

Zion Lutheran Church, Glen Rock, PA
Christ the King Sunday
WOV: Bread of Life
Sunday, November 22, 2020

*We stand as we are able.

Introduction to the day

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

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 and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things to your beloved Son, whom you anointed priest forever and king of all creation: Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 95:1-7a

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

**²Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

³For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

**⁴In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

⁵The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.

**⁶Come, let us bow down and bend the knee,
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.**

^{7a}For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46**

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON & CHILDREN’S TIME

MUSICAL INTERLUDE WHILE COLLECTION IS PRESENTED

***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)**

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Sovereign of all, train our ears to hear your cry in the needs of those around us. Bless all social ministries of the church through which we seek to serve others as we ourselves have been served. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You cause rain to fall on the just and unjust alike. Direct our use of creation to provide for the needs of all people in ways that are sustainable for the earth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bring peace to every place where conflict rages. Grant opportunities for ending divisions among us and usher in your reign of unity and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Heal the sinful divisions we erect between us and release us from systems of oppression and prejudice. Restore our capacity to see your image in those whose dignity we have stripped away. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pour out the gifts of your Spirit on children and youth throughout the church. Sustain those who work in children's ministry, youth ministry, and campus ministry as they nurture the gifts of young people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Thank you for saints now departed who fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and tended to the sick. Inspire us by their example, that we may see your presence in those in need around us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

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 [†] 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 memory of Carrie's mother, Edna Bischoff, by Don and Carrie Miller.

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 11/29/20

Isa 64:1-9, Ps 80:1-7, 17-19, 1 Cor 1:3-9

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pam Bennie, Mary Bailey, Frank Bowles, Christopher, Loni Clark,
Roman Davis, Brian Dell, Linda Eichelberger, Betty Gaither, Kathy Gardner,
Van Gardner, Irene Grogan, Nancy Heltzel, Shannon Hildebrand, Linda
Kowalewski, Don Miller, Jim Ream, Susan Scheungrab, Dave & Shirley Seitz,
Susette Stallard, Dave Swartz, Bonni Whitman, Earl Williams

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Glen Rock Community Thanksgiving Eve service video and bulletin will be available on Zion's website beginning Monday, 11/23.

Please keep Roman Davis in your thoughts and prayers as he has shoulder surgery on Tuesday, November 24th.

The church office hours will be modified throughout the rest of November and in December. The office will be closed on Tuesday, 11/24; Thursday, 11/26; Friday, 11/27; Wednesday, 12/2; Wednesday 12/9; Wednesday, 12/16; Wednesday, 12/23; Thursday, 12/24; Friday, 12/25; Wednesday, 12/30; Thursday, 12/31 and Friday, 1/1.

Rather than ask our members to go out shopping for a sponsored family during this Covid pandemic, we have decided to make a financial donation to the Southern Community Services' ELVES Project. If your wish to support this project, please deposit your donation with a memo for ELVES with your Sunday offering. The deadline date for contributions is Sunday, November 29th. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity to this worthy cause.

As mentioned in a recent update from Council, we are going to start providing communion elements for the homebound on the first and third Sundays of the month. December 6th will be the first Sunday the elements will be available. Please contact the office at 717-235-3276 or office@zionglenrock.org to request communion elements be delivered to you. This will be a no contact delivery.

The Visitation Team would like to collect items for Zion's VIPs. Although the team will not be able to visit with the VIPs, approval has been given to drop off goodie baskets for them. The team is in need of packs of peanut butter and cheese crackers, homemade or prepackaged cookies, candy kisses or other chocolate. Cards and goodies can be placed in the back of the sanctuary near the bulletins and offering plate. Christmas cards and goodies will be collected until Sunday, December 6th. Cards for Tanya Krout must be sent directly to her, in plain white envelopes, at:

Smart Communication/PADOC

Tanya Krout/006199

SCI Cambridge Springs

PO Box 33028

St. Petersburg, FL 33733

Zion's other VIPs include: Norma Innerst, Joyce Bosley, Paul & Mardella Shepperd, Peg Fritz, Dorothy Lentz, LeMos & Susie Stallard, Bob & Mary McCullough, and Dave & Shirley Seitz.

Although some members of Zion have been listed specifically for Christmas cards and goodie baskets, you are encouraged to reach out to any members of Zion who have for one reason or another chose not to attend in-person Sunday worship. As Pastor Paul mentioned several weeks ago, the body of Christ is still the body of Christ, even if it appears to look different in these challenging times. (There are a few copies of Zion's Friends and Family Directory on the windowsill near the offering plate and bulletins, at the back of the sanctuary.)

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, 12/13/2020, immediately after worship. There are two items on the agenda for the meeting: 1) vote on the 2021 Proposed Budget and 2) vote on the purchase of a monitored central station fire detection system, with a quote of \$10,600.00.

Upcoming Lectors:

Nov. 22 – Linda Beegle

Nov. 29 – Bill Ream

Dec. 6 – Diane Bortner

Council Offering Duty:

November – Bill Ream and Joy Keller-Brown

December – Tom Bailey and Edgar Davis

Upcoming Communion Sponsors:

Dec. 6 – Dave & Shirley Seitz

Dec. 20 – Sandy Fair

Dec. 24 – Carrie Miller/Donna Price

Jan. 3 – Clay & Linda Beegle

Jan. 17 – Clay & Linda Beegle

Feb. 7 – Sandy Fair

Feb. 21 – Evie Roser

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.

PERSONNEL here at ZION

Pastor Paul Haack, Stated Sunday Supply Pastor

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

Joy Keller-Brown, Donna Price, Bill Ream, Tom Bailey, Susan Hengst, George Brown, Carrie Miller, Edgar Davis and Gevene Harden

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday, 9:30am-12:30pm

(see announcement for modified hours during November and December)

FINANCIAL Information for YOU

Weekly Contributions and Expenses

2020 Weekly contribution goal to cover budget expenses: \$2,464.00

11/15/2020 Regular Contributions \$ 637.00

Other Contributions/Gifts +\$ 0.00

-\$ 110.00 *Dedicated Dollars*

\$ 527.00 Contributions to cover Expenses

Weekly Expenses: \$ 5,578.04

Cumulative Contributions and Expenses for 2020

Regular Contributions \$ 89,680.02

Other Contributions/Gifts + \$ 17,356.65

Dedicated Dollars - \$ 15,022.45

Contributions to cover Expenses \$ 92,014.22

Expenses to date: \$ 101,768.04

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