Hoffman
November 29: Jake Gilroy

Council Offering Duty:

November – Gail Prego and Rick Freda

Altar Care:

November – Pam Hoffman

THIRD THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 19, 2026

4:30PM - 6:00PM

Join us in the church social hall for food and fellowship.

FREE POTLUCK DINNER

BRING A DISH AND/OR DESSERT TO SHARE.



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LET'S BE THANKFUL TOGETHER!



Friedensaal Lutheran is on the lookout for fresh greens to sell at Christmastime in Loganville on 11/21. If you have evergreens that need trimmed on your property, we want to talk to YOU! Here is what we are looking for:

BOXWOOD



ARBORVITAE



YEW



WHITE PINE



JUNIPER



HOLLY



MAGNOLIA



EUCALYPTUS



Please contact Chris Koller at 717-577-2164 for additional information on when they are needed, directions to your home, and if you need the "Bushwackers" to cut the greens for you.

All donations are greatly appreciated!



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