Zion Lutheran Church
Glen Rock, PA
Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
LBW Holy Communion Setting Two
Sunday, November 15, 2026

*We stand as we are able.

Introduction to the day

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the LORD will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

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**

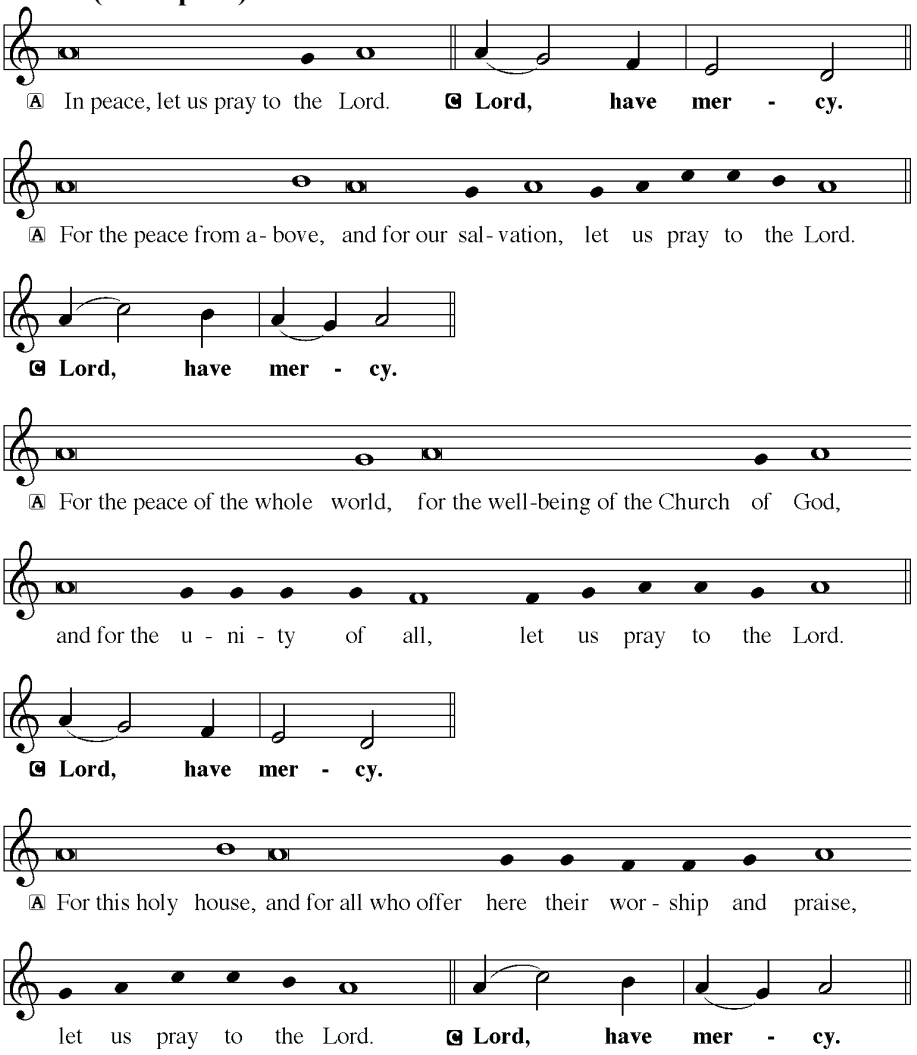
***ENTRANCE HYMN:** "You Servants of God" LBW (green) 252

***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.

Lord God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, always keeping in mind the end of all things and the day of judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of life here and may live with you forever in the world to come, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

ANTHEM: "There's Not a Friend Like the Lowly Jesus"

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

FIRST LESSON: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD,
for the day of the LORD is at hand!
The LORD has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated his guests.
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
14 The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the warrior cries aloud there.

15 That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
17 I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust
and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed,
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

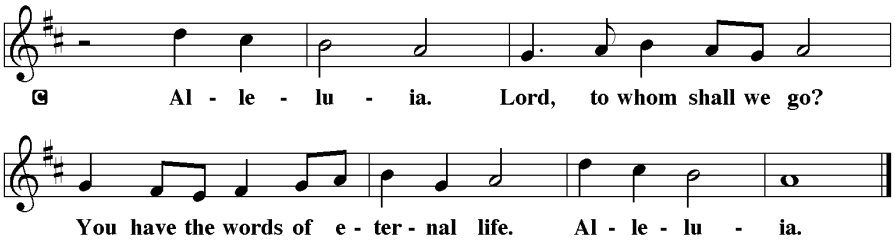
1 Lord, you have | been our refuge
from one generation | to another.
2 **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth were born,**
from age to age | you are God.
3 You turn us back to the | dust and say,
"Go back, O | child of earth."
4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past and like a watch | in the night.**
5 You sweep us away | like a dream;
we fade away suddenly | like the grass.

