

**Zion Lutheran Church
Glen Rock, PA
Christ the King Sunday
LBW Holy Communion Setting Two
Sunday, November 23, 2025**

*We stand as we are able.

Introduction to the day

Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

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

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives

the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.
Amen

***ENTRANCE HYMN: “Christ Is the King!”** LBW (green) 386

***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)



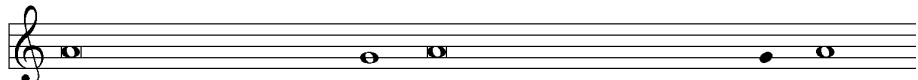
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



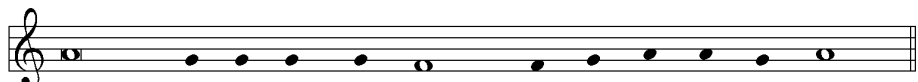
A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



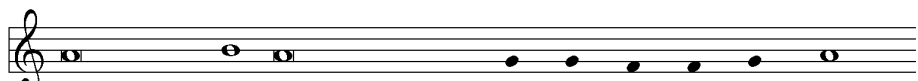
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



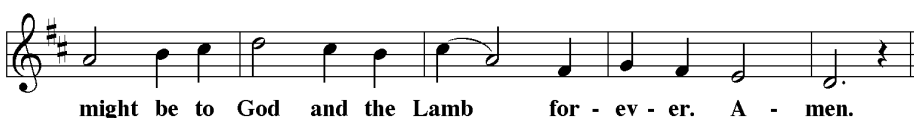
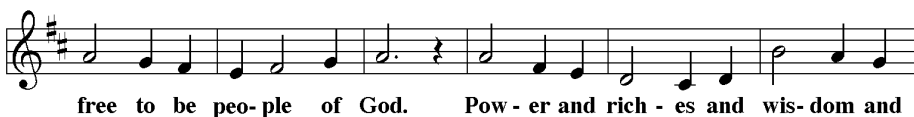
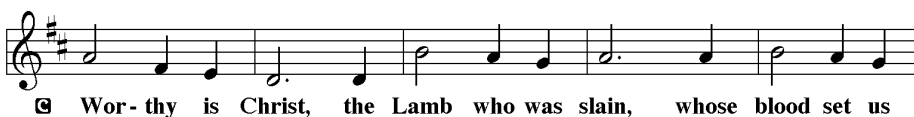
G Lord, have mer - cy.



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

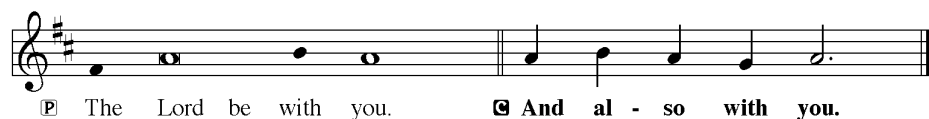


***HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW p. 81)**





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



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

ANTHEM: “All Good Gifts”

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ² Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 46

¹ God is our ref-¹uge and strength,
a very present ¹help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear, though the ¹earth be moved,
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths ¹of the sea;**

³ though its waters ¹rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble ¹at its tumult.

⁴ **The LORD of ¹hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob ¹is our stronghold.**

⁵ There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-¹y of God,
the holy habitation of ¹the Most High.

⁶ **God is in the midst of her; she shall not be ¹overthrown;
God shall help her at the ¹break of day.**

⁷ The nations make much ado, and the king-¹doms are shaken;
God has spoken, and the earth shall ¹melt away.

⁸ **The LORD of ¹hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob ¹is our stronghold.**

⁹ Come now and look upon the works ¹of the LORD,
what awesome things he has ¹done on earth.

¹⁰ **It is he who makes war to cease in ¹all the world;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the ¹shields with
fire.**

¹¹ “Be still, then, and know that ¹I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted ¹in the earth.”

¹² **The LORD of ¹hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob ¹is our stronghold.**

SECOND LESSON: Colossians 1:11-20

¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible,

whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The word of the Lord.

