

**Zion Lutheran Church  
Glen Rock, PA  
Fourth Sunday in Lent  
LBW Setting One  
Sunday, March 27, 2022**

\*We stand as we are able.

**Introduction to the day**

The psalm sets the tone this day: “Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!” Happy are those who have “become the righteousness of God” in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has “rolled away . . . the disgrace” of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus’ sake. Rejoice!

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**\*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: "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"**

**LBW (green) 98 vs. 1, 2**

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

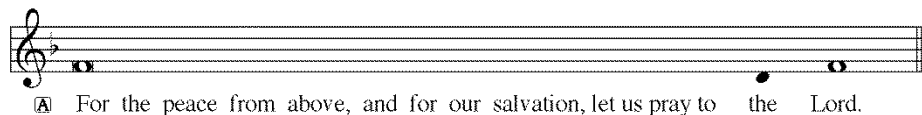
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**KYRIE (LBW p. 57)**



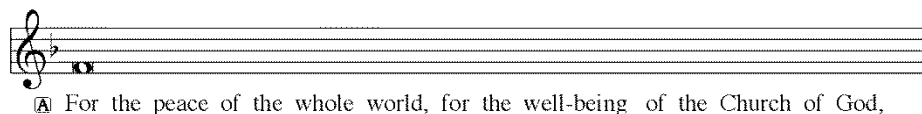
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



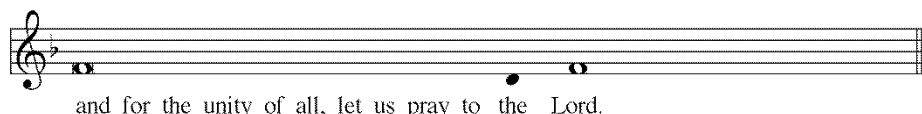
**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



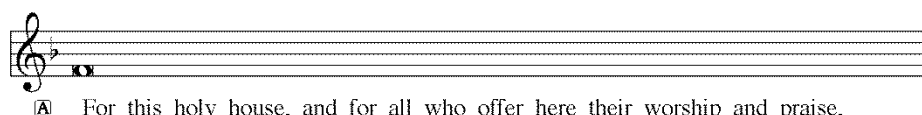
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



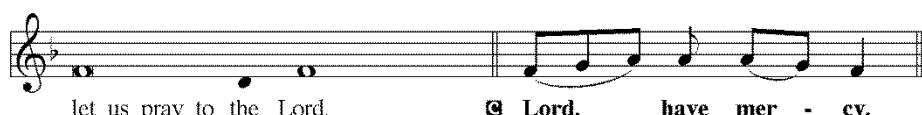
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



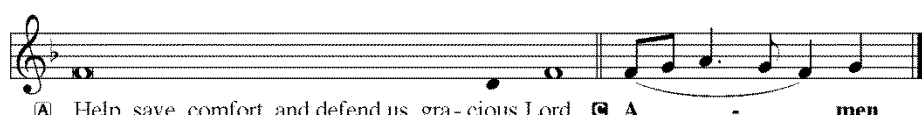
**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. **G** A - men

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW p. 58)**



♩ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



♩ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men

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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

God of all mercy, by your power to heal and to forgive, graciously cleanse us from all sin and make us strong; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## **FIRST LESSON: Joshua 5:9-12**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

<sup>10</sup>While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. <sup>11</sup>On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. <sup>12</sup>The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 32**

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,  
and whose sin is put away!

<sup>2</sup>**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

<sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,  
because of my groaning all day long.

<sup>4</sup>**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and did not conceal my guilt.

<sup>6</sup>**I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.”  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

<sup>7</sup>Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

<sup>8</sup>**You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

<sup>9</sup>“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;  
I will guide you with my eye.

