

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE  
August 16, 2025  
ZION LUTHERAN, TAMAQUA, PA

*Note: Pastor White will ask for prayer requests at the start of this evening's service. Worshipers are also invited to add their own prayers during Prayers of the People. We will also be using our cell phones for the Sharing of the Peace. You may wish to select someone ahead of time to send your message of peace and love.*

**Joyful Noise next Saturday:** The August Joyful Noise Collection benefits the Zion organ fund. Sandy Mehalko reports that Zion's magnificent organ is going to need some significant work soon. Please be generous.

**GATHERING**

Video: "10 Years of God's Work, Our Hands Sunday"

Song: "We Are Called" – David Haas

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Gathering Words

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

The Lord calls us to grow in faithfulness.

**Take away our greed and selfishness, O Lord!**

The Lord challenges us to serve others in loving ways!

**Help us grow in our service and witness to your mercy and peace.**

Come, let us worship the Lord who delights in our witness.

**Let us praise God who is always with us. AMEN.**

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

**And also with you.**

Let us pray together: **Lord of light and life, you have called us this day to open our hearts, our minds, our spirits to hear your words of encouragement, healing, and hope. Give us patience and willingness to serve you in all that we do. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN**

Greetings

Sharing of Peace

May the Peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Sharing by text

We invite you to take out your cell phone now and send a text message of joy and love to someone who isn't in worship this evening.

Godsightings:

Where have you seen God at work in your life?

**THE WORD** (Luke 12:49-56)

Gospel reading

Holy God, may we taste and see the good things you are doing in our lives.

**May the words we hear inspire us to be your faithful followers.**

**Amen.**

A reading from Luke: <sup>49</sup>“I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. <sup>52</sup>From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup>They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

<sup>54</sup>He said to the crowd: “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘It’s going to rain,’ and it does.<sup>55</sup> And when the south wind blows, you say, ‘It’s going to be hot,’ and it is. <sup>56</sup>Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don’t know how to interpret this present time?

The Gospel of Our Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

This evening’s message – Pastor Cindy White

**Praise & Prayer**

The Offering Moment

“Doxology”

Let us pray together: **Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Yet how good it is to see living acts of faith in Christ’s church and its people. Bless, O Lord, the offerings we give, that others may know your love, and come to trust your provision and peace. Amen.**

Any responses to tonight’s text greetings?

Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy ...

**Hear our prayer**

The Lord’s Prayer – Spoken

**The sending**

Announcements

Benediction

And all God’s people say ....

**Thanks be to God.**

Sending song: “Jesus Strong and Kind” - CityAlight

Thank you for worshiping with us this evening.