

SATURDAY EVENING COMMUNION SERVICE  
AUGUST 2.2025/JULY 1, 2013  
ZION LUTHERAN, TAMAQUA, PA

*Note: This evening's service includes communion. Please make sure you have a communion cup. 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.*

**GATHERING**

Welcome – Pastor Cindy White

Call to worship

We begin our service with the Call to Worship

Fill our worship with your grace, O Lord.

**Help us in our thoughts, in our words, and in our deeds.**

We pray that all we do will be acceptable to you.

**For you are our Rock and our Redeemer.**

Sharing of the Peace

Just as Jesus sent his disciples into the world to share words of peace, let us greet one another with the words of peace this day. Turn to your neighbors and share signs of peace with these words:

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together: **Lift up our hearts, O Lord, that we may help others. Send us forth with your message of peace to all. Guide us in showing gentleness and love to others. Lead us into life that we may be made new in your Spirit. Amen**

Gathering song: "We Gather Together"

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;

He chastens and hastens His will to make known.

The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.

Sing praises to His Name; He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
Thou, Lord, were at our side, all glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,  
And pray that Thou still our Defender will be.  
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;  
Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

### **THE WORD** - Gospel reading – (Luke 12:13-21)

A reading from Luke: <sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” <sup>15</sup>Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

<sup>16</sup>And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup>He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ <sup>18</sup>“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup>And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

<sup>20</sup>“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ <sup>21</sup>“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

The Gospel of Our Lord

**Praise to You, O Christ!**

Today’s message – Pastor Cindy White

### **COMMUNION**

The Offering Moment

“Doxology”

Let us pray together: **God of Goodness, thank you for your steadfast love and your wonderful works. Today we stand in front of you with our riches in hand: our treasures, time, and talents. May our giving reflect**

**the faithfulness of our spirits. And may our offering be clothed with your visions and dreams. Amen.**

#### Invitation to Communion

Here at the table, we see most clearly that we are part of the body of Christ. We are no longer divided into people of different ages, different ideas, different backgrounds, different gifts.

**Here unique individuals become a single body, made richer for the multitude of gifts shared. Here, we feast on one bread and one cup, and become one body in service to the world.**

The preparation – Please remain seated

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Open your hearts.

**We open them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**We offer our thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, O God, for you are the Ground of our being, in whom we live and move. At the beginning you created the galaxies and planets, our sun, the earth and moon, plants and animals, individuals and nations, every substance and spirit.

**You gave us your creative spirit to make friendships and families, art and music, love and compassion.**

You gave us power to acquire the secrets of our mother earth, to honor her and care for her, as she cares for us. And so we join with all the creation that praises you, in every time and place.

**God of eternity, spirit and matter all express your splendor.**

We take this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Spirit we who eat and drink them may know a closer experience of your presence. On the night before Jesus died, he shared food with his disciples. He took bread, blessed and broke it, and giving it to them said: "Take and eat, this is my body which is given for you and for many. Do this to remember me," He took wine, blessed it, and giving it to them said: "Drink this all of you. This is my blood which is shed for you and for many; do this to remember me".

**To God be glory forever. Amen.**

We who are many are one body

**For we all share in the one bread**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come let us receive this Holy Sacrament remembering that Jesus died for us, and hold him in our hearts by

faith with thanksgiving.

The Distribution

Post-Communion prayer

Loving God, you have created all humanity in your image and likeness, and have revealed your plan and purpose in calling us your beloved.

**We commit ourselves to you.**

As we have shared this holy meal, inspire our hearts to see every man, woman and child given the dignity and value which is your purpose and your gift.

**We commit ourselves to you. Amen.**

Prayers of the People – Please remain seated

Lord in your mercy ...

**Hear our prayer**

The Lord's Prayer – Spoken

**THE SENDING**

Announcements

Benediction (Sung to “Edelweiss” from “The Sound of Music.”)

**May the Lord, Mighty Lord**

**Bless and keep you forever.**

**Grant us peace, perfect peace**

**Courage in every endeavor.**

**Lift your eyes and see God's face**

**And God's grace forever.**

**May the Lord, Mighty Lord**

**Bless and keep you forever**

And all God's people say .... **Thanks be to God.**

*Thank you for worshiping with us this evening.*