

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE
August 30, 2025
ZION LUTHERAN, TAMAQUA, PA

Note: Deb Davies 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.

GATHERING

Video: "God's Work, Our Hands 2025" – Glenn Fritzinger

Video: Labor Day Inspiration

Song: "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

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Gathering Words

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Jesus said, "Love one another, even as I have loved you."

Love is more powerful than fear; it is mightier than hatred.

Let the love which God has lavished upon us be poured out to those in need.

Help us, O Lord, to witness to you by the ways in which we care for others.

Remind us, Lord, that we are called to be your disciples.

As we worship this evening, heal our hearts and spirits and prepare us for service. 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: **Through the ages, O God, you have called to us to follow. You led us to freedom, to hope and peace. Enter our hearts again today and lead us to your healing love that we might serve you joyfully in this world that you have loaned to us. 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 14:1, 7-14)

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.

Song: "Have Your Way" – Don Moen

A reading from Luke: One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: ⁸ "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹ If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. ¹¹ For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹² Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the

blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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: **You free us, O God, from self-interest and folly. You bring us into a land of choicest wheat and sweetest honey. As we return a portion of these gifts to you, may we extend the banquet of your love to all—especially the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and all who suffer. May our offering bring healing and light to a world filled with anguish and despair. 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: “Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me” - CityAlight

Thank you for worshipping with us this evening.