<sup>10</sup>**Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near  
you.”**

<sup>11</sup>Great are the tribulations of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>**Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

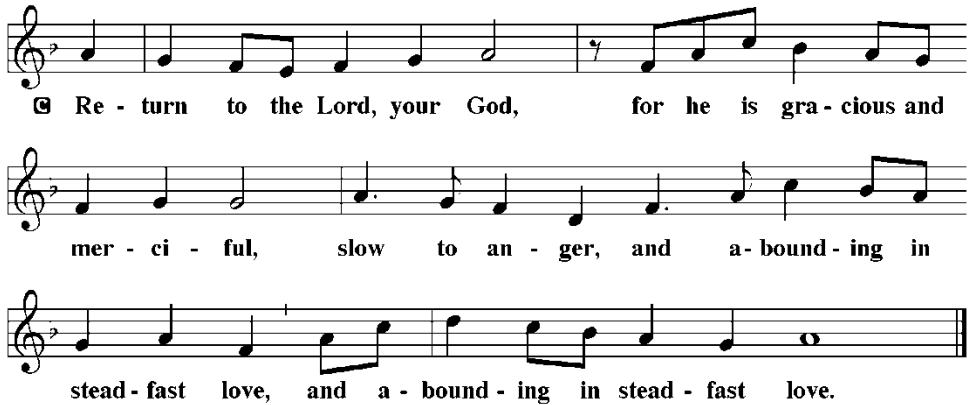
## SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup>So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (LBW p.63)



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

### GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15th chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

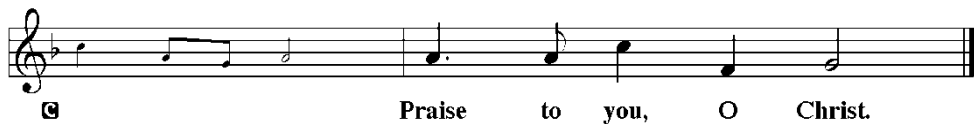
<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>11b</sup>“There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and

there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup>When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup>He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ <sup>20</sup>So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup>He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup>Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup>Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.



**CHILDREN’S TIME AND SERMON (LBW p. 63)**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: “Glory Be to Jesus”      LBW (green) 95 vs. 1, 2, 3**

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

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 (LBW p. 65)**

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.*

Jesus formed the disciples in the ways of extravagant mercy and profound welcome. Lead your church to be a community marked by forgiveness, hospitality, and celebration. Send us to transform a world plagued by fear and condemnation. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

You make the land to produce a harvest that sustains your entire creation. Equip farmers and farm workers who till the soil. Nourish the earth with ample rainfall and abundant sunshine. Heal grounds tainted by pollution or misuse. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Countries are divided and leaders often harbor grudges. Reconcile nations that experience conflict. Act quickly to bring an end to war. Anoint peacemakers trained in the art of diplomacy and foster a spirit of collaboration among political rivals. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Your people cry for help in times of distress. Resolve disagreements among family members. Save those experiencing financial hardship. Hear our prayers for those who are sick or grieving (*especially*). Console us with the promise that everything can become new. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Your love comes to us when a table is set and a feast is prepared. Bless the feeding ministries of this congregation. Bring an end to hunger in our community and around the world. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

The one who was dead is alive again. We give thanks for those who have died, confident that steadfast love surrounds them. Shelter them in your love until we are gathered at your heavenly banquet. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

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

**Amen.**



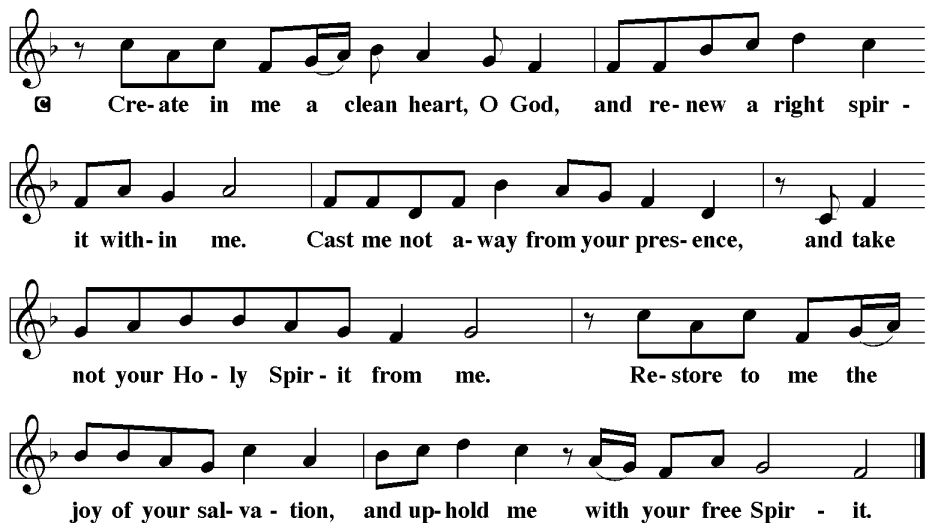
**\*PEACE (LBW p. 66)**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Staying in your pew, please exchange the peace with those around you as appropriate. Wave to folks in other pews.*

