

Zion Lutheran Church
Glen Rock, PA
Twenty third Sunday after Pentecost
LBW Holy Communion Setting Two
Sunday, November 16, 2025

*We stand as we are able.

Introduction to the day

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

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

***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)



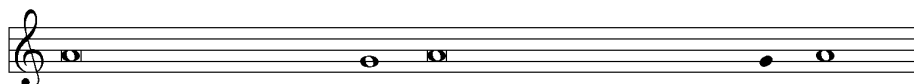
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



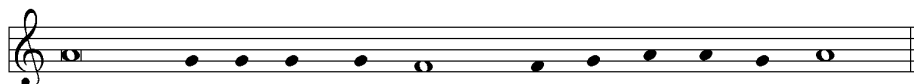
A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



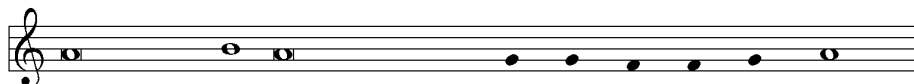
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **G** A - men

***HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW p. 79)**



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



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.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

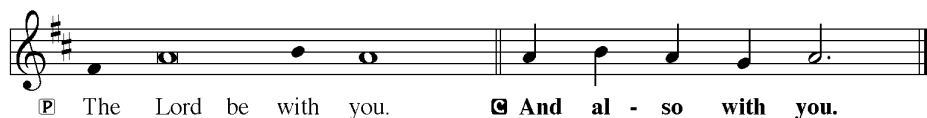


you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

*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: “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

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

FIRST LESSON: Malachi 4: 1-2a

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a} But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 98

¹ Sing to the LORD ¹ a new song,
for he has done ¹ marvelous things.

² **With his right hand and his ¹ holy arm**
has he won for him- ¹ self the victory.

³ The LORD has made ¹ known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight ¹ of the nations.

⁴ **He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the ¹ house of Israel,**
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory ¹ of our God.

⁵ Shout with joy to the LORD, ¹ all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- ¹ joice, and sing.

⁶ **Sing to the LORD ¹ with the harp,**
with the harp and the ¹ voice of song.

⁷ With trumpets and the sound ¹ of the horn
shout with joy before the ¹ king, the LORD.

⁸ **Let the sea make a noise and all ¹ that is in it,**
the lands and those who ¹ dwell therein.

⁹ Let the rivers ¹ clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to ¹
judge the earth.

¹⁰ In righteousness shall he ¹ judge the world
and the peo- ¹ ples with equity.

SECOND LESSON: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (LBW p. 83)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21st chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

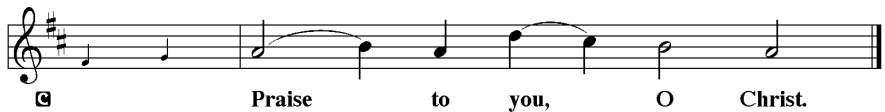
⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸ And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹ “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON (LBW p. 83)

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

LBW (green) 293

*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**

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of roots and branches, defend the leaders of your church as they proclaim the gospel using discernment, wisdom, and brave testimony. Keep all the baptized on righteous paths in response to Christ's call. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of roaring seas, in a world of earthquake, famine, and plague, use your mighty power to nurture the land and all that lives upon it. Restore peoples and places experiencing natural disasters. Strengthen organizations who provide aid to any in crisis. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of victory, among quests for power, guide those in government, courts, law enforcement agencies, and the military. Turn them from war and violence to actions of care that build up the common good. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of healing, where injustice and exploitation result in populations that are marginalized or underserved, accompany those abandoned by friends, hurt by family, and harmed by violence or oppression. Care for all who are ill, anxious, or in pain of any kind (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of new songs, in a congregation of faithful believers, energize us for compassionate service and delight us through worship and inspired prayer. Encourage your people in building equitable community where all are valued. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every generation, we remember the saints with steadfast love and faithfulness (*especially*). Confident in Christ's victory over death, may we be inspired by the example of the faithful. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

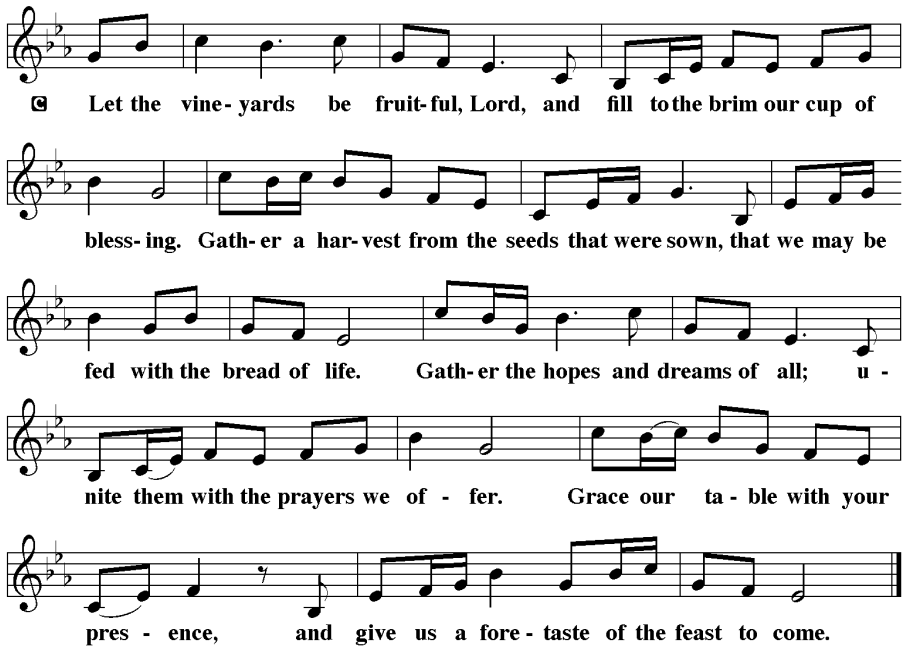
***PEACE (LBW p. 86)**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