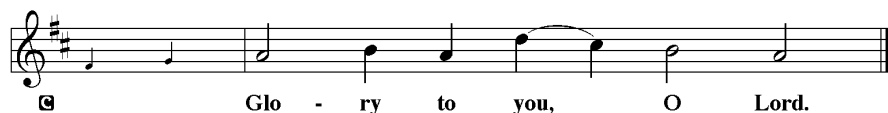
Thanks be to God.

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



***GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 23rd chapter.

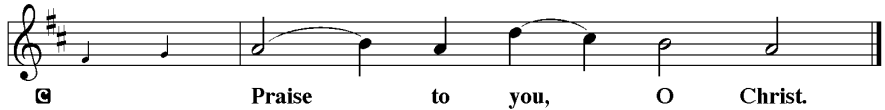


³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ [[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?” ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting

what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.”⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.”⁴³ He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON (LBW p. 83)

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** “Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”

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***NICENE CREED (LBW p. 84)**

With the whole church, we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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.

We pray for the church in the world, its leaders, and its mission to share the good news of healing and restoration. Inspire us to embody the beloved community in ways that faithfully witness to the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the trembling mountains and glad streams of creation. Preserve and renew your coastlines, deep seas, forests, and grasslands. Guide all who tend flocks or care for creatures of all kinds. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for leaders and advocates in government, civic life, and public safety. Support equity across the globe, and heal division with accountability and truth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for any who are hungry, living in poverty or desperation, weary in body or spirit, or sick (*especially*). Comfort all in need of your tender care. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for this part of the body of Christ gathered around word and sacrament. Bring us into authentic community where all ages are valued and experience God's faithfulness together. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for all who have died in faith. May we remember them faithfully until we are gathered with you in the paradise you promise. 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**

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE: (LBW p. 86)**



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. 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,

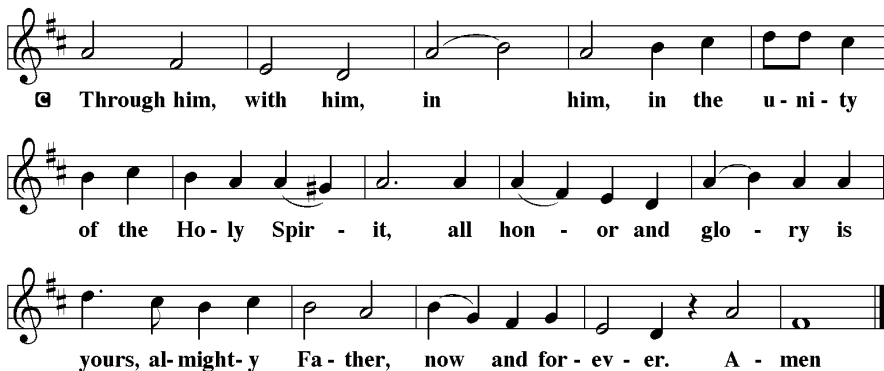
that we who receive the Lord's body and blood

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.



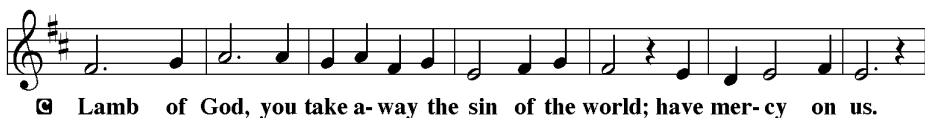
***LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 91)**

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)**



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: “Jesus Shall Reign”**

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***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 11/30/2025

Isa 2:1-5, Ps 122, Rom 13:11-14, Matt 24:36-44

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.

Upcoming Community Thanksgiving services:

Tuesday, 11/25 at 7pm at Fissel’s UCC, 3426 Fissels Church Rd, Glen Rock

Wednesday, 11/26 at 7pm at St Paul, Hametown, 11894 Susquehanna Trail South, Glen Rock

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.

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.

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- Brenda Davis, Administrative Assistant
- Kelley Fisher, Treasurer
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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 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 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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