[6] **In the morning it is | green and flourishes;**
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.
[7] For we consume away in | your displeasure;
we are afraid because of your wrathful | indignation.
[8] **Our iniquities you have | set before you,**
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance.
[[9] When you are angry, all our | days are gone;
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.
[10] **The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength | even eighty;**
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away
quickly and | we are gone.
[11] Who regards the power | of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your | indignation?]
[12] **So teach us to num- | ber our days,**
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

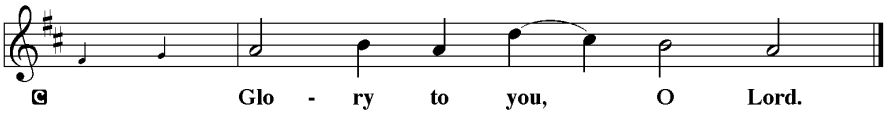
[1] Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. [2] For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3] When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! [4] But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; [5] for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. [6] So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, [7] for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. [8] But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9] For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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



***GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30**

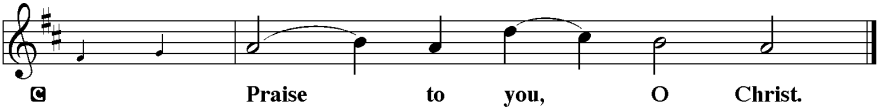
The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.



[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and

on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28] So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29] For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30] As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON (LBW p. 83)

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** "Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray" LBW (green) 443

***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 build up the church as a community of faithful witnesses throughout the generations. Enliven the worship, outreach, and service work of our congregations and ministries with the hope of your good news. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

As the nights grow longer in the northern hemisphere, make us mindful of the earth's need for rest. Provide for fallow fields and hibernating animals; show us how to curb human impact on vulnerable lands and species. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Rescue all nations and peoples from violence, displacement, or famine. Disrupt complacency among national and local leaders. Recommit our communities to transforming the systems that divide and oppress into those that empower and unite. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In your embrace, we find refuge from all trials and troubles. Care for families who are separated or estranged, accompany all undergoing medical procedures or mental health treatment, and reassure any who are ill or despairing (*especially*). God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Bless all who serve in congregational leadership: council members, finance committees, volunteer coordinators, and property teams. Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

The faithful of every age trust in the hope of your saving grace. In thanksgiving for the ways our ancestors have journeyed before us, we remember all who have entered eternal life in you. 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.

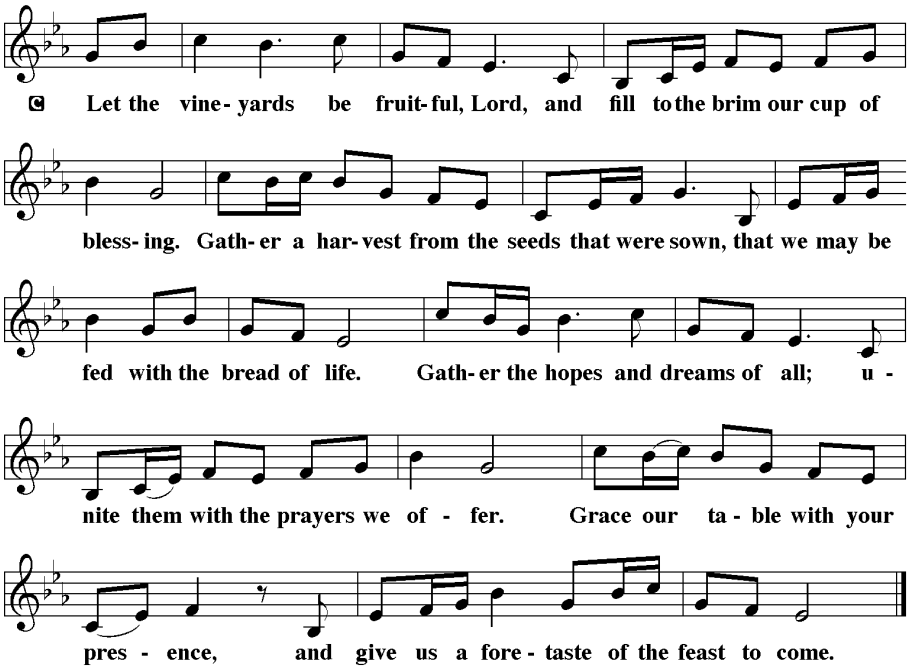
Amen.

