

**Zion Lutheran Church  
Glen Rock, PA  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
LBW Holy Communion Setting One  
Sunday, December 18, 2022**

\*We stand as we are able.

**Introduction to the day**

Today Isaiah prophesies that a young woman will bear a son and name him Emmanuel. The gospel is Matthew's account of the annunciation and birth of the one named Emmanuel, God-with-us. During these final days of Advent we pray, "O come, O come, Emmanuel," a beloved hymn based on the O Antiphons, ancient prayers appointed for the seven days preceding Christmas. On this final Sunday of Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of the one born to save us from the power of sin and death.

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

\***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE:**

**"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" (LBW 34, verse 4)**

\***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (LBW p. 56)**

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**

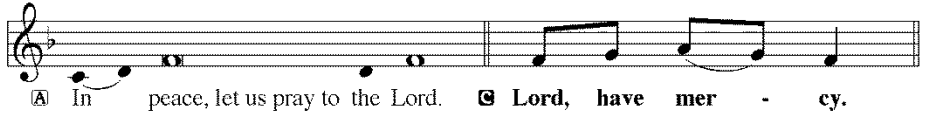
**\*ENTRANCE HYMN: “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending” LBW 27**

**\*APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 57)**

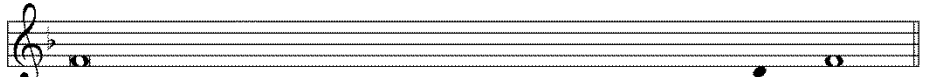
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**KYRIE (LBW p. 57)**



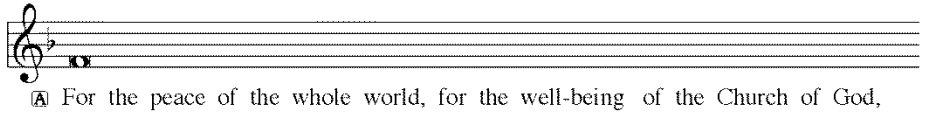
Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord.    Ⓒ Lord, have mer - cy.



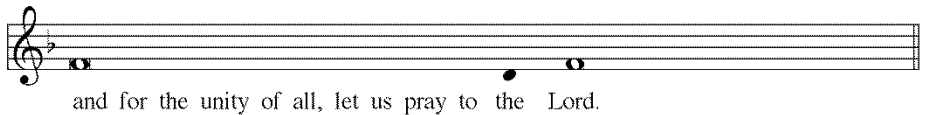
Ⓐ For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Ⓒ Lord, have mer - cy.



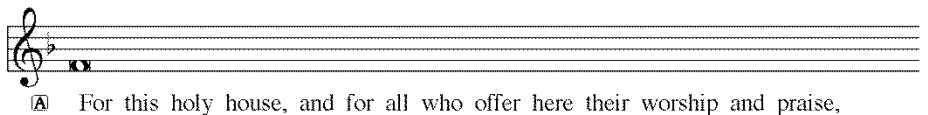
Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



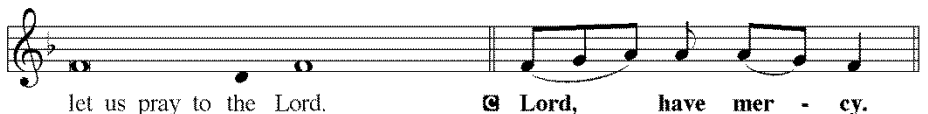
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



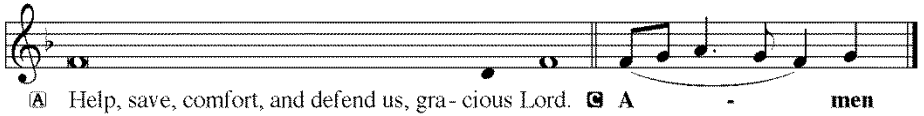
Ⓒ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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



**\*HYMN OF PRAISE: “People Look East”**

**WOV 626, verse 4**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 62)**



Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the hindrance of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen**

**ANTHEM: “Love Came Down at Christmas”**

**FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 7:10-16**

<sup>10</sup>The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup>Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. <sup>13</sup>Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup>For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18**

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph <sup>1</sup>like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- <sup>1</sup>on the cherubim.

