



*Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Welcomes the Community  
to Mid-Week Lenten Worship  
Wednesday Evening  
April 2, 2025*

*“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”*

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Glen Rock Ministerium Lent Midweek Service

7 p.m. Wednesday April 2, 2025

\*We stand as we are able.

Welcome & Announcements

## PRELUDE

Darryl Engler

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

**Yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.**

But he was pierced for our transgressions;

**He was crushed for our iniquities;**

Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,

**And with his wounds we are healed.**

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way;

**And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

## \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of God the Father, who makes a way in the wilderness, the Son who shows us the way of the cross and the Spirit who helps us live in His love.

**Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

O God,

**we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow on the way of the cross, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins. God journeys with us and teaches us how to live in love.

**Amen.**

**\*HYMN:** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

LBW (green) 104

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Compassionate Christ, forgive us for not always living up to our call to be your disciples in this world. Help us to grow in our faith and become more and more like you in our words and acts of service in your name. Help us to remember that we can never be perfect in our duties on our own, but that only you can make us perfect through your suffering and death on the cross for us. May all we say and do bring honor and glory to you alone.

**Amen.**

**ANTHEM:** *The Day You Gave Us, Lord Has Ended*

**READING:** 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

<sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom

of God. <sup>25</sup> For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup> Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**READING:** John 19:17-30

<sup>17</sup> and carrying the cross by himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup> There they crucified him and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup> Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." <sup>20</sup> Many of the Jews read this inscription because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup> Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" <sup>22</sup> Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." <sup>23</sup> When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. <sup>24</sup> So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots."

<sup>25</sup> And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary

Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

<sup>28</sup> After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), “I am thirsty.” <sup>29</sup> A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup> When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished.” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**SERMON**

Pastor Peter Rustico

**\*HYMN:** *What Wondrous Love Is This*

LBW (green) 385

**OFFERING:** *Gifts can be placed in the plate at the back of the sanctuary. These gifts will be given to The Well in Glen Rock.*

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Gracious and generous God, we give you thanks for the gifts we have received and for the blessing to share these gifts with your people. May we be renewed by your spirit in the promise of your abundance. Strengthen us with your hope for the days and weeks to come as we await the promise of your resurrection. We pray all of this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**\*PRAYERS**

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

You gather the church into a community of mercy and grace. Unify Christians around the globe in efforts to proclaim good news even in the face of opposition and to protect those whose lives are imperiled by the gospel. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

You create the entire universe and call it good. Hinder those who would cause further destruction to our planet's fragile ecosystems, and help us to be good stewards of the earth's resources. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

You raise up leaders committed to love and justice. Nurture in those who govern patience to receive criticism, openness to new ideas, and courage to change course when needed for the sake of the common good. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

You hear us when we cry to you. We pray for all those experiencing trauma and loss in their lives. We pray for all first responders and all those in the healing professions. Uphold those who are ill or grieving. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

You welcome us into your heavenly realm. We give thanks for those whose labors on earth are ended and who now rest with you. On the final day, gather all of us, with them, in your loving arms. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### **\*BLESSING**

We are children of God, called to follow Jesus on the way of the cross. Let us follow Our Lord as he teaches us to love and to serve. May the Lord bless us and keep us, may the Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us. May the Lord look upon us with favor and give us † his peace. **Amen.**

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

Darryl Engler

**Worship Leaders**

**Presiding Minister:** Rev. Peter Rustico

**Lector:** Donna Price

**Organist:** Darryl Engler

**Upcoming events at Zion**

**As we continue through the Lenten season, there is now a self-guided Stations of the Cross set up around Zion's church building.** This series of pictures and bible passages depict key moments in Jesus' journey to the cross. The journey begins at the corner of Hanover Street and Water Street where you can either follow a paper printout or use your cell phone to scan the QR code. There is also a kid friendly printout available too.

**There will be a benefit concert for the Hufnagel Public Library of Glen Rock on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at Zion.** The concert will include various local musicians such as Troy Winemiller and choirs. While the concert is free, and open to the public, all donations will benefit the Hufnagel Public Library's "Reopening the Library" fund.

**Trivia Time Fundraiser at Zion, Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm.** This event will benefit The Well and the Southern York County Food Pantry. Teams of up to six people are welcome. Entrance fee is \$5/person or 5 non-perishable food items/person. Food and snacks will be available for purchase during the event. Join us for this fun way to support our local community.



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