

**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**Glen Rock, PA**  
**Service of Lessons & Carols**  
**The First Sunday of Christmas**  
**December 29, 2024**

\*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 to the Glory of God, and for the beauty of the season, by Tom and Pam Spangler.

## SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 1/5/2025

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

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Glenn and Linda Engler, Marian Williams, Jan Cowart, Tim Myers,  
Bonni Whitman, Marion Stephenson, Jon Stiffler, Nolan Williams,  
Earl “Stan” Thoman, 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.

**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.

**There will be no communion today.**

**Offering envelopes for 2025 are now available at the back of the sanctuary.** If you don’t currently have offering envelopes, but would like some for 2025, please contact Brenda in the office at 717-235-3276 or office@zionglenrock.org.

**CHRISTMAS... a time for giving and sharing!** The Christian Education Committee will, once again, be collecting Gifts of Warmth this year (hats, scarves, mittens, etc) to adorn the Christmas tree which is set up in the Upstairs Fellowship Hall. The tree will be available for your donations through January 3, 2025. Donations for children, teens, women, and men are greatly appreciated! All donations will be delivered to nonprofit organizations in the York area at the end of the collection period. Questions may be directed to any member of the committee: Jeff Hoffman, Pam Hoffman, Evelyn Roser, Pam Spangler, Bev Reindollar (Chair). **As we prepare for the birth of our Savior, let us remember the true spirit of the season and share God’s bountiful blessings.**

**Volunteers are needed for the Wreaths Across America wreath removal on January 11<sup>th</sup> 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 the New Freedom Senior Center.** Their primary mission is to establish and maintain a senior center by providing programs to facilitate the social, emotional, cultural, economic and physical well-being of senior citizens regardless of race, religion or nationality.

**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.

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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

### **PERSONNEL here at ZION**

Darryl Engler, Organist

Brenda Davis, Administrative Assistant

Kelley Fisher, Treasurer

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Chad Fisher, Sexton

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

Rick Freda, Council Vice President.....rickfreda@yahoo.com or 302-864-5700

## SUNDAY SERVANTS

### **Assisting Ministers:**

Dec 29: Lessons & Carols  
Jan 5: Joy Keller-Brown  
Jan 12: Pam Hoffman  
Jan 19: Butch Hengst  
Jan 26: Diane Bortner  
Feb 2: Donna Price  
Feb 9: Jeff Hoffman  
Feb 16: Joy Keller-Brown  
Feb 23: George Brown

### **Lectors:**

Dec 29: Lessons & Carols  
Jan 5: Jake Gilroy  
Jan 12: Linda Beegle  
Jan 19: Jen Webb  
Jan 26: Kelley Fisher  
Feb 2: Susie Hengst  
Feb 9: Diane Bortner  
Feb 16: George Brown  
Feb 23: Pam Hoffman

### **Council Offering Duty:**

December – Pam Hoffman and Jeff Brown  
January – Rick Freda and Chad Fisher  
February – Tom Bailey and Donna Price

### **Altar Care:**

December – Diane Bortner  
January – Donna Price  
February – Linda Beegle/Pam Hoffman



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