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

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

***PRESENTATION OF OFFERING**

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



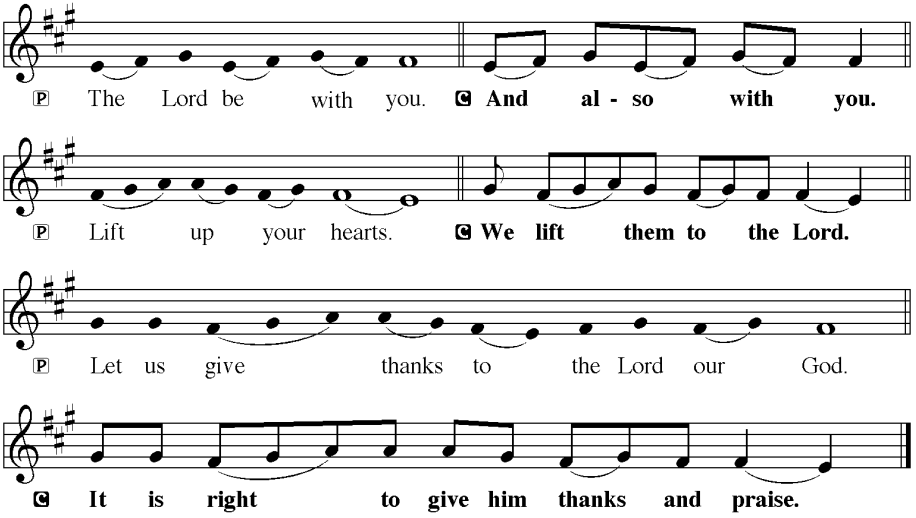
***OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 87)**

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.**

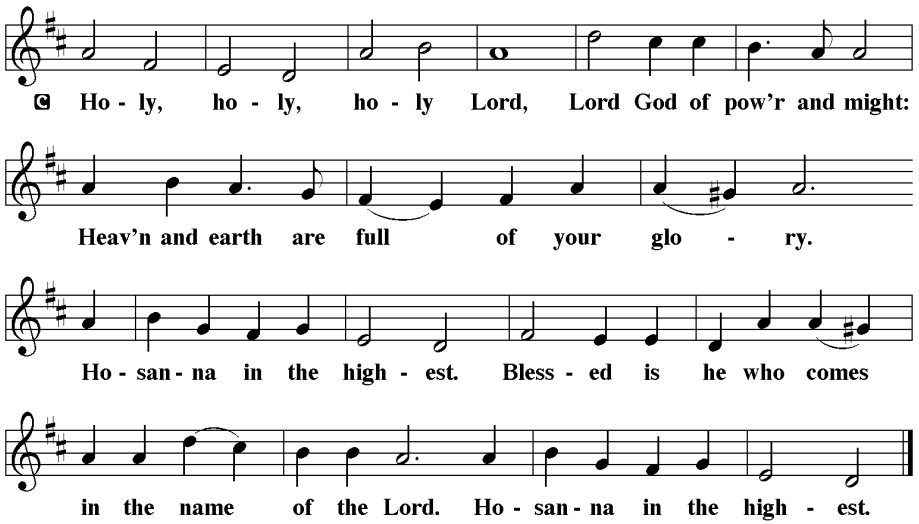
Amen

***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:



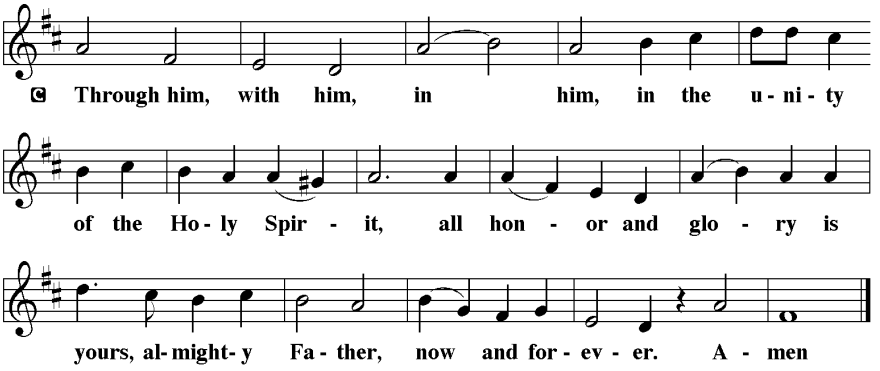
***THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 89)**

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.