<sup>2</sup>**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, <sup>1</sup>and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and <sup>1</sup>come to help us.**

<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O <sup>1</sup>God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we <sup>1</sup>shall be saved.

**4O LORD<sup>1</sup> God of hosts,**

**how long will you be angered despite the prayers<sup>1</sup> of your people?**

**5You have fed them with the<sup>1</sup> bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of<sup>1</sup> tears to drink.**

**6You have made us the derision<sup>1</sup> of our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh<sup>1</sup> us to scorn.**

**7Restore us, O<sup>1</sup> God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we<sup>1</sup> shall be saved.**

**16Let your hand be upon the man of<sup>1</sup> your right hand,  
the son of man you have made so strong<sup>1</sup> for yourself. R**

**17And so will we never turn a-<sup>1</sup> way from you;  
give us life, that we may call up-<sup>1</sup> on your name.**

**18Restore us, O LORD<sup>1</sup> God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we<sup>1</sup> shall be saved.**

## SECOND LESSON: Romans 1:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup>which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, <sup>3</sup>the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup>and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup>through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, <sup>6</sup>including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

<sup>7</sup>To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (LBW p. 62)

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

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

## GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25

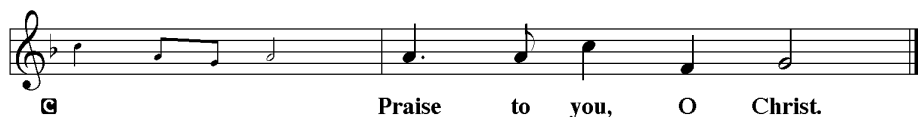
The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 1st chapter.



<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

<sup>23</sup>“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.”<sup>24</sup>When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup>but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.



**SERMON (LBW p. 83)**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: “Hark, the Glad Sound!”**

**LBW (green) 35**

**\*APOSTLES CREED (LBW p. 64)**

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 (LBW p. 65)**

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

*A brief silence.*

God our shepherd, let your Spirit move with power throughout the church. Give discernment and wisdom to our bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders. Take away our fear, so that we serve and love, confident that you are guiding us. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God our source, awaken us to the beauty of the earth and the marvelous variety of life. Unite humankind in repairing and caring for your creation. Protect creatures and habitats in peril due to rising seas and warming temperatures. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God our vision, raise up leaders in every nation who dream of freedom and justice for all people. We pray for the work of international organizations that promote peace and human rights, especially Amnesty International. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God our helper, come to the aid of all who cry out to you. Shelter migrants, refugees, and those fleeing war and famine. Bring relief to individuals and families experiencing hunger, homelessness, or impoverishment. Comfort any who are isolated or lonely. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God our Emmanuel, you are with us in our life together. We give you thanks for gathering us in worship and fellowship, and we remember those who cannot be present. Watch over those who travel. Heal the sick and speed their recovery (*especially*). God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God our hope, you bring life out of death, and you promise to be our God forever. Shine upon the faithful who now rest in the fulfillment of your promise and bring us also into your blessed reign of peace. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**

**\*PEACE (LBW p. 66)**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**\*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING**

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE: (LBW p. 66)**



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



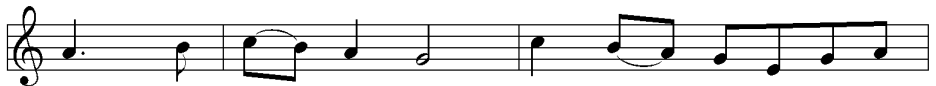
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the



prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 67)**

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. 68)**



♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.



♩ Lift up your hearts. ♪ We lift them to the Lord.



♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



♪ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**\*PREFACE (LBW p. 68)**

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, almighty and everliving God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



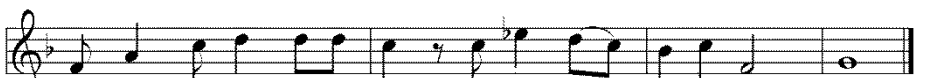
♪ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



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. 70)**

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. 71)**

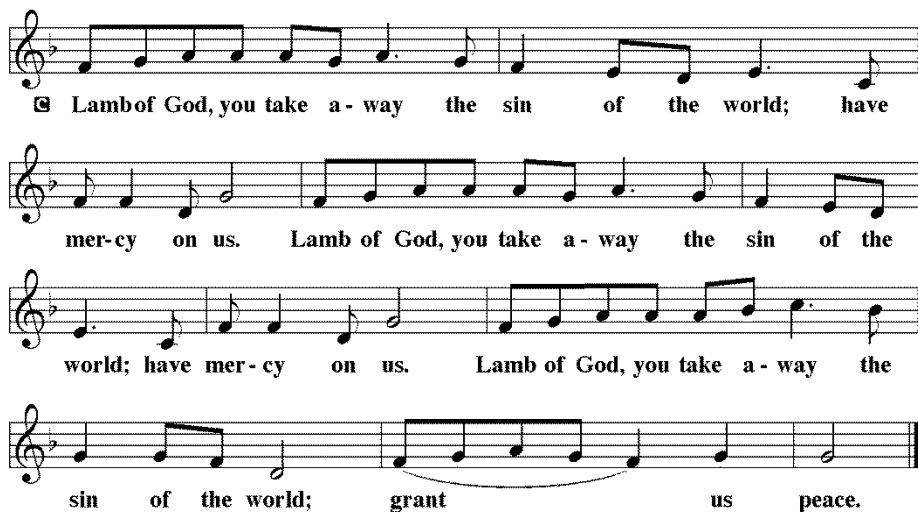
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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. 72)**



☐ 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.

**COMMUNION (LBW p. 72)**

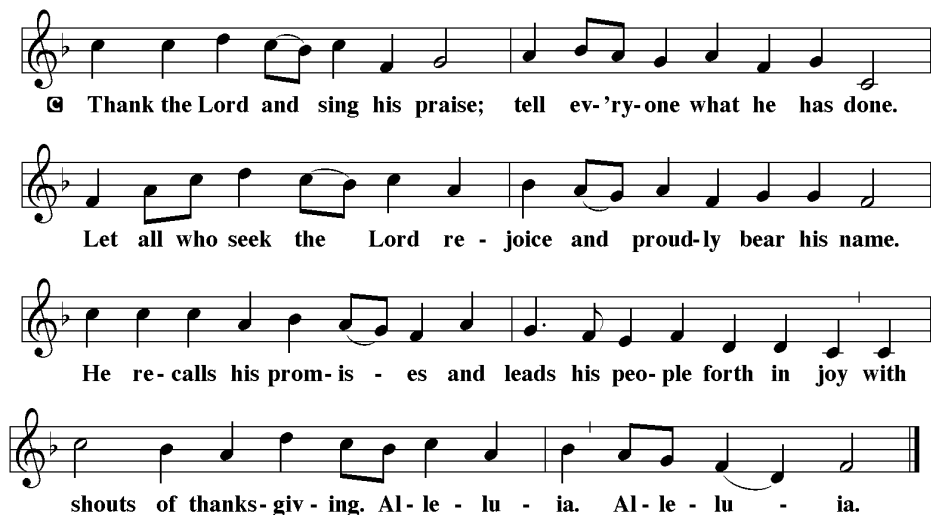
The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

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

**COMMUNION HYMN: "O Living Bread from Heaven" LBW (green) 197**

**\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND CANTICLE (LBW p. 72)**

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 all who seek the Lord re - jice 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.74)**

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. 74)**

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: “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” LBW (green) 30**

### **\*DISMISSAL (LBW p. 74)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

Today’s communion elements are presented to the Glory of God, by Diane Bortner.

Today’s altar flowers are presented in celebration of the life of gratitude and kindness of Helen E Myers, by Rebecca Myers.

