

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE
FEBRUARY 7, 2026
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: "This Little Light of Mine"

Opening song: "Gather Us In" – Marty Haugen

We begin with the Gathering Words.

Gathering Words

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

Praise the Lord!

Happy are those who delight in the Lord!

**We come to this place, where generations before
us have gathered.**

Here we remember the light of God that shines
in our lives.

Here we allow God's light to shine through us.

Let us worship our radiant God.

Praise the Lord!

Happy are we who delight in the Lord!

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: **Amazing God, you have gathered us from many
places to come together and praise you this day. For this we are
grateful! As we worship today, may our minds be opened to learn your
wisdom. May our eyes be opened to places that need healing. May our
hands be opened to do your good work. May our hearts be opened to**

your Holy Spirit, who gifts us and guides us. In the name of Christ, 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 (Matthew 5:13-20)

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.

“Have Your Way” – Don Moen

A reading from Matthew: ¹³ “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom

of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

The Gospel of Our Lord

Praise to you, O Christ!

Today's message – Deb Davies

Praise & Prayer

The Offering Moment

“Doxology” – The Vagle Brothers

Let us pray: **Abundant God, we are grateful for the ways you bless our lives and for the gifts you give us.**

**May these gifts help heal and restore our community,
so that all will flourish like a well-watered garden.**

Amen.

Sharing of text responses

Announcements

Prayers of the People

God calls us to be a praying people. Let us join in prayer,
offering our praise, thanksgiving, and concerns to God ...

Lord in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer – Spoken

Let us pray together as our Lord instructed us to pray. . . “Our Father ...”

The sending

Benediction

And all God's people say

Thanks be to God.

Sending song: “Blessed Assurance” – Worship Always

Thank you for worshiping with us this evening.