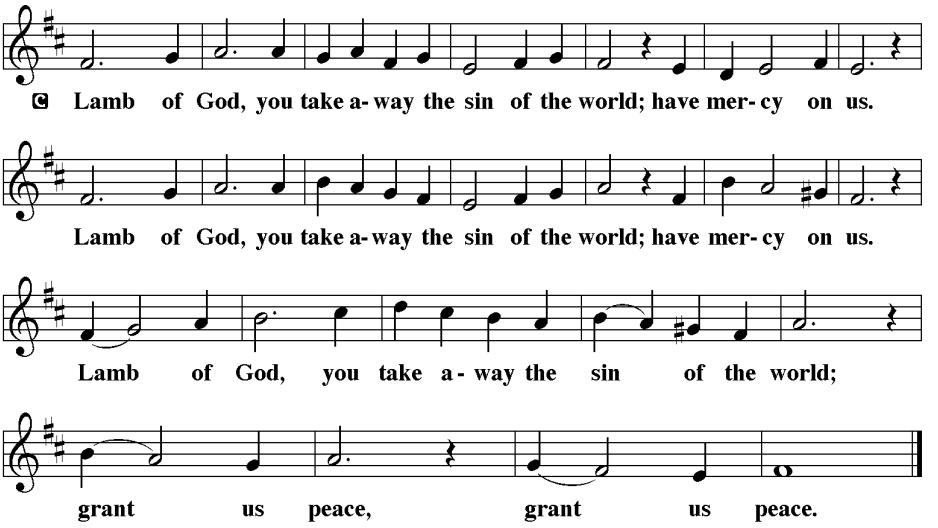


***LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 91)**

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)**

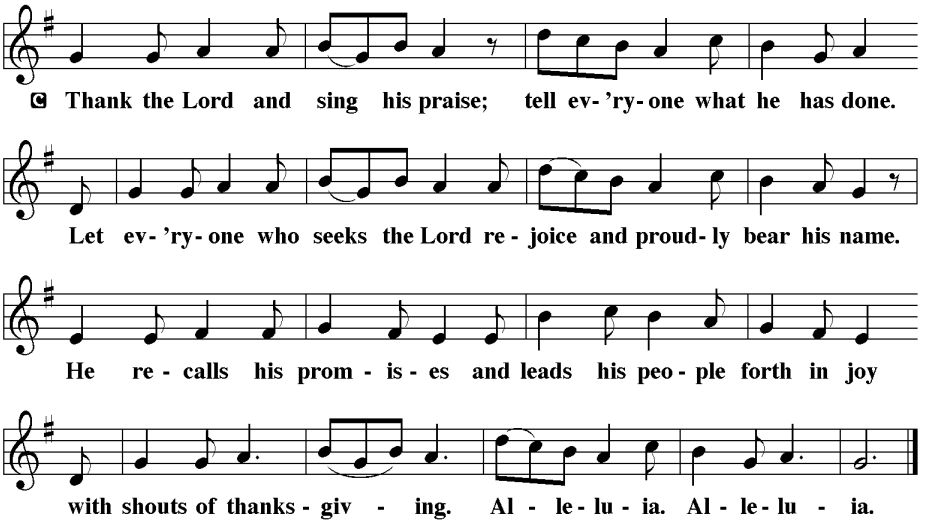


COMMUNION (LBW p. 92)

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:** "Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow" LBW (green) 355

***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.

Today's altar flower arrangement is presented in memory of Roger Roser, by Evelyn & Dennis Roser.

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 11/22/2026

Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24, Ps 95:1-7a, Eph 1:15-23, Matt 25:31-46

PRAYER REQUESTS

Dan Foltz, Jamie, Sonja and Reece Bomberger, 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. John Teitman to lead us in worship.

A word about Zion's participation with global and community programs: Over the years, the people of Zion have developed connections to both worldwide and local opportunities to help others. Sometimes these opportunities overlap or come one after the other. The advantage of offering multiple programs is you can choose what you want to support. The truth is the people of Zion are very generous with their time, talents, and contributions. It does not go unnoticed. THANK YOU!!

Thank you to everyone providing food items for The Well's Thanksgiving food boxes. Please make sure your items are at the church by Sunday, 11/22.

Zion is participating in the E.L.V.E.S program sponsored by Southern Community Services. The program offers holiday support to income-based families across Southern York County. This year Zion was given Family #32. There are 3 boys in this family. The ages of the boys are 9, 11, and 13. Their wish lists are very simple. Two would like Amazon gift cards and the other one would like a Walmart gift card. If you would like to contribute to this family's wish lists, please place your contribution in an envelope labeled "ELVES family". Donations are due by Sunday, December 6th. The total amount of donations received will be divided by 3 and gift cards will be purchased.
There are approximately 50 families being helped by this program this year. Whether you can contribute to this program or not, please pray for these families and other families who struggle to provide "Christmas" for their families. May they have peace, love, joy, and hope throughout the holiday season and every day.

