

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 this week: 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: "God's Work, Our Hands 2024"

Song: "A Mighty Fortress" – Matt Boswell

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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 is our rock and our refuge.

God is our fortress in times of trouble.

The Holy One saves us from the hand of the wicked.

God delivers us from our foes.

Christ heals us from our infirmities.

The Spirit frees us from the chains that bind us.

Rest in the Source of our refuge and our strength.

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 God, whose power and mercy have extended to all ends of creation, pour your love on us this day that we might be healed and be made ready to serve you by serving others in this world that you have created. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.**

Greetings – Deb Davies

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. We'll check for responses a little later.

Godsightings:

Where have you seen God at work in your life?

THE WORD (Luke 13:10-17)

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: ¹⁰ On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, ¹¹ and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." ¹³ Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

¹⁴ Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, "There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath."

¹⁵ The Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? ¹⁶ Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?"

¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

The Gospel of Our Lord

Praise to you, O Christ!

This evening's message – Deb Davies

Praise & Prayer

The Offering Moment

“Doxology”

Let us pray together: **God of power and might, in times of trial, you are our fortress and our refuge. In thanksgiving and praise for your wonderful gifts, we offer you our tithes and offerings, that others might know the strength of your unshakable kingdom. 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: “Ancient of Days” - CityAlight

Thank you for worshiping with us this evening.