## **SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 12/24/2022**

Isa 9:2-7, Ps 96, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14[15-20]

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Marlene Batchelor, Adley French, Andrew Gilroy, Ron & Lois Goodling,  
Rev. Paul Haack, Butch Hengst, Joann King, Linda Kowalewski,  
Kevin Krout, Sharon Krout, Melann Laughman, Karen & Randy McCullough,  
Don Miller, Brian Phelps, Tom & Pam Prowell, Bev Reindollar, Mike & Janet  
Schriver, LeMos Stallard, Mary & Pat Wiglesworth

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Services are videotaped and streamed live each week on Zion Lutheran Church’s Facebook page.** It is possible during 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.

**Zion's Christmas Eve service will begin on Saturday, 12/24 at 7pm.**

**The Glen Rock Carolers Concert at Zion will take place in the sanctuary on Saturday, 12/24 at 10:45pm.**

**A prerecorded Christmas Day service will be available on Zion's YouTube channel.** (If you have not yet been to Zion's YouTube channel, search for Zion Lutheran Church, Glen Rock, PA) The service, which includes a Christmas Sermon written by Luther, was recorded by Vicar David Hoth and Pastor Doug DeStephano. **There will be no in person worship on Sunday, 12/25 at Zion.**

**CHRISTMAS... a time for giving and sharing! The Christian Education Committee will be collecting Gifts of Warmth** once again this year (hats, scarves, mittens, etc.) to adorn our Christmas Tree which will be set up in the Upstairs Fellowship Hall. The tree will be set up December 4 through January 1, 2023. Although all donations for children, teens, women, and men are greatly appreciated, there is a great need for hats, scarves, gloves and socks for men, particularly large sizes. All donations will be delivered to the Salvation Army in York at the end of the collection period. **As we prepare for the birth of our Savior, let us remember the true spirit of the season and share God's bountiful blessings.** We understand that these are difficult times and that donations may not be as fruitful this year. In speaking with a representative of the Salvation Army, they were thrilled to learn that we will be continuing this tradition and remember Zion with grateful hearts. Questions may be directed to any member of the Committee: Jeff Hoffman, Pam Hoffman, Pam Spangler, Bev Reindollar, Chair, Evelyn Roser.

**Generous Hearts** abound at Zion! The Christian Education Committee is thrilled to report that the ELCA World Hunger Project, "God's Global Farm Challenge" has received a total of **\$640.00**, which had nearly doubled our expectation of \$325. Bless you, one and all for supporting this project. Your Christian Ed Committee – Jeff Hoffman, Pam Hoffman, Evie Roser, Pam Spangler, Bev Reindollar – Chair.

**The Loose Change offering plate is available every Sunday.** You may bring your loose change any Sunday of the month. At the end of the month, the total collected for that month will be sent to the chosen organization. **December's Loose Change collection will benefit Glen Rock's Hufnagel Library.**

**Due to flower and supply prices going up** and the costs involved in delivering flowers for churches, Flowers by Cindy will be increasing prices starting 1/1/2023. Regular altar flowers will increase to \$30. High altar flowers will increase to \$20.

**If you desire pastoral care or conversation, please contact Vicar David Hoth at 720-855-8878.**

## **SUNDAY SERVANTS**

### **Assisting Ministers:**

Dec. 18: Linda Beegle  
Dec. 24: Butch Hengst  
Jan. 8: Donna Price  
Jan. 15: Diane Bortner  
Jan. 22: George Brown  
Jan 29: Linda Beegle

### **Lectors:**

Dec. 18: Donna Price  
Dec. 24: George Brown  
Jan. 8: Linda Beegle  
Jan. 15: Kelley Fisher  
Jan. 22: Jenn Webb  
Jan 29: Sandy Fair

### **Council Offering Duty:**

December – Rick Freda  
January – Donna Price and Linda Beegle

### **Social Time Hosts:**

Dec. 18: Fisher Family  
Jan. 1: Becki McCullough  
Jan. 8: Jen and Eric Webb  
Jan. 15: Joy Keller-Brown and Jeff Brown  
Jan. 22: Tom and Pam Spangler  
Jan 29: Sheree Sidler

### **Altar Care:**

December – Diane Bortner and Donna Price  
January – Sandy Fair

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