Zion's website was recently updated by Hoffman Web Solutions & Marketing. Take a look at what's on the refreshed website. It has a wealth of information for current members and potential visitors.

COMING SOON: Zion will soon be offering online/mobile giving options.

WE GIVE THANKS— Seeing crops being harvested, walking through a farmer's market, seeing roadside stands still selling local produce, it's hard to imagine there are people around the world going hungry. We are truly blessed! We will be collecting money for **the ELCA World Hunger Global Farm Challenge until Sunday, December 6th. Our goal is to collect $325.00.** We would be grateful for any donation. Please join us in making a difference in people's lives around the world. Your donation, cash or check (made out to Zion Lutheran Church) should be placed in the envelope provided, along with your name and/or envelope number so that your contribution statement reflects your donation.

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

The Christian Education Committee invites you to join us for "The Advent Experience" Sundays during Advent (11/29, 12/6, 13, 20), 10:30-11:30, in the large Classroom. Through short videos and informal conversation, we'll explore the story you have always known through eyes that you may never have considered.

Wreaths Across America: The Austin L. Grove American Legion Post 403 Auxilliary will be providing wreaths to 550 veteran graves in local cemeteries this December. If you would like to sponsor wreaths, the order form is available on the windowsill near the bulletins at the back of the sanctuary. Completed paperwork and payment can be put in the offering plate or directly given to Sharon Krout. (717-683-3975)

Listed below are important dates to add to your calendar.

DECEMBER 19, 2026, 11:00am, meet at the Glen Rock EMS building on Water Street in Glen Rock, there will be a brief ceremony and then wreaths will be laid at the 7 cemeteries in the area

JANUARY 9, 2027, 1:00pm, meet at Post 403 (4035 Manchester St, Glen Rock) to remove the wreaths and dispose of them properly

If you currently do not have offering envelopes and 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.

You will find devotional booklets from OUR DAILY BREAD on the table in the back of the social hall. Each booklet has enough devotions for a three-month period, and we receive a supply of new devotions every 3 months. Please consider taking not only one for yourself, but an extra copy or two to share with friends or family members.

The Loose Change offering plate is available every Sunday at the back of the sanctuary. 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 Wreaths Across America.** The Auxiliary for the Austin L. Grove American Legion organizes the laying of wreaths on veterans' graves in the local area annually during the month of December, in partnership with Wreaths Across America. Over 550 veterans' graves are included in this effort.

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

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
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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 15: Rev. John Teitman
November 22: Rev. Angela Zimmann
November 29: Rev. Paul Haack
December 6: Rev. Carol Bowman
December 13: Rev. Peter Rustico
December 20: Rev. Carol Bowman
December 24: Rev. Martin Zimmann
December 27: Lessons & Carols

Assisting Ministers:

November 15: George Brown
November 22: Jeff Brown
November 29: Jeff Hoffman
December 6: Butch Hengst
December 13: Diane Bortner
December 20: Donna Price
December 24: George Brown
December 27: Lessons & Carols

Lectors:

November 15: George Brown
November 22: Pam Hoffman
November 29: Jake Gilroy
December 6: Donna Price
December 13: Linda Beegle
December 20: Nate Rogers
December 24: Jen Webb
December 27: Lessons & Carols

Council Offering Duty:

November – Gail Prego and Rick Freda
December – Jeff Hoffman and Tom Bailey

Altar Care:

November – Pam Hoffman
December – Diane Bortner (Everyone for Advent & Christmas prep)



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



JUNIPER



ARBORVITAE



HOLLY



YEW



MAGNOLIA



WHITE PINE



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!

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!

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PRESENTS

ADVENT
Through Different Eyes

The same story you know. Through the eyes you may never have considered.

FOUR PEOPLE. FOUR ENCOUNTERS
WITH GOD. ONE EXTRAORDINARY STORY.



WEEK 1 • NOV. 29

MARY
When God Changes Your Plans

Luke 1:26–38, 46–55

A young woman. An extraordinary announcement. The courage to say yes when everyhing changes.

HOPE



WEEK 2 • DEC. 6

JOSEPH
Faith Without All the Answers

Matthew 1:18–25; 2:13–15

A quiet man. Difficult decisions. A faith that acts even when certainty is impossible.

PEACE



WEEK 3 • DEC. 13

ELIZABETH
Hope After a Long Wait

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