***PRESENTATION OF OFFERING**

OFFERING (LBW p. 87)



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. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***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)**

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

***PREFACE (LBW p. 88)**

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:

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n 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 high - est.

***THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 90)**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you

for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

***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)**



☐ 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 (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**



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

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: “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” LBW (green) 259**

***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 and Dennis Roser.

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 11/23/2025

Jer 23:1-6, Ps 46, Col 1: 11-20, Luke 23:33-43

PRAYER REQUESTS

James Thompson, Ron Goodling, Randy Ruth, Joann King, Trey Tomaschko, Lou Tomaschko, Ruth Shearer, Beth Hennessey, Suzanne Becker, Chad Smith, Brian Phelps, Glenn and Linda Engler, Tim Myers, Bonni Whitman, Jon Stiffler, Shirley Seitz, Sandy Fair, Diane Moul, LeMos Stallard

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.

November's Third Thursday will be Thursday, November 20th in Zion's social hall from 4:30-6pm. This month there will be a potluck dinner. A sign up sheet is at the back of the sanctuary near the bulletins.

Update on sorting of old paperwork stored in the attic: A small group of people have been sorting through decades worth of saved paperwork that was being stored in the attic. The initial sorting phase is complete. The next step is to read through the old bulletins, newsletters, minutes, and other paperwork to see if there is historic information worth noting to maintain the extraordinary history of Zion Dr. Charles Glatfelter initiated for us. **If you are willing to take some of the paperwork home with you to read and note where historical information is contained, and then return the paperwork to Zion, please contact Brenda Davis or Jeff and Pam Hoffman.** This will be an ongoing process throughout the winter months.

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS 2025 - The partnership committee planned a blanket making event for God's Work our Hands on October 18, 2025. The blankets will be made for the homeless members of York County and donated to Life Path Christian Ministries of York. We applied for a \$250.00 Thrivent card and the three churches raised \$280.00 in donations. After purchasing enough fleece to make 27 blankets and food for the volunteer luncheon we had \$135.00 left in donation monies. The committee decided to donate the leftover \$135.00 to Life Path Christian Ministries along with the blankets. Volunteers from Friedensaal, Christ Loganville, and Zion gathered at Zion from 9am-1pm. We met our goal of making 27 blankets and we also made approximately 25 winter hats with the excess material. Kara Koller used very small left-over pieces to make hand warmers. The hats and hand warmers will be donated to Bell Socialization. We found this project to be a great success! We had many volunteers and friends from all 3 churches. Pam and Jeff Hoffman had the blankets taped off and laid out. It was a very smooth and fast process. I hope to drop the blankets off around November 21. Thank you to everyone for a wonderful day full of fun and charity! Respectfully Submitted by Natalie Herbst

WE GIVE THANKS— As we enter the season of fall, 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! **Christian Education has accepted the challenge of the ELCA World Hunger Global Farm Challenge. Our goal is to collect \$325.00 to support a vegetable garden, farmers field school, and buy a goat.**

Of course 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) should be placed in the envelope provided, along with your name and/or envelope number, the animal/animals you are purchasing, so that your contribution statement reflects your donation.

Wreaths Across America dates:

Saturday, 12/13 will be the ceremony and laying of wreaths. The program will begin at 11am at the Glen Rock EMS building, located at 59 Water St, Glen Rock, PA.

The removal of wreaths will be Saturday, 1/17/26. We will meet first at the Glen Rock American Legion Post.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Krout at 717-683-3975.

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 Wreaths Across America.** The Auxiliary for the Austin L. Grove American Legion organizes the laying of wreaths on veterans' graves in Glen Rock annually during the month of December, in partnership with Wreaths Across America. Over 525 veterans' graves are included in this effort locally.

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 here at ZION

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Brenda Davis, Administrative Assistant

Kelley Fisher, Treasurer

Chad Fisher, Sexton

Chad Fisher, Council President.....ckoash6@gmail.com or 717-891-5327

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Assisting Ministers:

November 16: Jeff Hoffman
November 23: Butch Hengst
November 30: Diane Bortner
December 7: Donna Price
December 14: George Brown
December 21: Butch Hengst
December 24: Jeff Hoffman
December 28: Lessons and Carols

Lectors:

November 16: Pam Hoffman
November 23: Jake Gilroy
November 30: Donna Price
December 7: Linda Beegle
December 14: Nate Rogers
December 21: Jen Webb
December 24: Kelley Fisher
December 28: Lessons and Carols

Council Offering Duty:

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

Altar Care:

November – Donna Price
December – Linda Beegle



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