

**Zion Lutheran Church
Glen Rock, PA
Service of Lessons & Carols
The First Sunday of Christmas
December 28, 2025**

*We stand as we are able.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***ENTRANCE HYMN:** “The First Noel”

LBW (green) 56, vs. 1, 2

***DIALOGUE**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

We have beheld Christ’s glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

***OPENING PRAYER**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Almighty God, **you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

FIRST READING: Genesis 3:1-23

CAROL: “Lo, How a Rose Is Growing”

LBW (green) 58, vs. 1, 3

SECOND READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

CAROL: “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

LBW (green) 44, vs. 1, 2

THIRD READING: Micah 5:2-5a

CAROL: “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

LBW (green) 41, vs. 1, 2

FOURTH READING: Luke 1:26-35, 38

CAROL: “From Heaven Above”

LBW (green) 51, vs. 1, 2

FIFTH READING: Luke 2:1-7

CAROL: “Once in Royal David’s City”

WOV (blue) 643, vs. 1, 4

SIXTH READING: Luke 2:8-16

CAROL: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

LBW (green) 60, all 3 vs.

SEVENTH READING: John 1:1-14

CAROL: “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

LBW (green) 42, vs. 1, 4

***HYMN:** “Joy to the World”

LBW (green) 39, vs. 1, 4

***PRESENTATION OF OFFERING**

***OFFERTORY HYMN:** “What Child Is This”

LBW (green) 40, vs. 1, 3

***RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

Let us pray. Glory to God in the highest,

And peace to God’s people on earth.

Blessed are you, Prince of Peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.

Send your gifts of peace to all nations of the world.

Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.

Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.

Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world. Amen

***THE LORD’S PRAYER:** Our Father who art in heaven....

***BLESSING**

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever more. Amen

***SENDING Hymn:** “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

LBW (green) 55, all 3 vs.

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the Light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Today’s altar flowers are presented in honor of Nicolas Prego’s birthday, and in memory of David Seitz, by Shirley Seitz.

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 1/4/2026

Jer 31:7-14, Ps 147:12-20, Eph 1:3-14, John 1: [1-9]10-18

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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.

There will be no communion today.

2026 offering envelopes are now available at the back of the sanctuary on the windowsill.

Volunteers are needed for the Wreaths Across America wreath removal on January 17th at 1pm. Volunteers should meet at the Glen Rock Legion, 4035 Manchester St, Glen Rock.

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 December will benefit House of Hope. House of Hope is a biblically based program that offers a residential home for teen girls ages 14-17, as well as counseling services for families, individuals, and couples. The goal is to provide healing and restoration through individual and family counseling combined with education, recreation, life skills, and spiritual growth.

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Assisting Ministers:

December 28: Lessons and Carols
January 4: Diane Bortner
January 11: Donna Price
January 18: none needed
January 25: George Brown

Lectors:

December 28: Lessons and Carols
January 4: Kayla Rogers
January 11: Rachel Foltz
January 18: Susie Hengst
January 25: Chad Fisher

Council Offering Duty:

December – Donna Price and Gail Prego
January – Tom Bailey and Chad Fisher

Altar Care:

December – Linda Beegle
January – Pam Hoffman



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