

SEPTEMBER 5, 2020 – SATURDAY SERVICE
ZION LUTHERAN, TAMAQUA, PA

GATHERING

Video: “You’ll Be Back” (Back to Church Sunday, Sept. 20)
“God’s Work, Our Hands Sunday” (Sept. 13)
Prelude: “Be Not Afraid”

Welcome

Gathering Words – Please remain seated

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

How shall we live in the love of God?

We will treat one another with fairness and dignity.

How shall we witness God’s forgiving love?

We will reach out to others with compassion.

Come, let us worship God who has always loved us.

Let our worship of God be reflected in our lives of hope, peace and love. AMEN.

Godsightings

What are Godsightings? They’re instances in our daily lives when we’ve seen God at work—often through the acts of others.

We recognize God at work when we see acts of goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, love, peace, patience, kindness and caring.

Where have you seen God at work in your life?

Gathering prayer – Please remain seated

Let us pray together ... **Lord, we come this day to worship and thank you for the many ways you guide our lives. We ask that our hearts, our ears, and our spirits may be open to your healing words of love. In Jesus’ name, we pray. AMEN.**

Sharing of Peace – Without hand shaking please

Let us share a greeting of peace and love with neighbors, enemies, strangers, and friends alike. May the Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

THE WORD (Matthew 18:15-20)

Gospel reading – Please remain seated

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 Matthew: “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” (Matthew 18:15-20)

The Gospel of Our Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Today’s message – Pastor Cindy White

PRAISE & PRAYER

Musical selection – Pastor Cindy White

Prayers of the People – Please remain seated

God calls us to be a praying people. Let us join in prayer, offering our praise, thanksgiving, and concerns to God ... For the church throughout the world and for all who proclaim the message of God's healing love. (Pause for silent prayer.) Lord in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer

For all the nations and peoples of the earth, and for justice, mercy, and peace. (Pause for silent prayer.) Lord in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer

For all who are needy, desolate, forgotten, suffering and lonely. (Pause for silent prayer.) Lord in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer

For the sick in body, mind or spirit and for all who assist them with hands of healing. (Pause for silent prayer.) Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

For those burdened by anxious days and sleepless nights. (Pause for silent prayer.) Lord in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer

For the dying and the dead, and for those who mourn. (Pause for silent prayer.) Lord in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer

For our community and those who live in it, and for our families, our companions, and all those we love. (Pause for silent prayer.) Lord in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer

For our congregation. May we continue to welcome

newcomers. Make Zion a place of hope and love for everyone in our community. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer

Loving God we give this week into your hands. Be with us in all that we will do, may we enjoy this week and learn and grow in it. Help us to open our eyes and hearts to your work in our lives. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer

Lord we raise up the special needs, concerns and prayers of those worshiping here this evening. Please feel free to offer any prayer that is on your heart. Lord in your mercy ...

Hear this prayer

Gracious and merciful God give us now the strength to wait patiently for your answer, and to live faithfully in response to your call. Through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer – (Spoken) – Please remain seated

THE SENDING

Sending video: "You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

Spoken:

God sends us to serve. God sends us to love. God sends us to bless the world. May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!