**\*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING**

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE: (LBW p. 75)**



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -  
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the  
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 68)**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you,

**O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**\*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.**

**\*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: “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”**

**LBW (green) 104 vs. 1, 4**

**TIME OF REFLECTION**

**DISMISSAL (LBW p. 74)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 04/03/2022**

Isa 43:16-21, Ps 126, Phil 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Kelly Allen, Uylana (Bezkorovayha) Haywood, Bezkorovay Family (live in Ukraine), Donna Keller, Tony & Linda Kowalewski, Randy McCullough, Don Miller, Tom & Pam Prowell, Gloria & Jim Ream, Jim Ream Jr., LeMos & Susette Stallard, Mary 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 concern about being filmed, please contact the office at 717-235-3276.

**Today is Loose Change Sunday. March's collection will benefit The House of Hope.** The House of Hope provides both residential and outpatient counseling for teens and their families. Their purpose is to be a model of Christ's Love by providing the counseling, education, life skills and spiritual guidance. They have been providing this hope and healing to hurting teen and their families in Glen Rock and York County for 9 years.

**It's time to show Zion's VIPs some love for Easter.** We will be collecting Hershey kisses, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, homemade cookies, and cards for our 6 local VIPs, including Norma Innerst, Joyce Bosley, Dorothy Lentz, Shirley Henry, Lemos Stallard and Suzette Stallard. Items will be collected until Sunday, 4/3. Cards can be sent directly to Tanya Krout at

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Tanya Krout/006199

SCI Cambridge Springs

PO Box 33028

St. Petersburg, FL 33733

**The Well has asked Zion to help fill Easter Food Baskets for local families.**

We were asked to donate 11 small bags of salad greens and 11 containers of cherry tomatoes. The deadline for donations is Palm Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. I am asking anyone who wishes to donate to notify me so I know we can cover all the items. Please email me, call and leave a message or message me on Facebook so I have a tally. Bring your donation to church on Palm Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your continued generosity. – Sue Hengst (susiehengst@gmail.com, 717-235-1039)

**Copies of the new Friends & Family Directory are available, on the windowsill near the bulletins at the back of the sanctuary.**

**Copies of the Lenten Reading Plan are available, on the windowsill near the bulletins at the back of the sanctuary.**

**Upcoming Glen Rock Ministerium Lenten Services at 7:00 pm**

Mar 30 - Trinity UCC

Apr 6 - New Hope Fissels

Apr 15 – Good Friday - Zion Lutheran

**Easter Sunrise - 6:15 am Immanuel Cemetery, 350 Church St, Glen Rock**

\*\*\*There will be no breakfast offered after the Sunrise Service.

**If you desire pastoral care or conversation, please contact Pastor Katie Brantner at 717-420-0779.**

## SUNDAY SERVANTS

### Assisting Ministers: **\*\*Please note changes in dates.\*\***

March 27: Diane Bortner

April 10: Shirley Seitz

April 24: Linda Beegle

### Upcoming Lectors:

March 27: Nola Webb

April 3: Chad Fisher

April 10: Diane Bortner

April 17: George Brown

April 24: Donna Price

### Council Offering Duty:

March - Tom Bailey, Joy Keller-Brown

April – Gevene Harden, Rick Freda

### Social Time Hosts:

March 27: Tom & Pam Spangler

April 3: Jeff & Pam Hoffman

April 10: Fisher Family

April 17: Becki McCullough

April 24: Kay & Jim Hoffman

### Altar Care:

March – Diane Bortner

April – Donna Price

## PERSONNEL here at ZION

Pastor Paul Haack, Stated Sunday Supply Pastor

Vicar Leanne Elliott, Intern.....610-733-6354

(leave a message if no answer, limited phone service in Glen Rock)

Pastor Katie Brantner, Pastoral Care Coordinator.....717-420-0779

Darryl Engler, Organist

Brenda Davis, Administrative Assistant

Natalie Walker, Custodian

Chad Fisher, Sexton.....717-891-5327

Donna Price, Council President.....717-235-5465

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

Donna Price, Joy Keller-Brown, Tom Bailey, Susan Hengst, George Brown, Carrie Miller, Edgar Davis and Gevene Harden, Rick Freda